

TOWN OF SHARPSBURG

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

August 23, 2010

The regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 23, 2010, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Keith Rhodes, Council Member; Connie Turner, Council Member; Celene Davenport, Council Member and Donna Camp, Town Clerk. Council Member Anderson was absent.

Also in attendance were Dennis Drewyer and Polly Garlington.

The Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Mayor Staley called the council meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 5, 2010 Council Meeting and August 16, 2010 worksession were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to approve a resolution to establish and adopt the 2010 Property Tax Millage Rate at 2.8 Mils. Council Member Davenport motioned, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to adopt the resolution to accept the annexation applications for a total of 109.35 acres located on Highway 16. Council Member Davenport motioned, Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried by show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley discussed the highway 54 property across from the Sharpsburg Baptist Church. The Mayor is looking into applying for the Gateway grant to beautify the southern entrance into Town. The grant would allow us to landscape; erect a welcome sign on the property, and maintenance on the property.

The recreation center renovations will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day and continue through the month of September. We are still waiting on the proposal for electrical, plumbing and HVAC. Council Member Davenport had several ideas including making the old kitchen to where it will be able to convert into a dressing room for brides and party if needed. An accordion wall could close off the old kitchen with access to the restrooms. In addition, we would need to have full-length mirrors and removable carpeting for the occasions. Council Member Rhodes suggested we look into wireless microphones and wiring for a sound system.

The engineering work and concept plan on the Main Street Park should be 90% complete this week. The final plans will be drawn and approved by the Mayor and Council before construction begins. Council Member Davenport suggested that a restroom be included in the plan, so parents would have a restroom closer to the park for their children. Mr. Drewyer offered to prepare the landscape plan.

Public Comments - n/a

Polling of the Council - n/a

Clerk's Comments - The loan, on the highway 54 property, has been paid off with the remaining CD by the Town. The funds that were left over, were transferred into the General Fund.

Mayor's Minutes -

- The landowner, who owns the land across the street, has objected to the Town using it as overflow parking in the future. We are talking with Mr. Glenn Neely about renting the back portion of his property to use for overflow parking. The Town does not want to lose their voting precinct because of lack of parking.
- Signs were placed, on the old buildings downtown, to keep people from taking pictures in town. The signs have been taken down at the request of the Mayor.
- The Town had a complaint about cars parked illegally and a sign that was in need of repair, on Williams Circle, were taken care of.
- A complaint of a tree limb over power lines, on Terrentine Street, has also been removed by Georgia Power.

Mayor Staley called for a motion to convene into executive session to discuss real estate acquisition. Council Member Davenport motioned, Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member Rhodes motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting of the Council. Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

There were no decisions made resulting from the executive session.

There being no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk