

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes

July 12, 2022

## **Council Members Present:**

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

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## **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.

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## **Call to Order:**

Mayor Cuttie called the July 2022, 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 Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to adopt the July agenda with item number four under new business being struck as Colony Bank did not show up for the bank discussion meeting.

## **Public Hearing**

## **Routine Business**

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the June 14 and June 29, 2022, minutes.

## **Financial Reports:**

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the June Gen & Admin and Water System financial reports.

## **Departmental Reports**

No Departmental Reports to make.

## **Mayor's Report**

### **Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:**

1. That the City replaced the carpeting in the Senior Center and made the facility safer for the members.
2. That the City has been undertaking maintenance on the complex with the septic lines and the sink in the kitchen which has been clogged for years, and that all is now operational.
3. That HeadStart Agency will be here Thursday with their architectural team to review the rooms and the library to make modifications to be ready to begin the program in August.
4. That the contractor-based entities impact the city. For example, the trash company has a weekly employee turnover that significantly makes a difference in the City with the quality of service. And the post office is closed until Friday because it has no one to work in Luthersville.
5. That the Colony Brach in Luthersville is closing as the number of accounts has fallen. And that businesses that deal with the bank daily, as well as the city with its accounts, will have to be moved to a new bank. And in addition, a small account of the City, the Tree Fund will be transferred to the Operational Account to save the city from opening a new account.
6. That the LOST negotiations with the county have one meeting set and the county has elected to not have any additional meetings and it appears that the county is currently in negotiation with the City of Manchester as the city represents greater than 50% over the other cities in Meriwether County. However, the other cities are adamant that the percentages remaining the same at 60/40.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **1. Approval of the 6/30/2023 Operation, Enterprise Fund, Capital Improvement Budgets, and Ordinance No. 2022-3:**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve and adopt the budgets and ordinance for the FY 6/30/2023 in the following amounts: Operation \$595,674, Enterprise \$344,000, and the Capital \$524,387.

**2. Review of Quotes for the Recreation Project by Paul Parker:**

Council Member Parker mentioned that the first phase for the pavilion is the resurfacing of the concrete pad and with three bids received, he recommends a Luthersville company, Alfero Concrete, in the amount of \$20K. Next, were three bids for the pavilion structure, and one of the bids was astronomical in price, thus looking at a simple structure and receiving a quote by Hand Construction for \$57K. In addition, this is a Meriwether County-based business as well.

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously to accept the quotes of Alfero and Hand companies.

**New Business**

**1. Lieutenant Gilbert – Meriwether County North Precinct, Update:**

Deputy Gilbert distributed his handout on the stats for the past 3 months in Luthersville. He reviewed the various categories with the city council.

**2. Chief Allen Smith – Meriwether County Fire Department, Update:**

He mentioned that the fire department is short-handed and with employees working double shifts and that the county is constantly trying to gain additional employees. Training classes are scheduled both day and night including the EMT schooling. And he continued with that last month the county completed its ISO rating and it is closer to coming back as a rated 5. Then proceeded with updates on various other projects that were ongoing in the county. He finished with the fire department's call listings for service.

**3. John Stover – Carter Sloope Engineering Firm, Luthersville Sewerage :**

He mentioned that the city has a septic to sewerage grant from GEFA in an amount over \$400K, and the city has applied for several other Grant programs totaling amounts close to \$2.3 million, with a principal forgiveness portion of the grant. He moved forward outlining other aspects of the process for the sewerage system.

**Public Comments:**

Limited to Three Minutes

**Attorney Comments:**

**Council Member Comments:**

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:**

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