

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
November 10, 2020

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

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

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the November 10, 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 November meeting agenda with one amendment by agenda item #1 - to remove the Presentation of Government Tax Solutions and to add the request of The Luthersville Social Club.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the General & Administration October, 2020, financial report.

Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the October, 2020, Water Fund Financials.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

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

Library:

Mayor Cuttie shared the monthly library report for October, and mentioned that the library had been slow with few books being checked, 4 new members, and 9 people using the computers.

Water System:

James Stephens of SG Technology Services, LLC, was not available therefore, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he and the council was going to have to do some work concerning the water system's expenses. And that the Auditor, Mr. Vance suggested that all expenses concerning the water system be accounted for from the water fund account, such as salary of the water clerk, currently being paid by the city, and postage for the utility billing. In addition, next year, inasmuch as the city has extended its water lines out into the county and is selling water to the Meriwether Counter Water Authority, and in agreement with the water authority, the authority will be responsible for 10% of expenses over the normal budgeted items. And the water authority will be reviewing next year's audit report as well.

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 Mary Ellen Amey Street is close to completion of the drainage project. And that he mailed out notices to surrounding and citizens living on the street to notify them of possible water outages and traffic delays due to construction work. However, one citizen did not receive her notice and was upset that the construction had removed her rose bushes.

2. That the old fire station has several people interested in the leasing of the building, and that the roof and plumbing are in need of repairs first, as well as some electrical issues.
3. That he has been considering an ordinance that deals with owners of rental property and making sure that the properties are registered with the city and that the property is up to code concerning building safety and stability.
4. That the property owner of the Cotton Pickin Fair property in Gay, Georgia has recently sold their property, and the new owner is making changes in the fair in the way of extending activities and a brewery is to be established.
5. Mayor Cuttie gave an update concerning the code enforcement in the city by Safebuilt. He mentioned that notices have gone out to several property owners and many property owners have begun to take action. In addition, there are a couple of automobile junk yards on College Street that are going to be removed.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

1. Request of the Luthersville Social Club to Host the Annual Christmas Community Luncheon with a Donation from the City for the Purchase of Food, Toys, and Gifts for the Citizens of Luthersville:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, for the city to donate \$750 toward the event. And due to the Covid-19 pandemic this year's luncheon will be a drive by and pick up your food and presents event.

2. Review and Consideration of the Recommendations of the Luthersville Planning Commission Concerning 17 North Main Street's Re-zoning, Construction, and Restrictions:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to publish the rezoning advertisement in the "Meriwether Vindicator" and marking the public hearing for the rezoning to be held at the next regular monthly council meeting.

Public Comments

Melissa Wortham of the City of Luthersville mentioned that she had been in contact with the Meriwether County DFAC, and that she would like to host for the DFAC a drive by Christmas party for the children in the Luthersville area using the city's parking lot at city hall. She then asked for volunteers, and Concetta Amey said she would meet with Ms. Wortham to coordinate a date and time for the event.

Mary Hall a resident of Summer Hill Mobile Home Park mentioned that she had no heat or electricity at her unit in the park. And Mayor Cuttie answered that he would like to discuss the issue with Ms. Hall.

Council Member Comments

Council Member Paul Parker asked the Mayor for permission to contacted Georgia Power Co. to develop a plan to convert all the city's street light to LED. And the Mayor mentioned that he did not have a problem with the idea.

And he mentioned programmable thermostats for city hall and the auditorium to save on the electrical bill.

Council Member Vallarie Cuttie asked about the Christmas lights in the park and if the city was going to use them this year. And the general consensus was that yes, the city will turn the lights on for the holiday season and possible year round on the pavilion.

Attorney Comments

No comments.

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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