

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
September 13, 2022

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 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the September 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

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to adopt the September agenda as presented.

Public Hearing

To Set the 2022 Millage Rate of 9.883 Mills and Adopt Ordinance No. 2022-4:

Mayor Cuttie opened the public hearing to set the millage rate for the 2022 tax year by calling for a motion to enter into the public hearing.

Next, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to enter into the public hearing.

Mayor Cuttie explained that the millage rate calculation was derived from the data that the Meriwether County Tax Commission provided to the city and that the rate has not been increased.

He then asked the citizens present if they had questions, and Ms. Wortham of 9 Wesley Drive asked a question concerning the millage rate. Then, Mayor Cuttie mentioned again that the data derived from the county and that the rate has not increased, but the amount of \$5,779 on the digest and 5-year history reflects the new properties built in the city.

Therefore, being no additional questions, Mayor Cuttie asked for a motion to exit the closed session and Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously.

Finally, he called for a motion to adopt ordinance no. 2022-4 setting the 2022 millage rate of 9.883. And Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously.

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the August 9, 2022 minutes.

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the August 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 he review the monthly report issued by the Meriwether County Sheriff's Department of the North Precincts and the county's calls for service.
2. That today maintenance was beginning on the College Street water tank and Unity Elementary lost water pressure and the process had to halt until the school was out on fall or Thanksgiving break.
3. That he, with the assistance of Carter-Sloope, submitted a request for ARPA funding that aids communities such as the city's water system which has been impacted by the increase in population. He also mentioned that the water system is just about to its peak capacity for providing water to the surrounding areas.
4. That the water system is expecting a delivery soon of computer chip components to be used with the digital meters. And soon the process can begin by changing out the old manually read water meters.

5. That the Enrichment Program/Headstart is moving slowly with the renovations for its classrooms on the complex due to contractor shortages. Therefore, the agency reached out to Total Faith Baptist Church to use as a temporary site for the school year.
6. That he recently submitted a grant application that is offering a program to aid cities with projects like the one for Luthersville to extend its existing sidewalks. And also, GDOT has a program to assist in extending the sidewalks to the elementary school.
7. That Saturday, September 24th is the “Keep Meriwether Beautiful” clean-up day.

Unfinished Business

New Business

1. Local Option Sales Tax Agreement:

Mayor Cuttie explained that all the cities in Meriwether County agreed to keep the percentages the same as the last negotiation of 60/40. And that the amount each city would receive is based upon census population. He then called for a motion to accept the LOST agreement.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the agreement.

2. Retail Signage Behind Bank Building:

Mayor Cuttie explained the zoning ordinance for the particular sign that the owners of the Meriwether Package Store wanted to install on city property that would require an easement from the city to allow the process.

Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously to grant an easement to AJ and Swinderjett Singh.

3. Utility Management Services Agreement:

Mayor Cuttie explained to the city council that the company will review the city’s electrical bills for discrepancies and that the city will pay no fees unless a discrepancy is found and the fee is one-half of the findings. He then called for a motion to enter into the agreement.

Next, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

- 1.) Melissa Wortham of 9 Wesley Drive mentioned that a truck delivering construction materials to the home being built by JB Communities on First Street made a terrible rut on her property roadway.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would contact Jason Bird to inform him of the situation.

- 2.) Ricky Truskolaski of 28 1st Street, was concerned about the bricks in front of a storefront remodeling by the Singhs.

And AJ Singh mentioned that they were waiting on a new permit from the county to complete the construction.

Mr. Truskolaski mentioned that concrete trucks were running over the water line at his property turning into First St. at the new construction of JB Construction. And the semi-trucks at the traffic light were damaging the sidewalks.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he is in communication with GDOT.

- 3.) AJ Singh mentioned that he is concerned for the safety of his package store located at 10 East Oak St. since the armed robbery of Bubba Doos recently. And that the city needed additional safety patrolling.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the robbery at Bubba Doos was pre-planned as the robbers waited until Johnny was away from the 911 panic button located behind the counter.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Paul Parker inquired about the safety siren's status. And he recommended cameras installed at the intersection downtown that would record the downtown buildings.

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.