

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG  
A & O Bridges Community Center  
105 Main Street - Sharpsburg, GA**

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 11, 2021**

A rescheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the A&O Bridges Community Center.

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

Not Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Elizabeth Good

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Mayor Cole was running late, and a motion was made to allow Council Member Tom Teagle to direct the meeting until the Mayor arrived. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to allow Council Member Tom Teagle to direct the meeting. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Tom Teagle asked for the review of the minutes from the Public Hearing on December 7, 2020. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Tom Teagle asked for the review of the Minutes of the December 7, 2020 Town Council meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Stan Parten to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**New Business**

Dana Johnson of Integrated Science & Engineering attended the meeting to present an update to Council on the back parking lot and the septic capacity study. She presented blueprints on both topics to Council. The land surrounding Town Hall has water that

drains from twenty-nine acres up to State Hwy 54, made a triangle to the railroad tracks and under the tracks to a lake further down. Demolition will include asphalt, shrubs, weeds, etc. Ninety-five percent of the study is complete. A sidewalk would be "heavy" around the playground and storage container with an easement of twenty feet. Old alley easements run through several downtown properties. Some light poles will be relocated. There is buried concrete and debris on the property and it was noted that this might increase labor costs with the county asking for it to be fixed. Construction delays may occur because of this. An estimated timeframe of the project would be ninety to one hundred- days. ISE needs a layout of absorption fields in determining the 94 Main Street project. Several options are available and are dependent on the layout of the absorption fields. No Action Taken.

The Mayor arrived at 6:15 PM and took over the meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked for a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike made a motion to close the Executive Session. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Cole asked for a motion to approve the purchase of the Beckham property. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the purchase of the Beckham property. Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 3-1. Council Member Tom Teagle opposed.

Mayor Cole explained the Resolution to amend the 2020 Budget. He stated we need to reappropriate \$2,006.41. A motion was made by Council Member Cynthia Puckett-Pike to amend the 2020 Budget. Council Member Stan Parten seconded the motion. Motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Town Attorney Brad Sears discussed the Resolution to set qualifying fees for the November 2, 2021 General Election. The Town of Sharpsburg must set qualifying fees for candidates for the office of Council Members Post 2 and Post 4. The fees are set at \$25.00. The notice will also be published in The Newnan Times-Herald before February 1, 2021. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to set qualifying fees for the General Election on November 2, 2021. Cynthia Puckett-Pike seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **Old Business**

Mayor Cole discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and Resolution to adopt the 2021 budget. Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to approve the Resolution and adopt the 2021 budget

as presented. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Polling of Council:** Council Member Tom Teagle discussed having our Ordinances cleaned up with a list of what we need and do not need. He would like them to be readable and consolidated to avoid unjust criticism. Mayor Cole suggested that outside help be recruited such as Three Rivers and it be worked into our Comprehensive plan if possible. The use of a professional planner would look at the whole. In Mr. Teagle's opinion we have too many variances on our ordinances. It was suggested to contact Municode and get prices on codifying ordinances. A discussion about an unsafe structure ordinance which need a tenant complaint to start off with. The problem is enforcing it. Council Member Tom Teagle also discussed having a Downtown Development Authority. Attorney Brad Sears explained that a Resolution needs to be adopted, five members would be appointed. The DDA would have to provide financials to the DCA annual process with open meetings and open records.

There being no further business coming before the Council, Council Member Stan Parten made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Tom Teagle seconded the motion. Motion was carried by unanimous vote.



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Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Clerk

