

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

January 12, 2021

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:30 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing items on the agenda, the work session ended by 5:55 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the January 12, 2021, 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 Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to adopt the January, 2021, meeting agenda as presented.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to approve the December, 2020, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the General and Administration and the Water System's December, 2020, financial report.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

Chief Haney was not available and did not distribute a report for the month of December for the volunteer fire department.

Library:

Librarian, Gerilene Clemons was not available to give the December, 2020, library report.

Water System:

James Stephens was not present at this time to give his water report.

Meriwether County North Precinct:

There was no Report for the Month of December.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the library has its own email address of library@luthersville.org.
2. That on March 16, everyone will have the opportunity to vote ESPLOST that is educational SPLOST that benefits the local schools in Meriwether County.
3. That advertisements for bids to pave Mary Ellen Amey Street have been published and the period ends January 15, 2021, to submit a bid.
4. That on December 29, a public hearing was held in the complex cafeteria for the purpose of question and answer time of the general public concerning the sewerage system plan for the city. Each person attending the meeting had a great positive interest in the plan. The city will have a system that would connect to the Hogansville treatment site and thus in the future be able to service other unincorporated areas of the county. In addition, the city received two grant proposals for the administration of the grant, and three proposals for the building of the sewerage system. And after review of the proposals, the city has chosen Carter/Sloop from Macon, GA to manage the administration and the construction of the system.
5. That the parking area repair on East Oak Street is still underway with Crawford Grading and Pipeline, and that in addition the Mayor has received permission from GDOT to repair/fill the hole at Patriot's and East Oak Street, and Alfero's Concrete Company of Luthersville is going to assist with the task.

6. That the ballfields in Lone Oak have been sold to build a 38 million dollar auto parts manufacturing company that will supply 180 jobs for the area. And the downside to the project is that the ballfields are now closed therefore, he has reached out to the county to assist in expanding the city's recreation facilities by adding a parking area for the baseball field and steps up the hill to the restrooms. He mentioned that the Meriwether County Recreation Department in Manchester is a big disappointment.

7. That he can now notify Georgia Power when a street light in the city is not working by logging into their website and following the instructions to log a repair.

8. That he should be receiving a new proposal from the Columbus Water District to install leak detectors on all the fire hydrants on the city's water system to be better equipped for the detection of water leaks and to be able to alert the system before a large leak gets out of control.

9. That the auditor, Mr. Vance, stopped by to drop off the city's 6-30-2020, financial statements and in reviewing the budgets for the general fund and the water fund mentioned that some expenses for the water system were being paid out of the general fund and he recommended returning the expenses to the water fund for a true and accurate analysis of the water system's expenses. In addition, the University of North Carolina will be giving an examination of the water system's rate structure and the water may have an increase due to forty percent of the water system clients that live outside of the city limits and which do not contribute to capital expenditures or repairs to the system.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

1. Appointment of the Planning Commission Members:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that Roger Mohlenhoff and Melissa Wortham were suppose to rotate off the commission, but that both had agreed to serve another two years term. He then asked the council for a motion to appoint the members.

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

2. Approval of the Resolution Setting the Qualifying Fees for the 2021 General Election and to Post the Notice for the 2021 General Election in the Local Paper:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that an election will be held for council posts 3 and 4 in November and asked for a motion to approve the resolution setting the qualifying fees and notification in the paper.

Next, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and unanimously.

3. Review of the Proposal from Crawford Grading and Pipeline, Inc., - Kelly Farm Drive:

Mayor Cuttie explained that the street has several low dips in the asphalt and is in need of repair, and that Crawford Grading will do the repairs for the amount of \$10,500.

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously to accept the quote as presented for the repairs.

4. Request of Fredrick Stanley to Address the City Council:

Mr. Stanley took the floor and wished to discuss his property located at 87 South Main Street and the stop work order that was issued by code enforcement concerning the pole barn structure he had permitted at city hall.

Mr. Stanley's argument was that he did not permit for a 16 x16 barn as so noted on his permit application, but that someone at city hall finished and completed that section of the application. And that his 40 x 40 constructed building should be allowed to stay and he wishes to finish his work to store his antique cars in

After Mr. Stanley finished speaking, his attorney Tom Morgan mentioned that he specialized in mitigation and that he hoped to come to a favorable compromise perhaps with the planning commission reviewing the information and situation.

Finally, after the discussions, the general consensus was to let the Mayor and City Council discuss the request of Mr. Stanley at next month's council work session.

Public Comments

Council Member Comments

Council member Paul Parker mentioned that the filming industry is getting ready to come to the City of Luthersville and that he would like for the city to be ready with the proper permits and fee structures required.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would look into the matter and get in touch with county.

Attorney Comments

Executive Session

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously to enter into closed session to discuss the real estate of the city.

After the discussion of the city's property, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie to exit closed session and to authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution and affidavit attesting to the validity of the meeting.

Adjournment:

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