

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
January 9, 2023

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order

Mayor Cole called the January 9, 2023 Meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cole led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establish Quorum

Town Administrator Floyd Jones reported there was a quorum present. All Councilmembers were present.

Proclamations

There were no Proclamations.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. December 12, 2022 Minutes

Council reviewed the December 12, 2022 Minutes.

Councilmember Teagle moved to approve the December 12, 2022 Minutes. Councilmember Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing:

1. Second Reading / Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Mayor Cole and Town Administrator Jones presented Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to the Council. Mr. Jones briefed Council on slight changes to the budget that were made from its first hearing in December 2022. Some discussion followed.

Mayor Cole opened the floor for Public Comment.

No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the proposed budget.

Mayor Cole closed Public Comment.

Councilmember Parten moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

1. Review of December 2022 Budget

Town Administrator Jones briefed Council on the December 2022 budget. He stated there were large expenditures paid in December for the renovation of the Community Center and he reminded Council that the renovation and its costs were approved by Council earlier in the year.

Council took no vote or action on this matter.

2. Resolution to Amend 2022 Budget

Town Administrator Jones briefed the Board on the need for an amended 2022 Budget. Brief discussion followed.

Councilmember Good moved to approve the Resolution to amend the 2022 Budget. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Resolution to Adopt Qualifying Fees- 2023 Municipal Election

Attorney Sears and Mayor Cole presented the Resolution to Adopt Qualifying Fees for the 2023 Municipal Election.

Councilmember Good moved adopt the Resolution establishing qualifying fees for the 2023 Municipal Election. Councilmember Edge seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Replace / Install Fencing at Town Hall / Community Center

Councilmember Good recused herself from this item and left the meeting during the discussion.

Mayor Cole discussed the various quotes received for placing fencing and answered questions from Council. The discussion involved clarifying the types, lengths, and costs of the fencing.

Councilmember Teagle moved to award the quote to the low bidder provided the low bidder provide proof of insurance and all necessary documentation to do the work. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Parten moved to table the item until the January 23, 2023 Work Session Meeting. Councilmember Edge seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilmember Good recused from the vote.

Old Business:

1. 39 Main Street Update

Councilmember Good remained recused from this discussion. Mayor Cole also recused himself from this discussion. Both Mayor Cole and Councilmember Good left the meeting for the duration of this discussion.

Attorney Sears stated that it was proper that Councilmember Parten take lead for the Council given both the Mayor's and Mayor Pro Tem's absence.

Town Administrator Jones discussed the three bids that were made available to Council. Discussion was also held that prior to the demolition occurs the house should be fumigated.

Councilmember Edge moved to award the bid to Hero Demolition. Councilmember Parten seconded the motion. The motion failed on a 2-1-2 vote.

The Council took no further action on this item and Mayor Cole and Councilmember Good were brought back to the meeting.

Public Comments

There were no Public Comments.

Polling of Council

Parten: Councilmember Parten asked about the progress of the back parking lot. Mayor Cole replied work is continuing for the back parking lot, but he did not have a definitive date on when the work would be completed.

Administrator's Minutes

Updates: Town Administrator Jones reminded Council there are several documents to be signed at the conclusion of the meeting. He further gave updates on the progress of getting enhanced security at the Community Center, obtaining a new copy machine / printer for Town Hall, and continuing efforts to get active code enforcement for the town.

Mayor's Updates

There were no Mayor's Updates.

Mayor Cole stated there were several items to be discussed in a Special Called Meeting, and upon advice from the attorney, declared a Special Called Meeting for January 23, 2023. Council agreed to the mayor's decision to hold a Special Called Meeting.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilmember Teagle moved to adjourn the January 9, 2023 Meeting. Councilmember Edge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The January 9, 2023 Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Administrator

Blue Cole, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia, on the 23rd day of January 2023.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Administrator