

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes  
October 12, 2021

## **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 5:35 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing the items on the agenda, and then the work session ended by 5:55 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

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## **Call to Order:**

Mayor Cuttie called the October, 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**

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously, to adopt the October 12, 2021, meeting agenda.

## **Public Hearing**

## **Routine Business**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve September 14, 2021, minutes.

### **Financial Reports:**

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the September, 2021, General and Administration Fund and the Water System Fund Financial Reports.

## **Departmental Reports**

Gerilene Clemons Librarian, gave her report for August and September, 2021. She mentioned that the library in August had 6 books checked out and 5 citizens used the computers. And for September, only two people used the computers.

In addition, she is continuing to bar-code and ISBN# all the books in the library so that they may be entered into the Baker and Taylor cataloging system.

Mayor Cuttie reviewed the Court Report for September that recorded 3 code enforcement violations and one traffic ticket violation.

He then distributed the quarterly report from Meriwether Co. Sheriff's Department that records the total of various calls for service and violations in the Luthersville area.

## **Mayor's Report**

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

1. That the "Keep Meriwether Beautiful" was another success, as five dumpsters were filled, and this year at the Meriwether Co. Public Work Dept. citizens had to show proof of residency before they were allowed to drop off any tires.
2. That Georgia Power has finished installing the LED street lights and will result in a reduction of the city's monthly street lighting electrical cost.
3. That he met with a representative from Street Savers last week and that he reviewed all the streets in the city to help select which street(s) should be prioritized for paving, etc. And, that East Oak St./Luthersville Road is already budgeted for resurfacing and PPI should begin the project by the end of October.
4. That he will now give an update on the bank building, and portions of the ceiling and floors have been replaced due to water leaks over the years. And that the plumbing from the building has been connected to the septic tank. In addition, all new water lines have been installed. Next, will come the indoor plumbing and two restrooms with one being ADA compliant. Also, contractors have been installing a new heat and air system and electrical wiring.
5. That the Meriwether Co. Health Dept. has given approval for the owner of 4 East Oak Street to tap into the bank building's septic system based on the proposed type of business for the establishment.
6. That a smaller version of the Vietnam Wall Tour will be coming to Franklin, GA October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>, with a special ceremony to be held at noon on November 1, 2021.

## Unfinished Business

### **1. Update from Paul Parker on Funding application Status for Recreation Initiatives:**

Council Member Paul Parker gave an update on the grant funding for the recreation project at the municipal complex. He mentioned that the current grant he is working on for the walking path has a deadline date of November 1<sup>st</sup>, and that he has to complete this level of the application to be approved to move on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level. He has scheduled quotes from Playground Boss and Alfaro Concrete companies. In addition, he asked should the walking trail be named and for the city council's consideration.

## New Business

### **1. Setting of the 2021 Tax Millage Rate and Ordinance No. 2021-4:**

Mayor Cuttie reviewed the digest history with the council and citizens present and mentioned that as he had said at last month's council meeting there is no increase in taxes and the millage rate is 10.038. He then called for a motion to adopt the ordinance setting the 2021 property tax rate. Next, Paul Parker Made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

### **2. Recognition for Assistance with the Keep Meriwether Beautiful Clean-up by Mayor Cuttie - Crawford Grading & Pipeline, Lee Kennedy, and Richard Frank**

In as much as the recipients of the recognition certificates were not present, Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he would make sure they received them each. He also said that Mr. Frank had assisted the city for three years now and that the event would not be possible without Crawford Grading's help by providing dumpsters and equipment operated by Lee Kennedy to lift heavy items into the containers.

### **3. City of Luthersville Recreation Commission – Paul Parker**

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he is forming a recreation committee for Luthersville, and he has spoken with Johnsie Reeves, director of the Luthersville Neighborhood Senior Center, and that she had agreed to serve on the recreation committee. He and others hope to expand the Luthersville Recreation outside of the city limits and to include other activities besides physical sports.

### **4. Pop-up Libraries – Vallarie Cuttie:**

Councilmember Vallarie Cuttie gave out information sheets about the satellite library capabilities. She explained that it consists of a wooden box on a post in a popular area of the city where citizens have access to drive up or walk up and pick a book from the library box and also to donate books to the library. Therefore,

the council was in agreement with the idea and approved for the city to purchase one from the company, Little Free Library, Ltd., and up to \$500. Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the funds for the purchases.

**5. Request of Kristin McCoy for Space to Hold a Christmas Project Sponsorship Program:**

Ms. McCoy is an employee of the Cokes Childcare facility of Coweta County. And Council member Concetta Amey reached out to Ms. McCoy concerning her request, and since the time of her request to the city, she has had a space made available to her for her project which will include Christmas items for up to 50 children in Meriwether County, and therefore, she no longer needs the use of the city's space for storage of supplies.

**6. Request of Festiva Blount to use the Ballfield for a Pop-up Shop and Car and Show:**

Ms. Blount was not available to be asked questions by the council concerning her request for the event and car show in November. Therefore, her request is undetermined at this time. The City Clerk will contact Ms. Blount and ask for additional information before the next council meeting.

**Public Comments:**

Limited to Three Minutes

Hazel Jackson, a resident of College Street, mentioned to the council that the junkyard of cars that have been stored on a property on College Street are now being moved to a different location on the street, but have not been removed from the area. Then, Mayor Cuttie replied that he would have Safebuilt look into the situation in two weeks when the company returns to the city.

**Attorney Comments:**

**Council Member Comments:**

**Executive Session:**

Mayor Cuttie called an executive session to discuss a personnel issue, and Paul Parker made a motion to enter into a closed session, second by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

Next, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to exit the closed session.

Then, Mayor Cuttie asked for a couple of motions:

The first was not to renew the City's contractual agreement with SG Technology, LLC and to notify James Stephens the owner of the company by letter of certified mail.

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

The second motion requested by the Mayor is to enter into a contractual agreement with J & T Environmental Services, Inc. for the maintenance of the City's water system.

Finally, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:**

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