

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes

June 13, 2023

## **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 5:48 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing the items on the agenda; the work session ended at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

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## **Call to Order:**

Mayor Cuttie called the June 2023 council meeting to order.

## **Invocation**

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

## **Pledge 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 agenda with one amendment of item No. 3 concerning the Juneteenth Holiday.

## **Public Hearing**

## **Routine Business**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the May minutes of the regular council meeting.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023, special called meeting.

## **Financial Reports:**

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve the General and Administrative, and the Water System financial reports for the month of May.

## **Departmental Report:**

### **Mayor's Report**

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

1. That a couple of projects have been completed in the city park. The dog waste stations, and park benches have been installed, and the pavilion floor was resurfaced. And that he is seeking bids for lighting for the complex pavilion, Wi-Fi, and security cameras.
2. That he has included in the council packets an ordinance focusing on the recreation facilities, city park, and the complex rental facilities, etc. to be reviewed by the city council and ready for approval at next month's meeting.
3. That Wednesday he has a meeting scheduled with J&T Environmental Services and the Georgia Rural Water Association to review and update the plan to improve the water system, water mains, and tank maintenance.
4. That in addition to the above note, the city applied for a principal forgiveness grant a Drinking Water Self-Revolving Fund, (DWSRF) it's a GEFA, loan and the funds will be used for water well and system improvements.
5. That the city experienced two major leaks in the city last week that impacted the city with no water, low pressure, dark water, and air in the lines.
6. That later in the month he has a meeting with GDOT concerning the award the city received to extend the sidewalks and to start an engineering study.
7. That he had reached out to our two senators and Drew Ferguson, to consider a program to assist people in need with their energy and water accounts.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **1. Ordinance for the Control of Livestock within the City Limits:**

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he is continuing to work on the ordinance.

## New Business

### 1. **Request of Malkit Singh to Update the Business License for 6 East Oak St.:**

One of the owners of AJ's Marketplace, Swinn Singh, asked to have included on the business license the ability to sell foods like frozen wings and pizzas that they would prepare in the store. In addition, there would not be table seating, but only pickup. And because the food is frozen there is no need for a health inspection.

Then, after he had answered the questions and concerns of the city council, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the request.

### 2. **Review and Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-1, City Speed Limits:**

Mayor Cuttie reviewed the ordinance with the city council. And after a few discussions, they came to an agreement that all side street's speed limits would be 25 miles per hour except for Finch and Bethel which will be 15 mph, and that Mary Ellen Amey Street will remain at 35 mph. Also, state highways will remain the same as previously posted.

Next, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by, Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

### Amended Agenda Item # 3

### 3. **Consideration to Include Juneteenth as a Municipal Holiday:**

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that Juneteenth has become a federal, state, and county holiday and that most cities in the county have adopted the holiday, and that he would like for Luthersville to be included. He then called for a motion.

Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously.

### Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

The Truskolaski's of 28 First Street both signed the public comments sheet to speak for 3 minutes.

1. Ricky Truskolaki was the first to speak, and he then showed pictures from his cell phone to the Mayor concerning the discoloration of his water and his water filtration system.

Mayor Cuttie responded that the city will flush the fire hydrate closest to his property once a month to solve his dilemma.

2. Judy Truskolaski voiced her concern about two young boys walking their dogs and creating mischief on their street, and lying on the street and that she was concerned that they might get run over.

Mayor Cuttie responded that he was aware of the two young men, but that he didn't know they were laying in the roadway, and that he will speak with them concerning the safety issue.

**Attorney Comments:**

**Council Member Comments:**

Paul Parker mentioned that he is seeking three bids for the recreational splash pad.

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:**

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