

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

October 8, 2024

Blue Cole, Meriwether County Assistant Administrator presented the following:

He began with handouts to the city council members concerning the upcoming renewal of the TSPLOST to be voted on November 5, 2024. This round of TSPOLST will apply to the next six years and the sales tax will begin in April of 2025, if passed. He proceeded to explain what the funds would be used for in the county such as repair or replacement for sidewalks, roadwork, equipment, culverts, and bridges. He mentioned that the past 4 years of TSPLOT-funded projects such as paved 5 roads, graveled over 20 roads, signage, etc. He mentioned that each city in the county would receive TPLOST funds based on its population.

He then took questions from citizens present, and one citizen complained that Lee Roy Rosser Road had not received any attention to repair or gravel, but the surrounding roads had. And he replied that he would visit the area and plan to upgrade the road.

Mr. Cole thanked everyone in attendance and ended his presentation.

Council Members Present:

Mayor

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Paul Parker, Melissa Wortham

Work Session:

There was no time for a work session following the presentation by the county.

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-tem, Concetta Amey called the October 8, 2024, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

Concetta Amey led everyone at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

Adopt Agenda

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to adopt the October meeting agenda with two added amendments.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the September 2024 minutes.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously to approve the September financial report for the General and Enterprise funds as presented.

Departmental Reports

Mayor's Report

Concetta Amey Reported the Following:

1. That the Keep Meriwether Beautiful has been postponed until Saturday, October 19, due to the storm.

Unfinished Business

1. Senior's Restrooms:

City Clerk, Gay Harris mentioned that she has solicited bids for the renovation project and is waiting to hear back from the contractors.

2. Camera System:

Mrs. Harris mentioned that she is researching companies that could upgrade the city's camera system for the city complex.

3. Park & Rec Ordinance Amendment – Sports Court Lighting:

The city Attorney, Bob Trammell, is working through this ordinance amendment.

4. Request of Gay Harris for Lighting Upgrades to the Clerk's and Mayor's Offices:

In as much as only one quote was submitted, the general consensus of the city council is to obtain addition quotes for comparison.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Danny Beck Located at 212 South Main Street:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, for the city to issue a license to Mr. Beck for Beck Yard, a green waste recycling company.

2. Review and Approval of the Quote by Piedmont Paving, Inc. to Modify Paving on Church, First, and Wesley, Streets:

This item was tabled to allow the city council additional time to review the updated quote from PPI.

3. Request of City Clerk, Gay Harris, for the Review of Quotes and Approval for Complex and Pavilion Pressure Washing:

Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously to table this item until next month.

The Following two Items Amend the Agenda:

4. Request of Paul Parker to Transfer the City Easement Granted to 14 East Oak Street:

Mr. Parker explained that he was selling his property and requested that the easement be transferred to the new owner.

Per the city attorney, upon review of the easement documents, the easement can be transferred to the new owner.

Then, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve the request of Mr. Parker.

5. Intergovernmental Agreement Between Meriwether County Water and Sewer Authority and the Luthersville Water System for the Treatment of Waste Water:

Inasmuch as the agreement was presented during the meeting, the city council requested time to review the document.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to table this item until the November meeting.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

- 1.) Ricky Trustaloski of 28th First Street

He asked about the new well the water system is planning to drill and mentioned once again that his water is dirty, and that he has bad water pressure. He also mentioned that he was told that he would have another flush valve installed at his meter since the first one had failed. Finally, he complained about the GDOT yellow cautious turn signal at the traffic light not being adequate to provide citizens with time to turn left or right onto East and West Oak Streets.

Council Member Parker addressed his questions to the best of his ability.

- 2.) Andrew Adler, candidate for the Luthersville Mayor for the upcoming election to be held on November 5th introduced himself to the citizens present and outlined his platform for candidacy. He mentioned that he has lived in the city for 2 years and that he runs a couple of businesses he owns. He mentioned that the city is a business too and he plans on managing the city like one, among other items he mentioned. He finalized by saying he feels he can move the city in a positive direction.

- 3.) Trammell Williams, candidate for the Luthersville Mayor shared that he has lived in Luthersville for 20+ years and that he cares for the city and its citizens. He mentioned that growth is coming to Luthersville and that opportunities for the city will be made available, among other items he mentioned. He ended by saying that he would work to serve the common good of the community.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Melissa Wortham mentioned that the snowflake pole decoration project has been completed. She and Trammell Williams worked together to refurbish the ornaments. And the city council thanked them for their work.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, that passed unanimously to end the meeting.