

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
A & O Bridges Community Center
105 Main Street, Sharpsburg GA

December 4, 2023

MINUTES

6:00PM

Call Council Meeting to Order: Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Cole led all in the Pledge of Allegiance

Establish Quorum: Mayor Cole asked Administrator Jones if there was a quorum; he replied that a quorum was present.

Presentations: N/A

Review/Approval of Minutes:

1. **November 13, 2023 Minutes** Council Member Parten moved to approve the minutes and Council Member Teagle seconded it. All in favor. 4/0/0.

Public Hearing

1. **Alcohol License Transfer - Sharpsburg Pizza and Pub** - License transfer from current owners to new owners was discussed. Councilmember Garlington moved to transfer the license to the new owners as outlined by Town Administrator Jones. Councilmember Parten seconded the motion. All in favor 4/0/0.
2. **Fiscal Year 2024 Budget first reading** - Town Administrator Jones broadly reviewed the 2024 Budget as he did last at last month's meeting and through individual meetings with members of Council. This being the first reading anyone is welcome to see him for further details.

New Business:

1. **Review - November 2023 Budget** – Specifically at the end of November the town went above 100% of our revenue and closed November at 79% of expenses. We are in decent shape. No questions from Council.
2. **Team Hungry - Calendar Year 2024 Request** – Monica Tschantz gave a detailed description of Team Hungry and the Sharpsburg Market its mission statement, goals, and other statistics since its inception and 2023, asking for fees to once again be waived for April through December 2024. Council Member Parten moved to waive the 2024 fees for Team Hungry, Council Member Teagle seconded it. All in favor 4/0/0.
3. **Special Permit Request - Downtown Development Authority** – Update provided by DDA chair, April Yarbrough. The DDA will not need to close the roads. Council Member Teagle moved to approve the request for a Special Permit and Council Member Garlington seconded it. All in favor 4/0/0.

Old Business: None.

Public Comments: Two attendees came forward to thank Mayor Cole for his service to the Town. Property owner Joe Bridges came forward to thank Mayor Cole for his efforts.

Polling of Council: Council Member Parten stated that this was the last meeting of his term. He thanked all and welcomed the newly elected members. Council Member Garlington asked the town's lights and about the Christmas Festival times. The festival is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the lights have not been fixed yet, but an electrician has been contracted and the fix is in the works. Council Member Teagle commented that the library needs to move forward with cataloguing the books. He also mentioned a volunteer effort is in the plans to extend hours and talk about a vetting process in place. Town Administrator Jones reported that this is being worked on in getting the right answers from our provider.

Administrator's Report: Asbestos testing is complete on 39 Main Street. Results are coming in about a week's time. New tables and chairs are in. Administrator Jones thanked Council Member Parten and Mayor Cole for their service. Mayor-Elect Good read two proclamations for Mayor Cole and Council Member Parten. A plaque was presented to each of them. Mayor Cole was gifted his gavel that was imprinted with his name and years he served the Town of Sharpsburg.

Mayor's Updates: Mayor Cole gave an outgoing speech about the town, thanking the Council, staff, and constituents. He gave his personal vision of the future for the Town of Sharpsburg.

Executive Session: N/A

Adjournment: With all business topics covered Mayor Cole asked for a motion to close the meeting. Council Member Parten made a motion to close the meeting and Council Member Teagle seconded it. All were in favor 4/0/0. Mayor Cole closed the meeting at 6:54PM.

Reception with refreshments for Mayor Cole and Council Member Parten followed the Council Meeting.

Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council, in Sharpsburg, Georgia on the 8th day of January 2024.

Julie Stroud, Deputy Town Administrator

Elizabeth Good, Mayor