

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
February 14, 2023

Council Members Present:

Mayor Donald Cuttie,
Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Vallarie Cuttie, Paul Parker

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:45 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing the items on the agenda, and then the work session ended at 5:55 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the February, 2023, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

Mayor Cuttie led everyone present at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

Adopt Agenda

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the February agenda with one change to line-item No. 6 of tabling this item until the next council meeting.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the January 10, 2023 minutes.

Next, Mayor Cuttie called for approval of the Special Called meeting minutes held on January 25, 2023.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the January Gen & Admin, and the Water System Financial Reports.

Departmental Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That the weather siren has been installed and the final inspection is scheduled for tomorrow. The unit will be tested by 911 twice a month probably on Saturdays. And for additional emergency information sign up for Civic Ready at Meriwether County's website and locally with Text My Gov.
2. That the AMI water meters have been installed for the residential customers and now GA Power will begin to upgrade the commercial meters. In addition, the meters will be read on the 15th of each month.
3. That the water tank located on highway 54 is scheduled to be cleaned/washed out tomorrow, Wednesday, February 15th and the process should take about 4 hours.
4. That he has received requests from several baseball coaches to use the city's field to practice due to the large increase in the sport's signup and the lack of recreational department fields to practice. Also, a liability waiver has been prepared for each coach to sign.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss during the council meeting.

New Business

1. Recognition of Planning Commission Member – Melissa Wortham:

Mayor Cuttie presented Ms. Wortham with a certificate of appreciation for her four years of service (2018 – 2022) with the planning commission. And Ms. Wortham accepted the certificate and said thank you to the mayor.

2. Recreation Update – Paul Parker:

Mr. Parker mentioned that the complex pavilion needed safety railing installed and that he had received a quote from Adam Hand Construction for aluminum railing in the amount of \$21,000, or wood railing in the amount of 12,000, which would require ongoing maintenance. He also mentioned that he is now working on having LED lighting installed and also continuing to research the splash pad installation.

Then, Mayor Cuttie expressed that the city should seek grants to help with additional recreation projects. And to acquire additional quotes for the safety railing.

3. Mary Bray – Request to Host a Walkathon and Use the Athletic Field on April 22, 2023:

Former County Commissioner Mary Bray requests to use the athletic field to host a walkathon and vendor venue with a requested date change of April 29, 2023, from 10 am to 4 pm. She elaborated on her experience in holding this type of event as she held one in Greenville, GA which was a big success.

Next, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to allow Mrs. Bray the use of the ballfield on Saturday, April, 29th.

4. Reverend Lowinston Jackson – Requests Permission to Post a Sign in the City Park Advertising a Church Event on April 15, 2023:

Mr. Jackson mentioned that he had placed the banner announcing the event in the city's right-of-way at Mary Ellen Amey Street and therefore, he will not need to use the city's park for the banner. He also invited everyone to attend the bbq cook-off event on April 15th, from 1 pm - 5 pm.

5. Request for a Business License by Tanglie Reese for an Office in the Home and located at 59 College St:

Mayor Cuttie began by asking Ms. Reese was her business a notary signing business, and she said yes. She mentioned that clients for the 59 College St. area would be by appointment only and therefore no roadway blockage.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, for the city to grant Ms. Reese a business license.

6. Request for a Business License by Malkit Singh for a Pizza and Wing Café' and located at 6 East Oak St.:

Mayor Cuttie deferred this agenda item inasmuch as Mr. Singh was unavailable to answer questions or concerns.

7. Consideration of a Letter Supporting the County's Request for a Deadline Extension to Update the Joint Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Cuttie explained that the letter is in the support of the county's request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for an extension of time to update their comprehensive plan since the county's resources have fallen short due to the recent tornado damage.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to issue the letter from the City of Luthersville supporting the county's request.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Mr. Truskolaski of 28 First Street asked questions concerning the city's proposed sewerage project. He asked about the cost of connecting to the future system and whether was it mandatory to connect to the system.

And Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the cost has yet to be determined and that eventually all water customers will be connected to the sewerage system.

2.) Then a citizen from the College Street / John Trammell Road area asked if the sewerage lines would require a lot of cutting down trees and cleaning of his property, and what is the timeline to begin.

Mayor Cuttie's answer was no that the area on College Street is public access land and that there would not be clearing of the property, and that the project is at least a year out.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to end the meeting.