

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

October 11, 2022

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:50 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing the items on the agenda, and then the work session ended at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the October 2022, 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 Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the October agenda as presented.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the September 2022 minutes.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the September Gen & Admin, and Water System's financial reports.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to give.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That Georgia Power has begun the installation of the AMI water meters. And that the older meters in the center of the city will be the first to be changed out. Also, in case issues arise with the installation of meters that the ARPA fund will be used to address any additional costs. In addition, the water system has experienced a 57% increase in its water customer base, and the city has applied for an additional ARPA grant that will aid with the water growth.
2. That he has completed the GDOT grant for sidewalk expansions. And that the expansions would be for the sidewalks on the Oaks and the Mains streets.
3. That he also applied for an additional grant by GA Safe Routes to Schools to expand the sidewalks to Unity Elementary which will enable students and parents to walk or ride bikes to school. And that Tuesday of next week he will meet with officials to walk the path to Unity Elementary.
4. That GDOT has inspected the issues of the intersection in town and has said that they will address the issues of the traffic light's turn arrow signal and the steps of the old bank building, but they did give a timeline as to when.
5. That the Enrichment Program/Headstart will begin holding a class on November 7, and they will begin the school by starting with one classroom for the 3 to 5-year-olds. Also, the renovations are moving slowly due to contractor shortages
6. That the "Keep Meriwether Beautiful" cleanup day held on Saturday, September 24, was a great success with six dumpsters full and two additional dumpsters on the ground discarded after hours. And the county has agreed to place staffed and fenced-in dumpsters in a couple of areas in the county to assist with trash cleaning.
7. That the city has ordered two welcome signs for Luthersville to replace the ones torn down, with one on Hwy. 27 at Unity Elementary and one at Hwy 54 North.

Unfinished Business

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

New Business

1. Request of Concetta Amey on Behalf of the Luthersville Social Club to Host the Annual Christmas Parade and Luncheon:

Councilmember Concetta Amey mentioned that the parade and luncheon will be held on the first Saturday of December the 3rd and that the parade will start at Unity Elementary and end at the City Hall Complex.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the request for the parade and luncheon.

2. Request for a Business License by Lismery Okelley and to be Located at 60 North Main Street:

Mayor Cuttie asked Mrs. Okelley what her intention was for her business, and she replied that her shop would hold a few vendor booths inside and that the vendors and she would be selling vintage, antique, and boutique items. He then mentioned that store items were not to be sold outside of the building.

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

3. Request of Menlia Trammell to Address the City Council Concerning the City Park:

Mrs. Trammell began by mentioning that the city park, in the past, had a 5-year plan for development that began in 2005 and ended around 2008. The plan included the formation of a tree board, the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.

She then proposed that the city adopt an ordinance to maintain the city park as it is a reflection of the city and one of the first sites seen by visitors. She also mentioned that she had located an arborist, with no cost to the city, who would tour the city park and give advice concerning the upkeep of the area.

Finally, the general consensus of the council was that Mrs. Trammell's recommendations were good and

4. Ordinance Discussion – Short-Term Rentals – Airbnb:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he received an email from Mr. David Belair concerning his possible purchasing of homes in Luthersville to use as Airbnb. Mr. Belair requested guidelines from the city for these types of businesses. Also, the city attorney mentioned that she had researched the request and suggested that the mayor look into what other cities have done concerning the formation of an ordinance and guidelines.

5. Request of Crawford Grading to Tap the City's Water System for a Recreational Vehicle Park on Gold Mine Road:

Mayor Cuttie explained that the BOC approved the development of the park last month at its county meeting. And that now Crawford would like to use the city's water and install a 6" water line from Hwy 54 to Macedonia Road off of Gold Mine and with no cost to the city.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to provide water to the RV Park.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Paul Parker mentioned that on Thursday, October 13, Commissioner Hines will hold a Town Hall Meeting at the Luthersville Complex and that Mayor Cuttie will co-host the event.

Council Member Vallarie Cuttie mentioned that she would like to see pet waste receptacles installed at the city park.

Also, perhaps she or Mrs. Trammell could reach out to the Master Gardening group to assist with the Rosalyn Carter Butterfly Garden.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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