

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

January 9, 2024

Council Members Present:

Mayor Leonard Sewell

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Vallarie Cuttie, Melissa Wortham

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:45 p.m. with the Mayor and the City Council discussing the items on the agenda; the work session ended at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order

City Clerk, Gay Harris called the January, 2024 council meeting to order and welcomed the citizens present for the meeting.

Oath of Offices – Leonard Sewell, Ricky Amey, and Melissa Wortham

At this time, Judge John Rasnick administered the oaths individually to the new Mayor, Council Member, and Council Member incumbent, Ricky Amey.

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

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to adopt the January meeting agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the December, 2023, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve the December General and Administrative, and Water System financial reports.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sewell Reported the Following:

1. That he had nothing to report at this time, but he would next month.

Unfinished Business

1. Rental Lease and Including Complex Pavilion:

No action was taken on this item; inasmuch as the rental lease still has areas that need to be changed. Therefore, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to table until the next meeting.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Lauren Lucas and Located at 187 East Oak Street:

Ms. Lucas explained that she needed a local business license before she could obtain her broker's license. And that she would like to sell used vehicles at her home. The city council members explained to Ms. Lucas that her request was not for an applicable home-based business, and finally, Mayor Sewell recommended that she reach out to the planning commission for a variance.

2. Approval to Pay 2 Invoices from Carter & Sloope for Engineering Work for Lead & Copper, and Water System Improvement:

Inasmuch as the applications and agreements for the grants have been approved, there was no need to give specific approval to pay the invoices from the General Fund to later reimburse the city once the funds are made available through GEFA.

3. Resolution No. 2024-1, Joint Comprehensive Plan:

Mayor Sewell mentioned that there was no need to read the resolution for the adoption of the Meriwether County Joint Comprehensive Plan Update. He then called for a motion to adopt the resolution.

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

4. Election of the City's Mayor Pro-Tempore:

Mayor Sewell called for a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro-tem for the next 2 years.

Then, Vallarie Cuttie motioned that she would like to nominate Concetta Amey for mayor pro-tem, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously.

5. Appointment/Re-appointment of Three Planning Commission Members:

Mayor Sewell mentioned that it was time to appoint 3 members to the planning commission for a 2-year term. He then appointed Hazel Nall, Jacqueline Jackson, and re-appointed Williams Carter. He then called for a motion to approve the 3 members.

Next, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion to approve the 3 names selected for the planning commission, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Doris Flournoy of 20 Hwy. 54 North, mentioned that a fire hydrant is missing near the property address of 37 Hwy. 54 North where a mobile home recently burned. She then made a request to the city for the hydrant to be replaced as her homeowner's insurance had included the fire hydrant in her plans' rate.

The city council thanked Mrs. Flournoy for bringing the issue to their attention.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Melissa Wortham mentioned that she was glad to be on the city council.

Executive Session:

Mayor Sewell called for a motion to end the regular council meeting then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously.

Next, Concetta Amey made a motion to enter into a closed session, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

During the closed session, there was a discussion concerning a new city attorney for Luthersville since Daniell Sewell resigned at the end of 2023.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to exit the closed session.

Adjournment:

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