

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2020

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:40 pm after the Public Hearing at the A & O Bridges Community Center.

Present were the following: Mayor Blue Cole, Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good, Council Member Stan Parten, Council Member Tom Teagle, Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike, Town Clerk Deannia Roberson, Deputy Town Clerk Julie Stroud, and Town Attorney Brad Sears.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mr. Jeff Flavin, CEO of Team Hungry, Inc. came before the Council to update them on the last two Sharpsburg Markets. Both events went well, they had 27 vendors to participate in the October market and 33 vendors in November. Friday, December 11th would be a night market from 5-9PM and has 30 vendors signed up. Santa Claus will be available for pictures and there will be a food truck serving chicken. In looking ahead to next year, Jeff requested Saturday dates for March through December 2021 and asked for fees to be waived for those days. He is looking to open up the number of vendors to include 40-50 and also have vendors out on Main Street. He was advised that this would be considered a Special Event under the Town's Ordinance and that would be looked into. He also requested that the town join in to participate in the market much like the Book Sale that was held in the October market. The Mayor mentioned that the parking lot project may interfere with available parking at the future markets and will be discussed at the next Town Council meeting with the engineers of that project. We will find out the dates of construction and discuss that with Mr. Flavin. Deannia Roberson, Town Clerk checked the dates and let Jeff know that the dates he requested were available for the market in 2021. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to waive the fees for Sharpsburg Market on the dates he submitted. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole discussed the 2021 budget and asked for a motion to accept the budget as was discussed earlier in the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to accept the first reading of the 2021 budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Town Attorney Brad Sears discussed the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Mr. Sears stated that the agreement was an IGA between GEMA, FEMA, Sheriff's Department, Fire, GBI and the State Patrol to assist when asked by the counties and the smaller towns in case of a wide range of natural or man-made disasters or emergencies to ensure a timely reimbursement of the costs incurred by the local governments to render aid and assistance. If we would need any help, we would call them, and they would come out to assist. The Mayor asked for approval to have the IGA enacted for the town. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Mayor Cole discussed the 2nd reading of the Caterer's license which is an amendment to the Alcohol Ordinance. After discussion and there were no more questions from the public or Council, Mayor Cole asked for a motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to approve the 2nd reading to amend the alcohol ordinance to include the Caterer's license. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Council Members were asked to see Town Clerk Deannia Roberson after the meeting to sign the amendment.

Council Member Tom Teagle asked if we had heard anything about the capacity study on the septic system for Town Hall. Mayor Cole stated we would hear back from the Engineer's at the January's meeting.

Town Clerk Deannia Roberson advised Council that the January 4, 2021 Council Meeting will need to be rescheduled due to the run-off election being held at the community center. Everyone agreed to reschedule the meeting to Monday, January 11, 2021.

The Mayor found a grant program under the USDA Housing and Grant Section 504 for owner-occupied houses in disrepair. It is a grant for those over 62 and a 1% loan for those under 62. Roofing, painting, weatherizing, etc. is covered. He would like the town staff to reach out to the residents once he has made initial contact with them to help fill out paperwork etc.

Mayor Cole asked for a motion to adjourn meeting since there was no other business to discuss. Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.


Julie Stroud
Deputy Town Clerk

