

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
January 10, 2023

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

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

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the January, 2023, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

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

Adopt Agenda

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the January agenda as presented.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the December, 2022 minutes.

Financial Reports:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the December Gen & Admin, and the Water System Financial Reports.

Departmental Reports

Corporal Bell was present from the Meriwether County North Precinct to give the December report for the city and further answered the questions of the city council.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That the water system, a couple of weeks ago during the freezing weather performed well however, residents throughout the city ran water during that period to keep their pipes from freezing, and under normal circumstances, the water pressure would not have been affected, but currently the College Street tank has to be manually adjusted due to the supply shortage of parts to repair the tank to act upon its on for distributing water therefore, J&T Environmental Services adjusted the valve 3 times a day during the extreme cold weather.
2. That the garbage pickup day for Mary Ellen Amey Street has been changed to Tuesdays as AmWaste needs to collect from that area with a smaller truck due to the width of the street. Also, the company apologized for the inconvenience of the past two weeks for the customers on that route.
3. That concerning the trash on the streets in the city, he had reached out to Meriwether County to try and buy one day a month of service from the county and uses the Harris County inmates which the county has a contract for trash detail. However, he received an answer from the county administrator that the county could not accommodate Luthersville at this time due to its street department's staff shortages.
4. That the weather alert siren should be installed by the end of this month downtown by the old fire station.
5. That the water leak at the traffic signal and West Oak Street has been repaired by Crawford Grading and the water leak on South Main Street is underway for this week.
6. That this week he is sending out requests for proposals/bids for mowing and landscaping. The requests have been divided into separate bids. The RFQs will have one for the streets and a second one for the complex and city park.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss during the council meeting.

New Business

1. Georgia House of Representative – David Jenkins:

He was not present for the meeting.

2. Scott Whitmire – Georgia Power – Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Update:

Mr. Whitmire mentioned that AMI stands for Alternative Metering Infrastructure and that Georgia Power owns its own FCC frequency that only they are allowed to use and that the frequency was purchased to read their electric meters as well as water, sewerage, and gas readings, and that GA Power will read the city's 670 newly installed water meters.

That as of today about half of the meters have been changed out and an additional shipment of meters and supplies is on its way to Luthersville to complete and finalize the change out of all meters by the end of January or early February.

That the analytic software has been installed for the staff at city hall to use as well as training is underway for utility billing. And after this step, GA Power will be fine-tuning every meter making sure all are reading properly, and continue working with city staff on training and also partnering with Kendall Supply for software usage training.

In addition, the alert history of the water meters can be set up to be emailed or texted to water customers of potential leaks as well as meters that are not reading.

Mayor Cuttie thanked Mr. Whitmire for attending the meeting and sharing the above information.

3. Swinderjeet Singh – 4 East Oak Street Update:

Mr. Singh mentioned that he had recently obtained his permit to begin working on renovating his 4 East Oak Street building, and the bricks have been moved as some citizens deemed them a safety hazard. Also, he has selected a contractor and the contractor has begun the process by reaching out to Safebuilt for an initial inspection of the property.

Mr. Singh then answered questions from the council members and finally Mayor Cuttie thanked him for the update.

4. Notice of Setting of Qualifying Fees and Resolution No. 2023-1:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, for the approval of the resolution setting the qualifying fees for the upcoming November 7, 2023.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to enter into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Then, motions were made to exit the closed session.

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to re-appoint Mr. Mohlenoff.

Then Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to appoint Malease Berg to fill the expired term of Ms. Wortham.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Cuttie adjourned the meeting.