

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

May 10, 2022

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:35 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 May 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

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to defer agenda item **No. 1**, J & T Environmental Services until the June meeting.

Then, Mayor Cuttie called for a motion to adopt the May 2022 agenda, and Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey to approve the May agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve both Gen & Admin and Water fund financial reports.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to make.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That the Keep Meriwether Beautiful clean-up day was a great success in that five dumpsters were filled and in addition to surrounding trash on the ground. The dumpsters were filled and emptied twice. Also, to assist with clean-up Saturday, April 23rd, were volunteers Richard Frank, Crawford Grading's Ricky Thomas, and from the Meriwether County's Public Works Department was Chuck Fosse.

In addition, today he noticed that the state was picking up trash along Highway 54 North.

2. That the paving of Cheryl, Opal, and Nall Streets has been completed and the streets will soon be stripped.

Also, the speed limits on the streets are 35 mph and cannot be changed by the city without the approval of GDOT.

And that 3-speed bumps were removed during the paving and the city is considering speed strips, but GDOT has to complete a study on the streets first.

3. That he is getting estimates to paint, re-carpet, and electrical updates to a few of the suits on the B wing.

4. That the city's old bank building will receive renovations soon as Council Member Parker initiated the ADA compliance through Safebuilt and a handicap ramp will be installed inside as well as meeting with the state fire marshal to have an alternate fire escape installed.

5. That Colony Bank is closing its branch located in Luthersville.

6. That on the May agenda are two resolutions required by the GEFA for the grant that is being applied for the septic to sewerage project of the city, and on May 18th at 6:00 pm a public hearing will be held at the complex for the discussion of the sewerage project.

7. That he attended a workshop in Warm Springs today concerning suicide prevention. And that suicide has increased among teenagers in the US by 250% and that Meriwether County has a 35% increase which is the highest in the State of Georgia.

8. That Peaches in the Pines will be held Saturday, June 11th in Woodbury at Lake Meriwether.

Unfinished Business

1. Oliver Consulting, Adoption of Updated Zoning Map:

Mr. Oliver mentioned to everyone that the purpose of tonight's display of the city's map is for the adoption of the new map. However, it was brought to his attention this week that the map needed to be updated an additional time due to a parcel that was annexed into the city that should be changed from Rural Development to General Industrial.

Having said that, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to adopt the map approving the needed update.

New Business

1. ~~J&T Environmental Services, Inc. — Water System Update:~~

This item has been deferred until the June Council Meeting.

2. Resolution No. 2022-2, to Adopt Luthersville's Community Work Plan:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the resolution was to concerning the amendment of the Meriwether County's Comprehensive Plan for 2022 – 2028 to include for the City of Luthersville the City-Wide Septic to Sewerage Project.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, Seconded by Ricky Amey as passed unanimously, to adopt the resolution.

3. Resolution No. 2022-3, to Revise Luthersville's 2018 – 2023 Service Delivery Strategy:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the purpose of this resolution is to update the County's Service Delivery Strategy of 2018 – 2023 and to include Luthersville's city-wide septic to sewerage plan.

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

4. Motion to Close off the Opal Street Cul-de-sac:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that per the request of the property owner, Betty Barner, who owns the six parcels of land surrounding the cul-de-sac, requests that the city

closes off the entryway of the area by means of the city installing a chain-link fence and gate as the property has become an unauthorized dumping site for the public.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey passed unanimously, for the city to fulfill the request of Mrs. Barner.

5. Review of the City's Budgets as of April 30, 2022

Mayor Cuttie mentioned to the public that the council had reviewed the budgets during the work session and he asked the council if they had any concerns or discussions. And there were none therefore, this item does not need to be voted on as its purpose was to inform the council concerning the budgets' year-to-date balances.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Wesley Bellamy of 48 East Oak Street that he read in "Meriwether Vindicator's" Progress Edition, that the City of Luthersville has plans for recreation and that is great, but the police department was overlooked as the city needs a police department.

He went on to say that the Meriwether County Sheriff's Department was not fulfilling the city's public safety requirements. That the SO is not doing anything to stop the drug trafficking in the City of Luthersville.

He mentioned to the Mayor that he thought that he would be providing to the public copies of the city's financial statements.

And he further commented on the city's zoning map concerning areas of commercial property that he thought should be residential.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Parker mentioned that he would like to see a police department as well.

Also, he mentioned that the city park needs to be cleaned on a routine schedule as the grounds have trash all about and it looks bad.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that members of Rehoboth Church will volunteer to keep the park looking nice and if not that he could have a contracted person pick up litter.

Council Member Concetta Amey mentioned that the trash company, AmWaste, needs to do a better job of picking up the citizens' garbage on Mary Ellen Amey Street.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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

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