

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
September 14, 2021

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 September, 2021, 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 Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to adopt the September 14, 2021, meeting agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve August 10, 2021, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the August 2021, General and Administration Fund Financial Report.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie and passed unanimously, to accept the Water System Fund financial reports.

Departmental Reports

Gerilene Clemons Librarian, mentioned that the library had been slow during August. And that she working with Baker and Taylor of whom offers a book recording system for libraries and she has been working on entering the bar-coded books into their system and removing the ones that do not have codes.

Then, Mayor Cuttie mentioned to Ms. Clemons that there is an app to download on phones that will turn ISBN codes into Bar Codes and that it has been a requirement since 2007 for published books to have both ISBN and Bar Codes.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That the next scheduled "Keep Meriwether Beautiful" day will be Saturday, September 18th with dumpsters placed in the parking lot to bring trash to place in the containers.
2. That the "Cotton Pickin Fair" will be held on October 2nd – 3rd.
3. That we are making use of the Municipal Court's Courtware Software to add a monthly citation report to the departmental reports starting next month.

Unfinished Business

1. 2 East Oak Street, the Old Bank Building:

The city has solicited bids/proposals for electrical, plumbing, heat and air, and the repairs to the floors and ceilings, and it will also need insulation applied to areas of the building and we currently do not have proposals for this repair. The work will be ongoing to make ready for a proposed tenant in January, 2022.

New Business

1. Presentation by Luke Corpe of the supervisory Control and Data Analysis (SCADA) System:

Mr. Corpe distributed his presentation handouts to the Mayor and Council Members and then began explaining what the program does. He mentioned that it would provide remote visibility and control of our water system alerting an on-call list through means of remote units equipped with battery backups in case of power outages so that the data never stops. Data such as pump failure, the tank is low, power failure, and generator failure alerts. The estimated cost to set up the city's water system is around \$33,057.15.

2. City Recreation Program by Council Member Paul Parker:

Mr. Parker distributed a handout sheet outlining the phases for the Luthersville recreation ideas and to be constructed around the Luthersville Municipal Complex. The first phase is the pavilion with a 30 x 30 vending area, the pavilion will have five 30 feet sections with the final one being the vending/serving site. And funding will need to be applied for through state and federal grants

And phase two is the splash park, and Mr. Parker is working with the Grantville, GA City Manager as Grantville's splash park has been a great success. The average cost to build a splash park is around \$350K.

Phase three is the walking trail area, and phase four will be building the vending area of the pavilion. He also mentioned that he should have design ideas to present at the next council meeting.

3. Red Ribbon Proclamation No. 2021-1 for the Young Marine Program:

Mayor Cuttie read aloud the proclamation to all the citizens present and for the City of Luthersville to recognize October 23 – 30th as Red Ribbon Week to encourage a drug-free life style.

4. Review and Approval to Publish the 2021 Digest and 5 Year History:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously to publish the digest in the "Meriwether Vindicator."

5. Certification of the November 2, 2021, Election:

Mayor Cuttie explained that the election had been canceled as council member posts 3 & 4 incumbents qualified and had no opposition. Therefore, they have deemed to have voted for themselves.

And then, Judy Truskolaski spoke up about qualifying and as she had signed in for public comments, the Mayor allowed her to speak at this time. She mentioned that she would have qualified for one of the council seats, but she wasn't made aware of the dates to do so. And Mayor Cuttie answer was that the dates and times were published in the local newspaper per the State of Georgia Election code requirements.

6. Request of Wesley Bellamy Concerning East Oak Street Traffic:

Mr. Bellamy voiced his concerns over no study had been performed concerning traffic and speed zones on East Oak as well as the contract with the Meriwether County Sheriff's Department about the amount of coverage the city receives from the county per the contract. In addition, he mentioned that city has no police department currently when it had in the past always had a department.

Mayor Cuttie addressed his concerns about the speeding and mentioned that signage would be installed in connection with the paving of East Oak that will

begin in a couple of weeks. And that the Sheriff's department uses radars to detect speeders in the city limits. And concerning the police department, the city would be hard-pressed to find police officers as no one wants to be a police officer at this time. And that it is not to say that the city will not in the future have its own police department again, but just not present.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Mr. Ricky Truskolaski voiced his concern about property owners in his area not cleaning up their property. And he mentioned the semi-trucks that turn onto East Oak and Park Streets.

Mayor Cuttie addressed his concerns by saying that property owners in the city have received notices to clean up their areas and if they do not reply they will then be issued a citation to appear in the Luthersville Municipal Court. Also, the large trucks that turn onto Park Street and East Oak are a GDOT issue, and that GDOT is aware of the situation.

2.) Mrs. Judy Truskolaski was complaining about all the tiny liquor bottles that are being thrown out on her street areas. And also the turning lanes on North and South Main Streets that are being used for passing car purposes.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he is aware of small bottles on the roadsides and the reason that people throw them out is they cannot be charged drinking and driving with open containers. And that the vehicles that have in the past that use the turning lane as a passive lane have been issued citations by the Sheriff's Dept. and GA State Patrol.

3.) Mrs. Lismery O'Kelly voiced her concern about her water payments this month and the office staff not communicating with each other. In addition, her trash can is broken and she had requested a new one, but has yet to receive it.

Mayor Cuttie assured her that he had taken care of the double checks submitted this month and that one of the office staff had been out that week and that is where the miscommunication arrived. And that he will make known her need for a new trash can.

Attorney Comments:

None

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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