

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

January 11, 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 by 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the January, 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 January, 2022, agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the December 14, 2021, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the December, 2021, General and Administration Fund report.

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve the December, 2021, Water System Fund Financial Reports.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to make.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That he would usually give departmental reports, but the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department's computer systems have suffered computer issues. Furthermore, due to certain circumstances representatives were not available to attend tonight's meeting. However, the only report that he has is for the City of Luthersville of one structure fire, one brush fire, and nineteen medical calls. Also, that the Sheriff's dept. has hired a new lieutenant that will be able to attend future meetings to give updates concerning their department and the city.
2. That the bank building at 2 East Oak Street continues to be an issue. That due to the truck traffic, which has become a safety issue, is now left up to the Georgia Department of Transportation's recommendations. And to also communicate with the Department of Community Affairs concerning the grant, the restoration of the building, and to weigh the city's options of making the building ADA compliant.
3. That the fence around the play structure in the city park has been installed and the city will now be able to install the pop-up library structure.
4. That the municipal court judge has begun sentencing people on probation to community service in the city. And the city will begin to use the people to pick up litter along the streets.
5. That the Street Saver Software that the city has been using for the past couple of years that determines the need for paving/resurfacing of the streets in the city, will have the representative soon to be going through the streets to determine the next project.
6. That the septic issue behind the Meriwether Package Store is finally getting resolved. It took some time to locate the septic tank and drain field lines. And next week will begin the installation of a new drain field with protective pipe/sleeve covering due to the semi-truck traffic. Also, this will correct the leak within the city's issued easement.
7. That the Family Dollar/Tree is scheduled to open the 3rd week of February. And the company will be putting up temporary advertisement signage that will be removed around the beginning of April.

8. That the 1st of January the City's contract with J & T Environmental Services, Inc. went into effect. And that he and the company will be meeting soon to determine the water system infrastructure updates.

9. That he had been looking for over a year for a consulting service to assist with the updating of the city's zoning ordinances. And that Mr. Butch Oliver is a retired employee of Henry County and the City of McDonough who was later hired by Meriwether County as a consultant for zoning issues, is now available to work with the city as a consultant.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business at this meeting to discuss.

New Business

1. **Oath of Offices for Council Members Concetta Amey and Vallarie Cuttie:**

Next, Mayor Cuttie administered the oaths to the election incumbents.

2. **Election of the City's Mayor Pro-Tempore:**

Mayor Cuttie made a nomination to elect Council Member Paul Parker as the next Mayor Pro-Tem.

He then called for a motion to accept his nomination. Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously.

3. **Amendment Ordinance to Zoning No 2022-1, The City of Luthersville Planning Commission – Section, 16.2-1, and 1.) Membership:**

Mayor Cuttie explained that what we are doing is raising the membership of the planning commission from four members to five. And that all other parts of the code section will remain the same. Three of the members will begin their two-year term this year, 2022. The three members nominated for appointment/reappointment are Brenda Collins, Julie Young, and Tracy Trammell. If approved, the Oaths will be administered at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Paul Parker then made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously to approve the 2022-1 ordinance.

Next, Mayor Cuttie called for a motion to approve the appointment of the three planning commission members.

Finally, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously to approve the three members.

4. Consideration of the Donation of Real Estate Property to the City by JLSE Property:

Mayor Cuttie explained that the property, by looking at the maps provided in the council packets, is in a land-lock position, and really of no use to the city. And after discussions and questions raised by the city council and city attorney, Mayor Cuttie moved to table the agenda item.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Ricky Truskolaski voiced concerns over the trash truck and JB Community delivery trucks running off the pavement and over the city's water lines.

Mayor Cuttie assured him that he would speak to the owners of each company.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Paul Parker asked for an update on the speed limit signs.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the signs should be delivered by March and that he has made arrangements with the Meriwether Co. Public Works Dept. to assist the city with the installation.

Council Member Vallarie Cuttie asked about the bank building lease.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the city did not sign the lease and that the agreement is null and void, and that currently, the city cannot offer the property.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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