

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

August 13, 2024

Council Members Present:

Mayor

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:45 and ended by 6:00 pm for the council meeting to begin.

Call to Order

Mayor Pro-tem, Concetta Amey called the August 13, 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

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the August meeting agenda with three changes of **striking agenda items 4, 5, and 6.**

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

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

Departmental Reports

Mavor's Report

Concetta Amey Reported the Following:

1. That PPI will continue with the paving of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Church, and Wesley Streets this Thursday August 15th.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

1. Girl Scout Troop 15055 Presentation:

Four Girl Scouts from Troop 15055 introduced themselves and continued to say that to earn the next Girl Scout award badge they needed to complete a community project. The girls mentioned that in the city's downtown park, there is a lot of trash that they picked up and that they had made signs to place in the park to remind citizens to not litter. The troop asked the city council for permission to place the signs that they had made in the park.

Next, the city council agreed that it would be permissible for the troop to post the signs in the city park. And they thanked the troop for their services.

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

Mr. Kelly mentioned that the city's water use has increased since Unity Elementary resumed. And that each well is averaging about 19 hours a day of run time. In addition, the recovery time is getting harder for the wells due to the amount of water pulled from the aquaphor and its ability to refill.

He mentioned that the good news is that he spoke to John Stover of Carter & Sloope and that the environmental consultants they hired to site map have identified 5 proposed well sites for a new well. Therefore, Carter and Sloope will be moving forward to identify well-drilling companies to assist with the project.

In addition, John Stover was unable to attend the meeting, but he emailed the following update concerning the Lead and Copper Inventory.

Below is an update for tonight's council meeting in Luthersville regarding the mandated Lead & Copper Rule Inventory due to EPD in mid-October.

- C&S has all the data needed to develop the inventory GIS platform, but field work is needed to verify service line materials.

- C&S is subcontracting with H2O Techs, LLC to conduct the fieldwork. We received a quote and have returned it to the contractor with requests for revisions regarding the scope of the project.
 - Approximate cost +/-300 meters, +/--\$35,000
- C&S has been in contact with the City and GEFA for updates on the status of the City's inventory loan documents.
 - Grant (acquired & executed): \$47,750
 - Loan (waiting on GEFA loan doc execution): \$152,250 - 50% PF
- Pending the City's approval, C&S will submit a pre-application to GEFA's Call for Projects to explore funding for the upcoming mandated service line replacement efforts.
 - No obligation of funds required
 - Deadline: Dec. 2024 but submittal by end of August 2024 but recommended to go to November 2024 GEFA Board Meeting.
 - Minimal engineering effort that they can pay for out of their current GEFA LCR funding.

3. John Stover of Carter & Sloope Engineers – Information Concerning the Well Project:

Mr. Stover was not present for the meeting.

4. Oath of Office – Planning Commission Member – Nate Violette:

Mayor Pro-tem, Concetta Amey called Mr. Violette forward and administered his oath of office, and afterward, he signed the document to make the initiation official.

5. Request of Paul Parker Concerning the Water and Sewer Authorities – Coweta/Meriwether Counties Service Agreement:

Council Parker addressed/explained why he felt it would be advantageous for the City of Luthersville’s sewerage project to connect with the Meriwether County Water and Sewerage Authority versus Coweta Authority. He mentioned that moving forward, the connection would benefit Luthersville and Meriwether County.

Next, he made a motion asking for the council to approve the city attorney’s drawing up an agreement with Meriwether Water Authority, and negotiating the current Coweta Water Authority agreement. Ricky Amey seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of the Estimate from Professional Painting Services to Paint City Hall’s Lobby:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve the estimate.

7. Review and Approval to Publish the 2024 Property Tax Digest and 5-year History:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to publish the tax digest.

8. Request of the Luthersville Senior Director to Replace Commodes in Restrooms:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to upgrade the commodes for the senior's restrooms.

Then, as an afterthought, Councilman Parker asked if the restrooms were ADA-compliant, and the City Clerk mentioned that they were not. Next, Mr. Parker made a motion for the restrooms to become ADA compliant, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously.

9. Approval to Publish the Notice of Call for a Special Election for the Unexpired Term of Mayor Leonard Sewell:

Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously.

10. Review and Adoption of Resolutions 2024-5, Election Superintendent Appointment, and Resolution 2024-6, Qualifying Dates:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Ricky Trustaloski of 28th First Street was going to inquire about the paving on the streets surrounding his property however, he mentioned that Ms. Amey had previously answered his question.

2.) Michael Robertson addressed the City Council concerning his submitted contract to provide professional consulting services to Mayor Sewell and the City Council, and his invoice for payment for his services. In addition, he addressed Council Member Parker concerning the Meriwether County Park and Recreation Program.

3 Falecia Terry of 84 College Street asked the city council to provide lighting to the pickleball courts and restrooms.

Ms. Amey answered and said that the city council would look into the requested items.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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