

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
August 11, 2020, 2020

Council Members Present:

Mayor Donald Cuttie,
Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Vallarie Cuttie

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:00 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing items on the agenda, and with Jason Spencer giving a presentation during the work session concerning the streets of Luthersville. The work session ended by 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the August 11, 2020, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge of 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 Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to adopt the August meeting agenda as it was presented.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the July, 2020, minutes as presented.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the July, 2020, financial reports for the General and Administrative Fund and the Water System Fund as presented.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

Chief Haney was not available and did not distribute a report for the month of July for the volunteer fire department.

Library:

The Librarian, Gerilene Clemons, was not available during the meeting and did not disburse a July report for the library.

Water System Report

James Stephens of SG Technology Services, LLC, was available, and mentioned that he and the Mayor have been reviewing capital improvement projects for the water system.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. Mayor Cuttie reported that the new water bills have been mailed out and that the new billing method includes a graph of the water usage for each month and that he will use the new billing method as a means for communication with the citizens on the city's water system.
2. That he attended and finalized the sale of the City's property located at 20 Wortham Road, and that the only expense incurred was the fee to the realtor as the buyer paid all the closing costs.
3. That the Great American Cleanup Day is set for Saturday, September 26. And that inasmuch as the spring cleaning event was cancelled that at this time there will be an additional dumpster for the accumulated items that citizens wish to dispose of.
4. That the city needs a mission statement and a vision statement for its developing website. And he then read a brief statement that he had put together to the council and citizens present. And that he and the council will work on this item at the September council meeting. And that he has been meeting with the company that is helping to build the city's website.
5. That Jeff Scogin of Scogin and Sons, LLC finished working on the city hall complex's septic system, and completed the project with a map and layout of the complex's water and septic lines.
6. That the Back-to-School event took place in two locations in the county this past August 8, and provided much needed school items to the school children. However, there was not as great of a turnout as expected.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Rodrickens Prather and Located at 21 Cheryl St. to Operate a Lawn Care Business:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to grant Mr. Prather a business license.

2. Request for a Business License by Kevin Hoffman and Located at 8 East Oak St. to Operate a Tobacco Shop:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to grant Mr. Hoffman a business license.

3. Presentation by Jason Spencer, APM – Spencer Consulting Group, LLC, Concerning Street Management Program Update and Overview:

Mr. Spencer reviewed the basics of his street maintenance program through the presentation slides with the Mayor and Council and citizens present. His program analysis after the inspections of all of the city's street was that the city needs to budget 70K each year to continue the upkeep of the good streets also, all the while correcting and repairing the ones in dire straits. The program is fixed over a 7 year period to bring the streets up to better standards with a PCI of 75% or above.

4. Review and Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-4, Concerning Corona Virus Relief Fund Grant:

The City of Luthersville applied for its portion of the Cares Act Relief Fund Grant provided by the state to cities impacted by the virus. The funds are to be used specifically for issues dealing with the health, safety, and wellbeing of the citizens of Luthersville. In addition, the funds can be used to pave the walking path in the city park for outdoor health and exercise of the citizens of Luthersville, and this is what Mayor Cuttie has designated to use the \$13,050.00, awarded to the city based on a population rate. Also, the monies have to be spent by September 1, 2020, or the city will have to return it to the source. And another payment will be made to the city later in the year to continue a safe environment.

Next, the city must adopt the resolution agreeing to the terms and conditions for the use of the funds. Therefore, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to adopt the 2020-4 resolution.

5. Review and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-4, Concerning the Annexation of Herbert W. Crawford's 12 Acres:

A public hearing was held in 2019, concerning the annexation of the 12 acres located beyond South Main Street however, the ordinance was omitted during that time. This concerns the finalization for the city to make the annexation complete and in compliance with the different state agencies.

Next, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to adopt the Ordinance 2020-4.

6. Review and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-5, Concerning Political Signs:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to suspend/rescind the enforcement of this portion of the zoning ordinance concerning the use of political signs in the city. And to adopt Zoning Ordinance No. 2020-5.

7. Request of Jamil Amey to Hold an Event of Pop-Up Shop Vendors on City Property:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned/recommended for safety measures, that Ms. Amey attend the event Peaches in the Pines next month before she sets up her vendor shop to use as a guide for social distancing due to the Covid-19 statues mandated by Meriwether County government.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, for the city to grant a permit to Ms. Amey for the event to be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

8. Review and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2020-6 Concerning the City's International Property Maintenance Code

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the city had adopted the 2015 property maintenance code by ordinance No. 2017-1, however, the state of Georgia still uses the guidelines of the 2012 property maintenance code. Therefore, this ordinance will amend and replace the previous one.

Next, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-6.

9. Review and Approval of the Meriwether County Water Authority Agreement:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, for The Luthersville Water System and the City to enter into an agreement with the Meriwether Co. Water Authority to supply its water to newly developed property in the county within the boundaries outlined in Meriwether County's Service Delivery Strategy.

Public Comments

Council Member Comments

Attorney Comments

Executive Session

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the council ended the August meeting.