

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
December 13, 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 5:55 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the December 2022, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge 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 the December agenda as presented.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

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

Financial Reports:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the November Gen & Admin Financial Report.

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the Water System's Financial Report.

Departmental Reports

No Departmental Reports to give.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That last month's safety walk throughout the town with the Georgia Dept. of Transportation and the agency Safe Routes To School, was a success, as the final report was approved by GDOT and its engineers. And he was approved to use the report for other grant opportunities to expand and improve the sidewalks in Luthersville.
2. That there is a public hearing going to be held at the Meriwether County Board of Commissioner's meeting in Greenville, 9:00 am, in the administrative building, to remove the planning commission at the county level. And he thought that interested citizens might show up to the meeting.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss during the council meeting.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Tomas Guzman Santos and Located at 33 Nall Street:

Council Member Parker asked the business owner if there would be any traffic issues at the residential property, and the owner stated no, that it would only be an office in the home.

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

2. Water System Update – Cody Kelly, J & T Environmental Services, Inc.:

The update began with technician Tara Threadgill mentioning that all the wells are running and the well on Hwy. 54 has been repaired after its previous pump issue, and the water system is now running smoothly. She also recommended additional water sources to handle the proposed growth of the area.

And Mayor Cuttie mentioned that there is an old well to possibly reopen. And he next addressed the issues with the many repairs of old galvanized and PVC pipes on South Main Street and asked what is the best way to go about the replacement of the old lines.

Cody Kelly responded by saying that it would be a cost up front to replace the lines, but that it would be worth it considering the repairs in the South Main Street area, and the repair costs add up over time. He also mentioned that he could prepare a comprehensive plan for the major upgrade.

Mayor Cuttie mentioned the possibility of 3 phase electrical upgrade at the Charlie Fuller well's location.

And Mr. Kelly said that it would be a tremendous cost to the water system and that it would take 10 to 15 years of service to recoup the cost of the upgrade.

Next, Council Member Parker mentioned the noticeable leaks on West Oak and South Main Streets.

Finally, Mr. Kelly mentioned the leak on West Oak St., that the water system could push the idea that the leak sprung when McCoy Grading, which contracted with GDOT for the sidewalk repair at the intersection. And on South Main St., he would get a quote for the city about the repair.

3. Headstart, Early Headstart Update – Tammy Battley, Enrichment Service Program:

Mary Miller, IT for HS, Tammy Battley, Operations Director, and Tracy Belt, Corporations Coordinator, were present to share updated information.

Mary Miller began by mentioning that they are a community action agency and that they have a grant for Meriwether, Troup, and Heard Counties. And that they moved some classrooms from Troup County to Luthersville. And they are very excited about the move, and the move consists of some construction renovation at the Luthersville Complex. Also, they have had some issues with labor and contractors, the price of everything has increased, along with finding qualified workforce. However, they are now full throttle on updating the classrooms.

Also, Tracy Belt has held several community outreach events to find children and other positions that will need to be filled for Luthersville. The funding is based upon the funding for the 16 early head start slots, and the 18 head start slots. And she mentioned that they are 100% on board to have the classrooms open and running.

Next, Tammy Battley mentioned that she was new to the program, but that they are fully committed to getting everything up and moving.

Then, Tracy Belt mentioned that they have to follow processes such as codes and standards and make sure that everything is correct and looks good. And that when the classrooms are open, the center manager will be on-site to take current applications, etc.

Finally, questions from the city council concerning the school calendar, transportation, ribbon cutting, open house, and media were all answered by the team.

4. Meriwether County Action Group Update and Introduction – Leroy Rosser:

Mr. Rosser began his update by introducing himself as the spokesperson for the for the group.

And that the program helps citizens through life changes, helping people to help themselves, and all for the improvement of Meriwether County. He mentioned that the group does not leave out any communities, but focuses mainly on the Northern end of the county to achieve self-reliance. In addition, all opportunities through the county are not readily available to all communities. The group believes in transparency in the county and in meeting the basic needs of youth, adults, and seniors.

Mr. Rosser is a fan of recreation for everyone not excluding other activities in addition to sports. And the goal of the group is to continue to communicate with the Mayor and Council to determine the direction the group needs to work toward.

Finally, they meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Luthersville Complex Cafetorium at 6:00 pm., and the group can be found on Facebook at Meriwether Community Action Group.

5. CBDG – Resolution No., 2022-6 and Correspondence to the GA Dept. of Community Affairs:

Mayor Cuttie proceeded to read the resolution concerning sanitary sewer improvements to the citizens present and asked if anyone had questions. Afterward, he called for a motion for the approval of the resolution. Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously.

6. Recognition of the Luthersville Social Club:

Mayor Cuttie presented Concetta Amey, a member of the Luthersville Social Club, with a certificate of appreciation for the hosting of the City’s annual Christmas Parade and luncheon held afterward.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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