

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

June 9, 2020

Council Members Present – During the Virtual Council Meeting Held through GoToMeeting and Hosted by Mayor Donald Cuttie.

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

Work Session:

Council Members Present – During Virtual Council Work Session: Mayor Cuttie, Vallarie Cuttie, Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, and Paul Parker

The work session began at 5:30 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing items on the agenda, and ended by 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the June 9, 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

The adoption of the agenda was the general consensus.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the April, 2020, minutes as presented. In addition, the Mayor did not hold a May council meeting.

Financial Reports:

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

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, to approve the Water Fund Account financial report as presented.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

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

Library:

The Librarian, Gerilene Clemons, was not available during the meeting and did not disburse a May report for the library inasmuch as the library has been closed due to the pandemic.

Water System Report

The report from James Stephens of SG Technology, LLC, whom maintains the city's water system, mentioned that last week the city experienced a loss in water pressure and after researching the situation, the cause was determined to be from roadway paving in a nearby subdivision's newly developing phase.

He then recommended that the city adopt a water usage policy concerning metering fire hydrants to prevent the unregulated use of city water. And also, that he would gather rates from surrounding cities for construction use of fire hydrants.

In addition, that Meriwether County has installed a 6" water line to feed water to Culpepper Estates and later connecting to Roswell-Lee Road. And that a meter has been placed between the City of Lone Oak and Luthersville. And that each city will have its own water valve on either end of the water line to provide water for emergency purposes. And currently, the City of Luthersville is providing water to Meriwether County so that it may supply water to Culpepper Road. Also, that the City of Luthersville has established water billing rates for the water usage of the county at \$82.00 per month and a \$3.60 wholesale water rate per 1000 gallons.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

Mayor Cuttie gave his report during the council work session.

Unfinished Business

There is no unfinished business at this time.

New Business

1. Highway 27 Detour:

Mayor Cuttie wanted to make the council members aware of the future bridge replacement project and the detour impact to the City of Luthersville during the closure. The bridge is located between Greenville and Luthersville, and if detoured will in addition affect the county roads as well. And that an on-site detour should be considered.

2. Preparation for Back to School and Proposed \$500 Donation:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the Meriwether County Family Connection has scheduled a back to school bash for August 8, and to be held at different times of the day and at several locations of Unity Elementary in Luthersville, Greenville High School, and the Manchester Recreation facility. During the event, items for school children will be available to those in need for the upcoming school year.

He then mentioned that he would like to make sure that the City of Luthersville participated by giving a donation in the amount of \$500 for supplies and he then called for a motion.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to donate \$500 to the Family Connection.

Then, Paul Parker mentioned that the Luthersville Social Club generally holds a back to school event each year for the Luthersville area children, and he then requested that the city to make a donation of \$300, to The Luthersville Social Club.

Therefore, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, for the city to donate the \$300 to the Social Club.

3. Appraisal of 20 Wortham Road City Property:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned the appraisal report in the packet by Associated Real Estate Services, and also mentioned that the city had received two offers for the property that has been listed to sell. One offer for 30K and another for 50K, and then called for a motion to accept the 50K offer.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously, for the city to accept the 50K offer to sell the old library property.

4. Review of Two Proposals for Tank Maintenance Programs for the College Street Water Tank:

The city received two maintenance proposals, one from Utility Services Company, Inc., and the other from American Tank Maintenance for the 75,000 gallon water tank located at 33 College Street. He then suggested that the water system accepts and enters into an agreement with American Tank for its option, one of the proposals inasmuch as its program is much less for the first and second years of the 8 year contract in the total amount of \$106,191.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey and passed unanimously to accept American Tank Maintenance's Option one.

5: Review and Adoption of the Municode Adoption Ordinance:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned, that the City's charter recommends giving each of the council members a copy of the new code of ordinance, however, the code will be available on the internet at the Municode website, and later to add hyperlinks to the code referencing ordinances to its sources.

Next, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey and passed unanimously, to adopt the 2020-02 ordinance adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Luthersville.

6. Capital Budget Work Session Date: June 25, 2020, at 5:30 pm:

Mayor Cuttie, reiterated the June meeting date and mentioned that it will be held in the cafeteria for social distancing purposes due to the Covid-19 virus.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Council Member Comments

Councilmember Parker mentioned the following:

1.) That the West Oak Street speed monitor is in need of a solar panel or new batteries. Then, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he is in contact with the county concerning the matter.

2.) That this Sunday, June 14, is American Flag Day and he would like for the city to place flags throughout the town.

Then, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would like to have American Flags throughout the city for the 4th of July.

3.) That he is in favor of the splash park, and Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would include the splash park consideration on the capital budget projects list for the June 25, 2020, meeting.

Councilmember Cuttie asked the following:

That is it not illegal to open a city's fire hydrant without a permit. And then, James Stephens mentioned that the city must have a policy in place to enforce and call it theft of utilities.

Attorney Comments

No comments

Executive Session

Adjournment:

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