

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
January 14, 2020

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

The second work session began at 5:30 p.m. with the City Council discussing items on the agenda, and ended by 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Opening of Council Meeting:

City Clerk Gay Harris, called the January, 2020, City Council Meeting to order.

Oath of Offices

Inasmuch as January is the Month after the November, 2019, general election that the new Mayor Donald Cuttie and new Council Member Vallarie Cuttie will be sworn-in to take their offices, in a ceremonial service, Vallarie Cuttie first swore in her spouse, Donald Cuttie as Mayor, then Mayor Cuttie in turn asked all city council members to be sworn in together simultaneously.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cuttie led the citizens present in the pledge to the American flag.

Election of a Council Member to Serve as Mayor Pro-tempore:

Mayor Cuttie made the recommendation that Concetta Amey remains the Mayor Pro-tem for the 2020 year. Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously.

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed with one abstention, to approve the December, 2019, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Rick Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed with one abstention, to approve the December, 2019, financial reports as presented.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That he recently attended a Census 2020 meeting at the Coweta County Fairgrounds and wanted make known to everyone present the importance of the correct head counts for each household in Luthersville and that it includes children. And that citizens should begin to see more activity concerning the census around March 25. Also, that it is very important to have the highest population for Luthersville as it will assist the city with various governmental fundings.
2. That he learned recently about a grant that Meriwether County Board Education received called a Wrap-Around Grant and that the purpose for the grant is to provide support to high school students, their families, and community by adding additional support modes in each the two high schools in the county of counseling, dental, mental health, laundry, shower, and food banks.

Departmental Reports:

Fire:

Chief Roy Haney was not available to give his monthly report.

Library:

Librarian Gerilene Clemons reported in December that 4 adults check out 17 books with no children in the library over the holidays. Also, that 10 people used the computers.

Next, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he requested James Stephens of SG Technology to come to the council meeting and give an update on the water system.

Then, Mr. Stephens that he has been taking care of the city's water for a little over a year now. That the water system had 550 active meters read each month and a total 620 meter on the water system.

He explained that the Highway 54 well site faulted several months ago due to iron buildup on the well casings and that it pumped dry. Therefore, to resolve the issue the he contacted a company to open the veins back up using compressed carbon dioxide and the well now pumps more water than when it first came online.

Also, that council should look into having the same procedure implemented to the wells on Charlie Fuller Road.

Old Business

1. Request for a Business License by Bobby Hall and to be Located at 127 North Main Street:

This agenda item was tabled inasmuch as Mr. Hall was not at the meeting to answer questions.

New Business

1. Review of the Quote from Smith Gray Electric Company, Inc. in the Amount \$19,831 for the Installation of a Generator at the Highway 54 Water Tank:

Once Again Mr. Stephens was asked by council to converse about the generator and its purpose. James mentioned that the wells have generators to pump water to the tank, but the tank would not fill up if there was a power outage because it needs its own generator to have electricity to pump water into the tank. Also, that the generator would be warranted for 10 years, and that it could be remotely controlled if the highways were un-travelable. Mr. Stephens also agreed with Mayor Cuttie that the generator would or could be considered a capital project or a hazard mitigation project, and that perhaps the water system could obtain a grant through the water sector of the state.

Next, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that this agenda item would be the February council meeting for consideration.

2. Appointment / Reappointment to the Planning Commission with Comments:

Mayor Cuttie recommended reappointing Melissa Wortham to the planning commission for another year. Next, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously to accept this reappointment.

Then, he appointed Julie Young of Luthersville to fill the vacant seat. And, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously to accept the newly appointed member.

Therefore, the planning commission will consist of four members, Roger Mohlenhoff, Brenda Collins, Melissa Wortham, and Julie Young.

3. Proposed Changes to the Agenda Format:

Mayor Cuttie reviewed the proposed changes he would like to make to the council meeting agenda with the city council. Next, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to change the agenda format.

4. Discuss Planning Sessions and How they Should be Scheduled:

Mayor Cuttie during the work session discussed with council that 2 meetings should to be set/scheduled before the February council meeting, and that each meeting should last for two hours. Next, he asked if council could agree to hold the meetings and that he would later contact each of them for the dates and times. Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously for council to meet and to open the meeting times and dates to the public.

Next, Mayor Cuttie asked city council if they had anything that they would like to discuss or mention.

Then, Councilman Parker mentioned the following:

1. That the traffic from the intersection and out Hwy 54 needs to be slowed down.
2. He asked about winterizing of city's vacant buildings.
3. Give the Mayor pro-tem keys
4. A citizen had concerns about re-stripping Luthersville Road past the city limit sign.

Adjournment:

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