

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2021

A rescheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday April 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the A & O Bridges Community Center.

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

Guests: Dana Johnson of Integrated Science & Engineering, Polly Garlington resident, Tom & Debra Bowman residents.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the February 1, 2021 Town Council Meeting were reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Session Minutes of the February 1, 2021 were also reviewed. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mayor Cole asked Council to review the new Procurement Policy prepared by staff and reviewed by Town Attorney Brad Sears. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the procurement policy as submitted. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked Council to review the bids for installing pine straw at the park and community center. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to award the bid to Southern Roots in the amount of \$1,915.25. Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole reviewed the septic tank issues on the property. His emergency telephone request earlier in March to get the septic tanks pumped by Tucker Septic, wound up with 2 trucks loads being pumped. Other septic problems need to be repaired. Septic tanks need to be maintained and kept in working order. There is a problem with slow flush and gurgling in the outside restrooms. There is a belly in the septic pipe going out of the building from the outside toilets. The pipes need to be dug up and fixed where the ground has settled causing the water being flushed to go against gravity. The plumber also recommended to upgrade toilets to high flush bowls. Requests for quotes will go out in the May/June timeframe and be presented to Council. The Mayor needs formal approval for the invoice for Tucker Septic to be paid. Mayor Pro Tem

Elizabeth Good made the first motion to pay Tucker Septic \$1450.00. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Deputy Clerk Julie Stroud discussed three quotes that were received for purchasing commemorative street banners for the 150th birthday. Mayor asked for approval for purchasing the street banners. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to purchase the 150th birthday banners from Display Sales for \$581.00. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Dana Johnson of Integrated Science & Engineering came to speak to council, presenting two plans updating the current project since we purchased the Beckham property. Dana presented an upgraded plan highlighting the extra land. The first plan gets the job done without any frills. Revision number two allows better use of the detention pond by making it larger thus helping with property and street run-off, a larger playground with easier access, move the container placing it closer to the back property, making the property more park-like and more walkable, and some on-street parking. By making the pond wider there will be some construction savings. Dana recommends using Integrated Science and Engineering for quality control of the project. Mayor Cole asked for thoughts and feelings about using the house on the Beckham property for the future and it was agreed that the house would not be demolished. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made the first motion to approve the change order for \$6800 and Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Public Comments

Town resident, Polly Garlington complimented the new administration. She also offered her opinion that she thinks that the outside restrooms need to be open to the public. A discussion followed with various opinions of the Council Members, the Town Attorney, and the Town Clerk. No action taken.

Polling of Council

Council Member Stan Parten asked about the radar sign that the town was using prior to the speed tables being installed. He suggested we move it to Highway 54 or 154. Mayor Cole will reach out to the DOT for approval. He also discussed the danger of changing the battery on the radar sign on these highly trafficked roads. Purchasing a solar panel was discussed because the battery needs to be changed every nine days on a tailgate of a truck.

Clerks Comments

First quarter financial update was given by Town Clerk Deannia Roberson-Ray. Our expenses are at 25% and receivables are at 43%. Everything looks good at this time. Mayor Cole offered kudos for maintaining the town's financials and budget.

Mayor's Minutes

Mayor Cole gave an update on the septic issue at the Dollar General on Highway 54. The Town will give them three options, which are suspending the current occupational tax license, have

Dollar General repair the septic system or revoke the license. A meeting is scheduled this Wednesday, April 14th to discuss this issue.

Mayor Cole discussed downtown parking and right-away spaces during the recent Sharpsburg Market. He would like to ask Integrated Science and Engineering to add on-street parking in town and present to Council and give them some options for the downtown area. There is a definite need for additional spaces. The need to move forward is here. Council Members and guests was able to see two digital renderings of the Team Hungry's vision for the property on Main Street for Ruby's Coffee House. Reaction was very positive. When the shops are all open on Main Street, we will need overflow parking. This is something Mayor Cole wants Council to think about.

150th Birthday - The Mayor talked about the Town's 150th Birthday this year on Monday, December 13th. We will be taking ideas for events surrounding the birthday celebration that is also being planned. So far, we have artifacts from the area, art projects with the Newnan-Coweta Art Association, and with the Newnan-Coweta Historical Society.

Council Member Tom Teagle asked who was taking care of the Food Pantry by the Library. Three individual groups are leading that effort. They are responsible for keeping it stocked and maintained.

Mayor Cole asked for motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good made a motion to go into Executive Session and Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked for a motion to exit the Executive Session. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to exit Executive Session. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Good seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.



Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Clerk

