

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

July 14, 2020

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

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

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the July 14, 2020, 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 the July meeting agenda as it was presented.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the June, 2020, financial reports for the General and Administrative Fund and the Water System Fund as presented.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

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

Library:

The Librarian, Gerilene Clemons, was not available during the meeting and did not disburse a June report for the library inasmuch as the library has been closed due to the pandemic.

Water System Report

SG Technology Services, LLC, James Stephens was not available to give an updated report for the city's water system.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. Mayor Cuttie reported that the paving of MEA Street will be postponed for 90 days inasmuch as the city has to have a policy in place to pave streets and he is looking into a software program with a street consulting company to monitor the streets needs throughout the city.
2. That Civic Ready through Meriwether County will assist the city in future emergency needs by sending out notifications like water/fire emergency alerts.
3. That he is in negotiation with Meriwether County concerning code enforcement and will have the agreement in the August meeting packet.
4. That the city needs a mission statement and a vision statement for its developing website.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

1. **Request for a Business License by Travis Bowles and Located at 17 College St. to Operate a Lawn Care Business:**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to grant Mr. Bowles a business license.

2. Adoption of the Budgets and Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 6/30/2021:

Operating Budget: \$ 490,800

Utilities Budget: \$ 334,500

Capital Improvement Budget: \$ 344,563

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, for the city to adopt the budgets as presented and the budget ordinance.

3. Approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for 20 Wortham Road:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to sell its property located at 20 Wortham Road in the amount of \$50,000.

4. Purchasing Policy for August Meeting Consideration:

This item was discussed during the council work session and Mayor Cuttie will have a police ready for review at the August meeting.

Set and Approve Limits for Future Developments:

This item was discussed during the council work session and will be on the August meeting agenda.

**a. Consultants – Krebs Engineering
Spencer Consulting Group, LLC**

Included in the council packets was a proposal from Krebs Engineering in the amount of \$4,000 for the evaluation of the city's water system.

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, for the Mayor to accept the proposal from Krebs.

And in addition, information was provided to the city council concerning street evaluations of the city and a proposal from Spencer Consulting Group, LLC, giving the breakdown of services and cost of \$2,720 for their reports and computer software program.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, for the Mayor to accept the proposal from Spencer in the amount of \$2,720.

b. Projects –

c. Maintenance –

A policy will be developed allowing the Mayor to make certain maintenance decisions without the immediate council member's approval up to the amount of \$6,000.

d. General – World Wide Power, Inc.

An offer from World Wide Power was included in the council packets and in the amount of \$6,980 for the purchase of various power equipment.

Inasmuch as the equipment purchase would be sight unseen until delivered, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to not accept the quote for the power equipment.

5: Amendment to Rescind 13.12(5) of the City's Zoning Ordinance:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to suspend the enforcement of this portion of the zoning ordinance as an amendment is needed for the use of political signs in the city.

Public Comments

1. Falecia and Bobby Terry of Luthersville mentioned that he was new to the area and his wife had returned and that they are planning on assisting and being a part of the community.
2. Commissioner Shirley Hines spoke with council informing them of the various grants available during this pandemic time, however, the city would have to apply for the grants.

Council Member Comments

Council member Vallarie Cuttie mentioned that some of the complex playground equipment is in bad shape and dangerous for kids to play around and she would like to see it removed before a child is injured.

Attorney Comments

Danielle Sewell mentioned that she had addressed the zoning, political sign issue and that it was taken care of.

Executive Session

Council then entered into closed session to discuss a legal matter.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the council ended the July meeting.