

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

July 9, 2024

Council Members Present:

Mayor Leondard Sewell,

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:50 and ended by 6:00 pm for the council meeting to begin.

Call to Order

Mayor Sewell called the July 9, 2024, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

Mayor Sewell led everyone at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

Adopt Agenda

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the July meeting agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the July, 2024.

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously to approve the June financial report for the General and Enterprise funds as presented.

Departmental Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sewell Reported the Following:

1. That he thanked Concetta Amey, Mayor Pro-tem, for taking care of city business during his short leave of absence.
2. That he attended a water and sewer meeting June 18th and that it was a good meeting.
3. That he attended a meeting in Newnan, GA for the ThreeRivers Budget update.
4. That he and city council to form a quorum attended a meeting at the BOC to approve the TSPOST tax question to be placed on the November ballot.
5. That he would like for the city council to consider for hire the position of down town developmental specialist, who would plan to better the down town area of the city and also research the water and sewer projects, recreation, seniors, etc. and then report to the city council.
6. That he asked Nate Violette of 113 Greenhaven Dr. to introduce himself to the he and the council as he is being considered for the appointment to the Luthersville Planning Commission.

Then, Mr. Violette mentioned that he had recently moved to Luthersville from Tampa, Florida where he served in the military for 22 years. And that he would like to give back to the community by serving on the planning commission team.

7. That he asked Mr. Sibley of 55 Greenhaven Dr. to introduce himself and his business plan as he inquire about a business license from the city.

Mr. Sibley started by saying that has began a fence company and that he is asking for approval to have an office-in-the home at his residence.

8. That he is working with Meriwether County for the improvement of the Senior Center and Recreation in the city.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

1. John Stover of Carter and Sloope to Give an Update on Projects:

Mr. Stover began his update with the Lead and Copper information. He said that a mandatory inventory report of the pipes in the city is due by October 2024. He mentioned that probably only the really old homes in the city might have lead fittings on pipes, and that Carter and Sloope has contracted with J&T Environmental Servies to assist with the detection of lead and copper fittings and then the removal and replacement. He also mentioned that Carter and Sloope had applied for an inventory grant through GEFA and the water system was awarded 200K toward the project with 47K of the loan in principal and interest forgiveness approval.

Then, he spoke concerning the proposed water well site in the city. And that the engineers are conducting hydrogeology studies and will need permission to test drill. In addition, on behalf of the water system the company has applied for a 1.5 million dollar grant with 150K in the form of a 20 year loan, and 1.3 free funding for the project and water line improvements with this loan coming up for review with the GEFA board in the fall.

Finally, Mr. Stover updated the council concerning the water and sewer project. He mentioned that in meeting with the Meriwether Co Water and Sewer Authority, that the county is interested in supplying 40K to up to 80K gallons of compasity of sewerage transportation per day to Hoganville. And that currently the Luthersville water system has an agreement with the Coweta Co Water and Sewer Authority for up to 220K per day of sewerage removal. He mentioned that this is a decision that the city council will have to make as to which authority they will use. He mentioned that it would be somewhat cheaper transporting the sewerage to Hoganville, but that would also constitute new environmental studies along the highway. Mr. Stover said that Carter and Sloope applied and the city was awarded 6.6 million in grant funds from GEFA with 300k in a loan, and the 6.3 remainder in primary principle forgiveness. Mr. Stover mentioned that each homeowner that connects to the sewerage system would pay a recovery cost/tap fee of 3,600 to the Luthersville Water System if Coweta is used or \$1,800 if Meirwether County. And that Carter & Sloope are very close to stating what the monthly sewerage bill cost that the city would need to charge each customer will be.

2. Cody Kelly of J&T Environmental to Give an Update on the Water System:

Mr. Kelly did not attend the city council meeting.

3. Request for a Business License by Zachary Sibley of 55 Greenhaven Dr:

Mr. Sibley is requesting an office in the home for his new fence business. He mentioned that in the future he might have a work truck parked in his driveway,

but that he would not have fencing inventory stored at his residence. Then, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously.

4. Appointment of Nate Violette to the City of Luthersville Planning Commission:

Inasmuch as the Planning Commission Chair, Malease Berg, and before she resigned from the commission, and in conversation with Mr. Violette, made a recommendation for he to to appointed to the planning commission to fill the vacancy. Then, Mayor Sewell asked could he obtain a motion to appoint Mr. Violette to the planning commission. Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and the passed unanimously.

5. Approval of the Request of the Luthersville Social Club to hold a Motorcycle/Car Show at the Luthersville Complex Parking Lot on July 20th:

Mayor Sewell asked Ms. Concetta Amey, who is a member of the Social Club, to explain the planned event to the city council and he. Ms. Amey mentioned that it will be a vendor day with vendor food trucks, and with old school cars that will be judged. Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Ricky Trustaloski of 28th First Street voiced his concern to John Stover about the sewerage system and the cost to the public to connect to the proposed sewerage system and the monthly cost. Also, who maintains the line between his home and the public meter.

Mr. Stover responded that the City Council will adopt a sewer ordinance referencing the fees and requirement of joining the Luthersville Sewer system and that it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the sewer line through their property.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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