

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes

August 10, 2021

## **Council Members Present:**

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

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## **Work Session:**

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

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## **Call to Order:**

Mayor Cuttie called the August 10, 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**

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the August 10, 2021, meeting agenda.

## **Public Hearing**

## **Routine Business**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve July 13, 2021, minutes.

## **Financial Reports:**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve July 2021, General and Administration Fund and the Water System Fund financial reports.

## **Departmental Reports**

Mayor Cuttie gave the July report for Librarian Gerilene Clemons that July was a great month conducting the summer reading program and it was a great success.

## **Mayor's Report**

### **Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:**

1. That the next scheduled "Keep Meriwether Beautiful" day will be Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. That this upcoming Friday, August 13, cement pouring trucks will be in Luthersville to pour the foundation for the Family Dollar Store.
3. That qualifying for the November 2, 2021, election will be held Monday – Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>.
4. That the "Cotton Pickin Fair" will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>.
5. That gateway signage at highways 27 and 54 will be entirely up to the city to provide. Meriwether County tried to make it a part of the tourism initiative, and the city was not selected to receive a "100 cities" grant from Lowe's. Although the county has this signage in its comprehensive plan, it lacks the funds at this time.
6. That the paving of East Oak Street should begin in September as the paving company was taking core samples. Also, East Oak Street paving is in year two of the six-year program plan.
7. That the LED lighting contract was signed last week and that Georgia Power has been inventorying the fixtures and will begin replacing them in September and this should lower the city's street lighting monthly billing by 33%.
8. That the city received its 1st disbursement of the "American Relief Plan" funds in the amount of \$155K and deposited into the General and Administrative bank account. Also, the only project the city qualifies for to use the funds against is water system infrastructure.
9. That in 2020 the city began working on a grant from GEFA for water and sewerage for the citizens of Luthersville by requests for proposals and quotes for proposals for the engineering and architectural services to assist with the application for the septic to sewerage grant and asked for \$3 million and was awarded \$4.4 million in grant funds.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1. Request to Update Employee Handbook:**

Mayor Cuttie elaborated on the history of the various holidays requested and was in favor of Presidents Day. Then, Council Member Vallarie Cuttie mentioned that she felt that Columbus Day and Veteran's Day were also two important holidays to recognize. Mayor Cuttie then went on to explain the request for an additional week of vacation after 10 years of service, and then another after 20 years of service. Then, Mayor Cuttie called for a motion to include the three holidays in the handbook.

Next, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to add the 3 holidays.

In addition, Mayor Cuttie called for a motion to include the extra weeks of vacation time in the employee handbook.

Finally, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to add the extra weeks of vacation leave to the handbook.

## **New Business**

### **1. Request of Wesley Bellamy to Address the City Council:**

Mr. Bellamy of 48 East Oak Street addressed the City Council concerning speeding on East Oak Street. He suggested that a greater number of traffic tickets should be issued with the use of vehicle radars. He requested additional speed limit signage and a digital speed limit sign on East Oak.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that included with the paving on East Oak there will be designated pull-over areas along the road to stop traffic violators. And that with the newly updated contract with Meriwether County, the deputies can use the county's vehicles with radars and that he would look into new speed limit signs.

Finally, Lieutenant Worden mentioned that he would look into how many traffic tickets have been issued on East Oak and about the speed limit signs.

### **2. Greg Ashworth – Turnipseed Engineering – Water System Infrastructure:**

Mr. Ashworth spoke to the Mayor and Council concerning the services his company provides from water systems planning to utility mapping, and also to many cities located in our area. He then went on to give a presentation of the mapping of the water systems in conjunction with street locations and water line valves and hydrants.

He mainly wished to introduce himself and his company that is built on serving small to medium clients and cities. And he asked that Turnipseed Engineering be considered as the city looks to upgrade its water system.

**3. Request for a Business License by David Whitaker and Located at 125 South Main Street:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to grant a business license to Mr. Whitaker with the stipulations of hours of operation.

**4. Request of Tamekia Hall to Use the Baseball Field:**

Mayor Cuttie explained that she desires to use the ballfield to hold a Greenville High School Alumni event to raise funds for the GHS. He then went on to voice his concerns about parking for the event.

Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to allow the alumni to use the ballfield with parking and noise stipulations.

**5. Fence – City Park Playground:**

Mayor Cuttie presented a quote from West Georgia Custom Fence, LLC for a black coated chain-link fence for the city park playground equipment area in the amount of \$3,348

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to install the fence at the park.

**6. Bank Building – Electrical, Plumbing, Floor, Ceiling, Restroom, and Heating and Air Conditioning:**

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he has requested quotes for electrical services for the bank building, but there is a shortage of electrical technicians. And also, that he had someone to look at the ceiling and roof to get back in touch with him later. And in addition, he has included a plumbing quote and two Heat and Air quotes for information. Then, Council Member Ricky Amey mentioned that he should get an H&A quote from a company out of LaGrange, GA named Wells HVAC.

No action was taken by the council at this time.

**Public Comments:**

Limited to Three Minutes

No Public Comments

**Attorney Comments:**

None

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member Paul Parker asked that at next month's meeting they discuss the pavilion.

**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.