

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

February 8, 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 February, 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

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt February, 2022, agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the January 11, 2022, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the January, 2022, General and Administration Fund report.

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the January, 2022, Water System Fund Financial Reports.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to make.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That a well pump and motor at one of the sites located on Charlie Fuller Road will have to be replaced. The estimated cost to the city for repairs is around 12K. What occurred was that during a storm a week or so ago, the station was hit by lightning.
2. That the Coweta County Board of Directors met last Wednesday and they approved the City of Luthersville to become a customer. This will allow the Water System to move forward with its sewerage system project. The archeological study was completed last week, and the study was performed
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 East Oak Street is finally going to be paved. A representative was in the office to inquire about the use of the city's water fire hydrants and to monitor the use of water with a meter.
5. That the new speed detection signs have been installed. The city ordered 5 signs, two for North Main and two for East Oak, with the 5th being moved to various locations as needed. The Meriwether Co. Public Works Dept. agreed to assist with the installation of the signs. Also, Lieutenant Gilbertson of Meriwether Co. assisted the city with the placement of the signs.
6. That East of the city limits of Luthersville a development is about to start in Chambliss Village with approximately 104 homes being built. Phase one will have 48 homes and with 8 new homes being constructed immediately.
7. That he distributed to the city council quotes for warning sirens in the city. The quotes are from a company called Mccranie Warning System. And that he looked back at the quotes from last year and they were much higher. In addition, the base station radio will be placed at the fire station and the sound of the sirens should reach the entire city. However, he did not place it on the agenda as he wants to get additional quotes.

8. That the texting program which the city signed up for, TextMyGov, is up and running. And there are a couple of ways citizens can sign up for the program. One way is that a citizen may sign up on the city's website through the pop-up app, Two, they may text a code to TextMyGov and give their phone number. By signing up the person may receive alerts from the city, as well as allow them to alert the city of things that would need to be reported.

9. That he has received questions about the city's Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary), and is the city going to do anything to recognize the anniversary. And he mentioned that the city could do something as simple as a resolution and that it's not too late to start planning an event.

10. That finally for his report, he would like for the city to provide each council member with business cards from the city, and have an email account set up for each one through the city's website of Luthersville.org.

Unfinished Business

1. No unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.

New Business

1. **Request for a Business License by Michael Wargofcak and Located at 25 South Main Street:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, for the city to grant a business license to Mr. Wargofcak for the operation of a hardware and auto parts store.

2. **Request for a Business License by Joleen Cordova-Lacy and Located at 33 Nall Street:**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously to approve the request of Ms. Lacy for a business license to operate an office in the home, and with no concrete equipment parked in the street.

3. **Request for a Business License by Dayna Stewart and Located at 1 South Main Street:**

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously to approve the business license request of Ms. Stewart to operate a hair salon.

4. Tracy Belt – Early Success Coordinator, Enrichment Services Program Headstart / Early Headstart:

Ms. Belt gave a presentation before the Mayor and Council concerning Enrichment Services Program, Inc. The program consists of eliminating poverty through education, services, and partnerships. The Enrichment Services Program, Inc. (ESP), is a local Community Action Agency that is headquartered in Columbus, GA, and serves 10 counties in GA and AL. Besides the early learning programs, the agency also participates in employment training to work together with the child and the whole family if needed, plus the organization offers additional support to families in need.

After the presentation, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that there is defiantly a need for an early learning program in our area as the children are our most valuable asset. And the general conciseness of the council members was that having a Headstart and Early Learning program located at the municipal complex would be an unlimited opportunity for the children and citizens of Luthersville.

5. Oliver Consulting – Zoning and Zoning Ordinances Updates

Mr. Butch Oliver of BO Oliver Consulting, LLC gave a presentation to the Mayor, Council, and citizens present concerning the city's current zoning map. Mayor Cuttie contracted Mr. Oliver's services to update the city's current zoning map due to the incorrectly zoned parcels of property, (R66) multi-level housing, located in various areas throughout the city. Also, Mr. Oliver will instruct the Mayor as to when and how to hold and conduct public hearings concerning the amendment of the city's zoning map.

6. Commissioner Shirley Hines – Community Outreach and United Way

Ms. Hines spoke to the Mayor and Council concerning the United Way and mentioned that it is a wonderful organization.

She went on to explain that the community outreach began in Luthersville when she reached out to Feed the Valley – community outreach with food distribution. She mentioned that she had received several phone calls from citizens in Luthersville concerning the site of the food distribution and the cleaning up trash after the process is over.

Mayor Cuttie reassured Ms. Hines that the food distribution program may continue in the parking lot of the Luthersville Complex as long as the trash is not left on the ground after the fact.

7. Johnsie Reeves – Senior Center Representative Food Distribution Program

Ms. Reeves voiced her concern over the food distribution that takes place once a month at the Luthersville Complex. She mentioned that the food distribution is not just for the Luthersville Neighborhood Seniors, but the citizens of Luthersville and that she is a volunteer. And that she heard someone mention that city hall did not want the food distribution at the complex.

Mayor Cuttie said that he had not heard this information before. And that he appreciated Ms. Reeves bringing this to his attention.

8. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition – (SCADA):

Mayor Cuttie explained to the council members that installing this type of system would give the city and the water system the advantage of detecting major leaks, issues with water distribution and pressure, etc. before it would get out of control.

He then reviewed three quotes for the service with the council. And he mentioned that the city’s water service technician recommended the city consider the quote from Zile Technology, and in addition, that Zile’s quote came in as the lowest in the amount of \$17,875.

Next, Mayor Cuttie called for a motion to approve the quote from Zile.

Finally, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the quote, and to pay for the services with the city’s ARPA funds.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

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.