

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

April 12, 2022

Council Members Present:

Mayor Donald Cuttie,
Concetta Amey, Vallarie Cuttie, Paul Parker, and Council Member Ricky Amey was absent.

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

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the April, 2022, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Adopt Agenda

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to adopt the April, 2022, agenda with one amendment of agenda item **1A** under new business items.

Public Hearing

Updated 2022 Zoning Map for the City of Luthersville

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, for Mayor Cuttie to open the public hearing.

Mr. Oliver of Oliver Consulting explained the changes from the old map to the new map to help everyone present understand that the major changes are the additional map key guilds and coloring of the areas, and the removal of multi-family (R66) zoning from the map.

Then, Mayor Cuttie asked if anyone present had concerns/questions, and Robert Trammell, Jr. mentioned that his property located at 128 North Main Street was zoned commercial several years back and that it was not depicted as so on the new map.

Mr. Oliver mentioned that he would make the correction to the map for the commercial property located at 128 North Main, and to have the map ready for adoption at the next council meeting.

Next, Shan Ogletree, a recorder of production information of Greenville, GA, asked what happens to pre-existing structures on the prior R66 zoned property. And Mayor Cuttie answered her zoning question with if there are duplex structures on the property before the old map's creation in 2001, then the property is considered a lot of records.

And with all questions being answered, Paul Parker made a motion to exit the public hearing, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve March, 2022, General and Administration Financial report.

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve March, 2022, Water System Fund Financial Report.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to make.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That he was invited to speak to the Unity Elementary 3rd graders for Career Day concerning the topic of Project Management, and that the children had very encouraging questions.
2. That the water system's SCADA equipment is up and operational and monitoring the water tanks at 33 College and Hwy. 54 sites. And that since the monitoring began, the system reported a power failure at the pump station located on Charlie Fuller Road, and the city's water technical company was alerted and the problem was quickly corrected.

3. That the ARPA funds received by the city will be used to update the water system. For example, in dealing with a leak on Church street the valve to turn off the water to repair the leak, unbeknownst to the water system operator, is located at Nall and West Oak Streets.
4. That the “Keep Meriwether Beautiful” cleanup day is set for Saturday, April 23rd. And that old tires will be accepted in Greenville, GA at the public works department.
5. That the city will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, May 26, and to be located at the city complex.

Unfinished Business

1. Consideration of the City of Luthersville’s Welcome/Entrance Signage:

Mayor Cuttie included in the council packets information for possible entrance signage for the two signs that were damaged. And after reviewing the information with the council, he asked them what they would like to do moving forward. And the general consensus was to choose a sign from the material provided and get pricing for installation and possible salvaging of one of the old signs blown out of its framing.

New Business

1A. Weather Sirens by e911 Director and Emergency Management Representative, Brin Jones:

Brin Jones of Meriwether Co. 911 spoke to the Mayor and Council concerning the importance of the city’s consideration of the installation of a weather siren in downtown Luthersville to alert citizens within a one-mile radius of potential shelter seeking dangers.

Also, the Mayor had included in the council packets a quote for a refurbished weather siren by McCrainie Warning System for \$9,500 and then called for a motion to consider the purchasing of the equipment.

Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, for the city to purchase the \$9,500 siren.

2. Request for a Business License by Swinderjeet Singh and Located at 10 East Oak Street:

Mr. Singh explained to the council that he needed to make a change to the alcohol application in the council packet by adding a different manager for the business that does not live in a dry county due to the State of Georgia’s Law – in order to sell liquor the manager must live in a wet county.

And the council has given this consideration, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the business license contingent upon Mr. Singh having his application to the state accepted.

2. Request of Rodriques Reeves to use the City's Baseball Field:

Inasmuch as Mr. Reeves was not present to present his intentions for the use of the city's property, his request was tabled.

3. Request of Amanda Watkins to use the City's Baseball Field:

Ms. Watkins submitted to the council in writing her intentions for the ballfield's use to hold a Lupus Awareness event and walk around the block.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve the request with the enforcing of the following stipulations:

1.) No parking on the city's right-of-ways, and 2.) flagging the areas allowed to park vehicles.

4. Resolution No. 2022-1, Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) for Sewerage Infrastructure Funding:

Mayor Cuttie explained to all that the city is seeking funding through the Department of Community Affairs for the upcoming sewerage project of the city and part of the application is to adopt a resolution recognizing the improvement of the City of Luthersville's citizen's living conditions with no discrimination.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the resolution.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Wesley Bellamy of 48 East Oak Street asked Mayor Cuttie if citizens can request the city's financial statements.

Mayor Cuttie addressed Mr. Bellamy with the answer of yes.

2.) Shan Ogletree of Greenville, GA introduced herself to the City Council and mentioned that she is in the business of attending council meetings in Meriwether Co. and other types of meetings and recording information to enhance upcoming events that may need to be publicized.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Parker mentioned that he is working with Safebuilt to get approval to change/redirect the placement of ADA-required features of the old bank building. And that he has also reached out to Allen Smith, Meriwether County Fire Chief, to contact the state fire marshall on changes to a fire escape.

Also, he mentioned that he has been invited to attend an upcoming short film showing in Atlanta's Truist Park that will be portraying areas of Luthersville.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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