

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

March 8, 2022

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 by 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the March, 2022, 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

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt March, 2022, agenda with two amendments of agenda items numbers 2 and 6.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the February, 2022, minutes with one correction.

Next, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2022, special called meeting.

Financial Reports:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the February, 2022, General and Administration Financial report.

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the February, 2022, Water System Fund Financial Report.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to make.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That the Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system installation has been completed and the cellular software has begun monitoring the city's water system to provide alerts at city hall as well as over a phone app. And the system installation will be paid by the American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) funds that the city received.
2. That Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services for the proposed city sewerage system have been posted on the Department of Administrative Service's Georgia Procurement's internet site, and the requests are due on April 1st.
3. That the East Oak Street paving is finished and is scheduled for striping.
4. That he provided a computerized monitoring graph for the newly installed speed detection sign on East Oak Street that showed the flow of traffic before and after the paving of East Oak St. with little variation.
5. That the architect/engineer for the Enrichment Services Program, Inc., Headstart / Early Headstart programs, will be at city hall tomorrow to check out the buildings to see what type of renovations will be needed to comply with the school's guidelines.
6. That he has been meeting with individuals in the community to help get the Reboot Program up and running. The program provides 12 weeks of courses to help the military, first responders, and everyone struggling to cope with PTSD, trauma, or mental issues.
7. That the TextMyGov internet program is ready for the community to sign up to begin receiving notifications from the city as well as the citizens can text their concerns to the city.
8. That the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) has updated cities with information concerning legislation for House Bill 1044 and HB 855. Bill 1044 deals with joining three counties together to form a regional commission, and Bill 855 is about support for First Responders who suffer from PTSD may qualify for compensation.

9. That GMA gave a Covid 19 update for Georgia. That in Georgia there were 30 thousand confirmed cases, with 5700 suspected deaths from the virus. And that last week there were 31 cases confirmed statewide and no deaths.

Unfinished Business

1. Property Donation from JLSE Properties:

Mayor Cuttie presented the Council Members with a printout of the proposed property, 0.57 acres and located behind 95 South Main Street, to be donated to the city. He mentioned that he did not see an advantage in accepting the property as the property is in a land lock by surrounding properties. He then asked the city attorney if she felt there were any positives in owning the property, and she said no. He then suggested tabling the item once again.

2. Old Bank Building:

To bring the council up to date on the building, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that as a result of the first work done on the building it rendered other areas of the building unusable. Such as the upper floor without a fire escape for emergency exit, the upper level had to be locked out to potential lessees. And GDOT said no to the railing on the outside sidewalk which would have helped to give access to the ADA restroom on the backside of the building. Therefore, he is now getting quotes for the installation of another restroom located at the front of the building, and he is looking into a fire escape.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Bertha Hughes and Located Between 106 and 120 South Main Street:

Ms. Hughes explained that she had been selling muscadines seasonally and that she would like to add a vegetable stand to sell food items.

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, for the city to grant a business license to Ms. Hughes.

2. The Appointment of a New Planning Commission Member:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned to the city council that he would like to appoint William Carter of 5 West Oak Street to fill the unexpired term of Brenda Collins and then called for a motion from the council.

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to appoint William Carter to the planning commission.

3. Oliver Consulting - Zoning:

Mr. Oliver of BO Oliver Consulting, LLC presented the Mayor and Council with the updated zoning map and mentioned that anyone who would like to view the map may do so after the council meeting and that basically the modifications to the map were removing the R66 zoning for multifamily properties and enhancing the color scheme of the map. He also mentioned that he would post a notice for a public hearing to be held at the April council meeting.

4. Street Resurfacing:

Included in the council packet were the two bids for street resurfacing of Nall, Cheryl, and Opal Streets. The bid coming in at the lowest was from Piedmont Paving, Inc. (PPI) for \$226,851.64, and the other bid was by Atlanta Paving. Mayor Cuttie mentioned that this is year three of the six-year paving/streets program. Also, Council Member Parker asked if the curve on Cheryle Street would be included in the project, and Mayor Cuttie mentioned that it would be an addendum to the contract. And that the speed bumps on Opal Street should be replaced with speed strips/tables. He then called for a motion for the approval and awarding of the bid project to PPI.

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

5. Zoning Amendment Ordinance No. 2022-2:

Mayor Cuttie outlined Zoning Article 8, Section 8.8, zoning amendment ordinance concerning barbed wire between residential properties and mentioned where and how barbed wire fencing could appropriately be installed. He then called for a motion to approve the amendment ordinance.

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

6. Request by the Family Dollar Store for an Update to its Business License to Include the Sale of Alcohol Beverages:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the business license for the store was approved in 2020 and that this request would be an update to the occupational license to include the sale of alcohol

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Menlia Trammell 88 West Oak Street, thanked the Mayor and Council for continuing the expansion of recreation for the city by way of the new playground equipment in the city park. She then had remarks concerning the city library. She mentioned that a

HS/EHS program would be great for Luthersville, but removing the library to replace it with a school is like cutting the hospital in a pandemic, and that she thought it would be an excellent time for the city to join the regional library system to accommodate professional services. Also, that the community needs the computers and reference materials currently in the library.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned to Mrs. Trammell that he would set up a future time to discuss the library with her.

2.) Wesley Bellamy of 48 East Oak Street asked Mayor Cuttie to remove Roger Mohlenhoff as the chair of the planning commission since he placed several phone calls with messages to Mr. Mohlenhoff requesting to join the planning commission and he did not return his calls.

Mayor Cuttie addressed Mr. Bellamy with the answer of “No. He was not removing him.”

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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