

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA
January 23, 2023**

POST AGENDA

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order:

Mayor Cole called the January 23, 2023 Special Called Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Establish Quorum:

Town Administrator Floyd Jones stated there was a quorum present.

Those Present: Blue Cole- Mayor; Standley D. Parten- Post 1; Alexander Edge- Post 2 and Tom Teagle- Post 3

Those Not Present: Elizabeth Good- Post 4

Proclamations:

There were no Proclamations.

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. January 9, 2023 Minutes:

Councilmember Teagle moved to approve the January 9, 2023 Minutes. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilmember Good being absent.

Public Hearing:

There was no Public Hearing.

New Business:

1. Leyland Cypress Hedgerow:

Councilmember Edge moved to authorize the mayor not to spend more than \$1,500 for the purpose of purchasing and installing of Leyland Cypresses or other recommended plants to establish a hedgerow. Councilmember Teagle seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilmember Good being absent.

2. Water Complaints- Water Quality:

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

3. Procurement Policy:

Council did not vote or provide other direction on this matter.

Old Business:

1. 39 Main Street Update:

Council did not vote or provide direction on this matter.

2. Back Parking Lot Fences:

Councilmember Teagle moved to award the bid to Certifab. Councilmember Edge seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0-1 with Councilmember Good being absent.

Public Comments:

Polly Garlington and Allen Nolan provided Public Comments.

Polling of Council:

Councilmember Parten: Councilmember Parten asked if any effort had been made on getting the Beckom House fumigated. Mayor Cole stated that no effort had been taken about fumigating the house at this time.

Administrator's Minutes:

Community Center Renovation: Administrator Jones stated he received a call from Luis stating the work at the Community Center had been completed on Friday. He asked Council if a couple of members could do a work around inspection of the center to see if the work met their satisfaction before the final payment would be made. Council agreed to the request.

Building Security: Administrator Jones stated he is continuing the work on getting enhanced security and provided an example of the types of measures under consideration.

Surplus Tables and Chairs: Administrator Jones said he was made aware of a conversation about surplus ing the tables and chairs in the Community Center and he asked for an update on that discussion. He added that the town has an approved budget to replace the tables and chairs, but he wanted to be sure that there was not a situation where there would be an overwhelming number of tables and chairs in the center while decisions were being made on the older items.

Miscellaneous Items: Administrator Jones stated he was looking into replacing the copy machine, was taking steps to get codification started, and wanted to get with the auditors to review the town's financials. He concluded there are many moving parts taking place daily but those were some of the more immediate matters at hand.

Mayor's Updates:

Project List: Mayor Cole distributed some task lists that have built up throughout the years including task lists for the back parking lot and pond. He said this information is provided so that Council knows what he has worked on and is continuing to work on. He said the list shows the different projects and how the cumbersome procurement policy burdens the process- especially given the limited budget and staff that is available. He added that he does not have all the good ideas and that Council can augment it with better ideas, and he hoped that Council will see some of the tasks to be completed and would take them up and run with them. He added that the list is a matter of public record. He said as he is working and trying to find ways to do things both efficiently and effectively, and when someone does show up and is willing to help, then the process is hindered. He said if someone wants to help the town welcomes the help, but he said there is a large amount of work with limited personnel- then there needs to be an ability to go forward. He thanked Councilmember Teagle with his work in getting the Community Center completed. He said the Town of Sharpsburg is the little town that keeps on going, and he wanted to make sure there were no undue roadblocks to the process and that when help is available it can be used.

Ms. Garlington spoke up volunteering to run the town's newsletter. Mayor Cole agreed saying it was done the first couple of years, but it fell off when the pandemic hit.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Teagle moved to adjourn the January 23, 2023 Council meeting. Councilmember Parten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The January 23, 2023 Council meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Floyd L. Jones, Town Administrator