

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
November 14, 2023

Council Members Present:

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Paul Parker

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:45 p.m. with the Mayor Pro-tem Paul Parker and the City Council discussing the items on the agenda; the work session ended at 6:00 p.m., followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order

Paul Parker called the November 2023, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

Paul Parker 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 November meeting agenda with one amendment of agenda item No.7.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the October, 2023, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the October General and Administrative financial report.

Next, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously to approve the Water System's financial report.

Departmental Report:

Sargent Bryant of the Meriwether Co. Sheriff's Department reported the following for October 2023 activity in Luthersville:

47 calls for service, 6 theft/robbery, 1 alarm, one 911 open phone line, 36 miscellaneous calls for service, 11 reports, 4 escorts, 4 suspicious vehicles, 4 accidents, assisted 5 other agencies, 11 domestics, 48 traffic stops, 21 citations, and 2 pending investigations.

He also mentioned that the Sherrif's Department is utilizing license plate reading devices with GSP.

He then answered Paul Parker's questions concerning gunfire on Nall and Cheryle Streets, and he asked if the Sherrif's Dept. had any information on when the bridge between Luthersville and Greenville would be finished.

Sargent Bryant said that the department was investigating the gunfire and that he had no information on the bridge.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Pro-tem Paul Parker Reported the Following:

1. That he congratulated Leonard Sewell on winning the mayor position, and Melissa Wortham for being elected to serve as a council member for post No.1.

Unfinished Business

1. Rental Lease and Including Complex Pavilion:

This item was tabled until the next council meeting.

New Business

1. John Stover of Carter & Sloope Engineers:

John Stover and Eric Nease are representatives from Carter & Sloope. They began by distributing to the council members presentation slides on paper to review concerning the Lead and Copper Rule Service Line Inventory that is required now for every water system in the State of Georgia.

Eric Nease began by going over each slide to explain that the initial inventory of the water lines or the 1st phase is due by October 16, 2024, and includes all water lines public and private. There are several phases to the process. The first step involves using equipment to potholing service lines to determine existing materials. In addition, the use of historical data such as structures building dates like commercial buildings and homes, and utility tap data to determine the service

line materials.

Also, the service lines will be mapped using ArcGIS software which will be beneficial for the water system over time to update information in the field as well as in the office.

Funding for the project has been requested through applications to GEFA. The water system was awarded a \$47,750 grant, and a \$152,250 loan and principal forgiveness. These funds can be utilized to cover the Carter & Sloope project work.

Mr. Stover mentioned that the Lead & Cooper project, the drinking water project, and the sewerage project, would be around 6.1 million dollars. Carter & Sloope have acquired for the city 5.8 million dollars in grant money and with potential \$320,000 in loans to assist with the work on the projects.

2. Proposal from Daniel Hardy of J. B. C. Contractors, LLC:

Paul Parker mentioned that the city council is looking into contracting street services like tree trimming etc., as Meriwether County does not have the manpower to assist the city routinely. The costs are provided to the city council to review and there is nothing to vote on at this meeting.

3. Resolution to Become a “City of Civility:

Mayor Pro-tem mentioned that to save time there is no need to read the entire resolution. However, the basics of the resolution are to conduct yourself in a civil manner when dealing with each other and the citizens of Luthersville.

Then, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to submit the resolution to the Georgia Municipal Association for approval.

4. Annual Membership Meriwether Co. Chamber of Commerce:

A motion was called for the approval to continue the city’s membership with the chamber. And Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously.

5. Picnic Tables for the Downtown City Park:

Paul Parker mentioned that he had been in contact with ULINE, the company that the city purchased the last tables for the new pavilion. And that he had negotiated a discount on the new purchase of \$300 dollars.

He then called for a motion to approve the purchase of the six tables. And Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously.

6. Donation Request of the Luthersville Social Club for the City's Annual Community Luncheon:

Paul Parker mentioned that last year the city donated \$700 for the event, and that this year he would like to suggest an increase to \$800. He then called for a motion to approve the gift.

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

Amended Agenda Item

7. Intergovernmental Agreement with Meriwether County and the City for Code Enforcement:

Paul Parker talked about how the mayor had been in contact with Casandra Shape of the building and zoning department in the county and that the department is running with a full staff, and that it could provide code enforcement to cities in the county. He then called for a motion to approve the agreement.

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

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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