

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

October 13, 2020

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:35 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing items on the agenda, the work session ended by 5:57 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the October 13, 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

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to adopt the October meeting agenda with one amendment of agenda item # 9.

Public Hearing

Mayor Cuttie called the public hearing to order for the consideration and adoption of the 2020 millage rate of 10.119, and the millage rate ordinance. Inasmuch as the citizens present had no comments or questions, Mayor Cuttie closed the hearing.

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to approve the September, 2020, minutes with one correction.

Financial Reports:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the City's September, 2020, financial reports for the Operation Fund and the Water System Fund.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

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

Library:

The Librarian, Gerilene Clemons, shared her monthly report for September and mentioned that the library had been slow with few books being checked out and that it did gain 4 new members.

Water System:

James Stephens of SG Technology Services, LLC, was available.

Meriwether County North Precinct:

There was no Report for the Month of September.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. Mayor Cuttie reported that the City's website is up and running. And that the site is under construction.
2. Mayor Cuttie reported that cleanup day held on Saturday, September 26th, was a highly successful. With 5 dumpsters full of unwanted items. And that the inmates from Harris Co. helped to clean up the complex parking lot. In addition, he thanked Crawford Grading for their help in distributing the dumpster. And to Mr. Richard Frank of Luthersville for his volunteering and assisting with the organizing of the waste drop-offs.
3. That the city has teamed up with a company call Safebuilt for city code enforcement. And that the results of the process is being seen throughout the town.
4. That he has contracted with an agency named Governmental Tax Solutions from Carrollton, GA, to assist the city with the collection of past due property tax inasmuch as some property owners have outstanding property tax for up to 8 years past.
5. That the city's property located at 9 East Oak Street, (Old Volunteer Fire Station) has developed a roof leak and some of the ceiling tiles have fallen.

6. That he recently received the request to use the city park for a memorial balloon release service on November 7th, 2020, and permission was granted.
7. That a recognition day will be held on October the 24th, at Lake Meriwether in honor of the first responders.
8. That the 2020 Census has been extended to October 31. And that a notice was mailed with the city's water billing statements as a reminder, however, the notice had an incorrect ending census date.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

1. Adoption of the 2020 Millage Rate and Ordinance:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to adopt the 2020 millage rate of 10.119 and the millage rate ordinance.

2. Request of Scott Lee, of Krebs Engineering, Inc., to Address City Council:

Mr. Krebs reported to the Mayor and Council that he had met with James Stephens to test the water system and to identify problem areas. And that they located water valves that had been shut-off for quite some time, and that opening the valves again did help to improve some water pressure in areas. He reported that city's average water pressure is averaging 28psi which is good. He also distributed to the Mayor and Council a flow chart on the water system.

3. Request of Alan Smith, Meriwether Co. Fire Rescue, to Address City Council:

Mr. Smith introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and said that he had been on board for about six weeks. He mentioned the 6 new fire stations throughout the county and various manpower and the cross training educational plans for the employees. He is working with the volunteers in the county to bring them back into service. He mentioned that his goal is to unify the Meriwether County Fire Department and to have a new name of Meriwether County Fire and Rescue.

4. Presentation by Carter Sloope, Inc.

Tom Sloope and John ????? introduced themselves to the Mayor and Council and proceeded with handouts and a screen presentation concerning the possibilities for a sewage system for the city. They mentioned the various types of loans and grants that the city could apply for and the sewerage system development could take as long as four years from the beginning to end of construction.

5. Presentation by Edward French of Bargain Properties, LLC:

Mr. Edward French of Highland Assets Management Group explained to the Mayor and Council of his plan to re-zone the property at 17 North Main Street from residential to commercial in a design to develop a Family Dollar Store. He proceeded with a presentation and reviewed the details of the flow of traffic to the store and the city's property at 2 East Oak Street. He ended by saying that the store would have an economic impact/growth for the city through property tax and sales tax as well as create jobs.

6. Request of Veronica Dowell to Present the Red Ribbon Campaign Proclamation:

Ms. Dowell was not present, therefore, Mayor Cuttie read aloud the proclamation proclaiming October 23 – 31, 2020, as Red Ribbon Week, which stands to remind citizens to participate in drug prevention education.

7. Request for a Business License by Tontravius Geddis of 286 Opal Street to Operate a Landscaping Occupation:

Inasmuch as Mr. Geddis was not at the council meeting to be informed of the stipulations that govern the storage of lawn equipment on residential property, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the request for a business license with the stipulations recorded on the license concerning lawn care equipment parking and storage.

8. Mary Ellen Amey Street Drainage Project:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that requests for bids for the drainage issues on MEA Street were advertised, and that the city received three bids. Of the three bids received, the lowest bidder is Crawford Grading and Pipeline and he recommends that the council award the project to Crawford Grading.

Next, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie passed unanimously, to award the project to Crawford Grading and Pipeline for the amount of \$29,905.

9. Review of the Proposal of Crawford Grading and Pipeline in the Amount of \$6,146 for the Repair of the City Park's Parking Area Water Drainage Issue:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to accept the proposal and move forward with the repair.

Public Comments

No Public Comments

Council Member Comments

Council Member Paul Parker asked about early voting in the city. And the Mayor mentioned that early voting will be held in Greenville, GA at the voter registration office October 12th – 30th.

Council Member Vallarie Cuttie asked about the use of the Cafetorium for training purposes of Fire Chief Allen Smith. And Mayor Cuttie mentioned that yes the facility could be used for training of the Meriwether County Fire and Rescue.

Attorney Comments

No comments.

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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