

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

June 14, 2022

Council Members Present:

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:50 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 June 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

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the June agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve the May Gen & Admin financial report.

Next, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously to approve the water fund's May financial report.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to make.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That this past 26th of May the American Red Cross held a blood drive in the cafetorium, and about 14 people showed up to give blood. And that the Mayor plans on holding one every 3 to 4 months.
2. That the 6th of June a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion meeting was held in the cafetorium with representatives from GMA, Freddie Broome, the GDCA, Corrine Thornton, Rehoboth Baptist Church, Brian Hosmer, Meriwether Co. Commissioners, Meriwether Co. Action Group, Leroy Rosser, and Mayor Cuttie. The meeting discussion focused on recreation, children, and conflict resolution, and to later talk to the Chamber of Commerce and have them take the findings to Meriwether County.
3. That he is reviewing a grant opportunity for Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A). The grant has the possibility of providing sidewalk funds for hazardous conditions in cities, the application is due by September 15th.

Unfinished Business

1. **No Unfinished Business at this time.**

New Business

1. **Cody Kelly of J&T Environmental Services, Inc. – Water System Update:**

That first he wanted to mention that the company had missed a compliance rest for the water system, and that he has taken steps to correct the non-compliance, and if citizens see a correction in the local newspaper that this is what it will be referencing.

And that J&T Environmental has been with the city since January of 2022, and Since this time, the well on Hwy. 54 came off-line when lightning struck a pressure valve.

And that as of now the water system is monitored by a SCADA system.

That his company has made a lot of improvements to the water system, including surveys of the water system, pressure tests, and flushing of hydrants. And that the tank levels are good and that citizens should have the appropriate water pressure in their homes.

Another item to consider in the future is the billing rate structure for the water system. This is important to contemplate as there are improvements needed such as outdated water lines.

Mr. Kelly then addressed the Truskolaski family located at First Street concerning their discolored water, and he assured them the water is okay to drink, and that it is the old cast iron pipes that were experiencing water fluctuations.

Mr. Kelly also mentioned that the wells were running at full capacity, and an additional well should be added for the future development of the area, or that the water system could buy all its water supply from Coweta County which in turn would cut back on the city's profitability.

2. Resolution No. 2022-4, Rural Downtown Development Grant:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the resolution is to agree to the grant application's guidelines to revitalize the downtown area of the commercial properties of Luthersville. And have the properties registered as historical properties enabling the new owners of the building to receive a 20% discount on all work performed on the buildings and become commercially sustainable for the next 5 years. The grant will provide for the infrastructure.

Next, he called for a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Then, Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to approve Resolution No. 2022-4, in other words, 4/0 vote approval.

3. LOST Renegotiation Discussion:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that it is time to renew the LOST agreement with Meriwether County and that due to the population reduction per the 2020 Census that the Local Option Sales Tax percentages between the cities and Meriwether County will need to be re-negotiated. And currently, the percentages are 60% for the county and 40% split between all the cities of Meriwether Co., and he recommends that the percentages stay the same for the next period.

4. Recreation Update – Paul Parker:

Councilman Parker gave an outline for the recreation area at city hall. He mentioned that the concrete slab left after the building was demolished could be overlaid with a 4” poured concrete cover for around 20k from the quote he received from Alfaro Concrete of Luthersville. And that the city is looking at 67K for a metal roof pavilion structure to be built over the slab. And then a ½-mile walking trail and later to plan for a 1-mile walking trail around the baseball park.

Finally, the general consensus is for Mr. Parker to seek additional concrete bids to be considered at the special called council meeting next week.

5. Schedule Budget Work Session:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would like to schedule a special called work session next week to discuss the 2023 FY budgets and asked if the 22nd or 23rd would be doable for the council.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to hold the work session on Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:00 pm in the cafetorium.

6. Johnsie P. Reeves to Address the City Council:

Johnsie Reeves one of the directors of the Luthersville Neighborhood Senior Center was concerned since the Mayor used some of its quarterly funds from the county to pay for repairs to the senior’s HVAC system. And her main concern was whether did council approve the disbursement and that she felt he should have contacted her before the payment was made.

Mayor Cuttie replied that the agreement the city holds is between the city and Meriwether County, and the agreement states that the money shall be used at the sole discretion of the Mayor and Council. He also mentioned that the request for new carpets for the two senior rooms will be deducted from the quarterly funds.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Mrs. Truskolaski asked the Mayor if reports of coverage were available from Meriwether County. Would there be a security patrol for the recreation area of the complex?

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would consider her requests.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

- 1.) Council Member Cuttie mentioned that she would like to have metal picnic tables in the city park that could be bolted down to the cement.
- 2.) Council Member Parker mentioned that Karey Murphy is trying to work on a meeting with the CEO of Colony Bank and the downtown Luthersville business owners to find out what is required of the city to keep the bank branch open.

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.