

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
December 12, 2023

Council Members Present:

Mayor Donald Cuttie

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Vallarie Cuttie, Paul Parker

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:45 p.m. with the Mayor 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

Mayor Cuttie called the December 2023, 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

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

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the November, 2023, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the November General and Administrative, and Water System financial reports.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That he has several one-on-one meetings with the Mayor-Elect to inform him about the details of things that are involved with the city. And, they have met with several individuals and organizations such as GMA representative Terrell Jacobs which was very helpful, and Terrell also provided a list of attorneys to the city. They have also met with Scott Whitmire, from Georgia Power concerning the AMI meters, J & T Environmental Services, Carter & Sloop, and Daniel Hardy of JBC Contractors for Municipalities. Leonard signed up to participate in the Leadership Meriwether to learn the operation of the county.
2. That the City Attorney, Danielle Sewell as of December 31st will no longer represent the City of Luthersville. Her practice in representing individuals has become increasingly busy, however, she has made referrals to replace her services to Luthersville.
3. That the city has ended its contract with TextMyGov. And now individuals without computers or smartphones may enroll for Civic Ready by calling 911 and asking to receive important alerts.
4. That the driveway behind the downtown businesses needs repairs, and that he will be reaching out to Crawford Grading to assist.
5. That several individuals are interested in leasing the old bank building that will hold two separate businesses. A photography business in the front, and a coffee shop in the back. Having said that, an additional restroom will have to be installed in the back section of the building.
6. That the refurbished pickleball court is being used by citizens regularly, however, with the short days of fall, suggestions have been made for the court to have lighting installed.
7. That the bridge on Hwy 41 between Greenville and Luthersville has been repaired by GDOT and will reopen for traffic on Wednesday.

Unfinished Business

1. Rental Lease and Including Complex Pavilion:

No action was taken on this item; however, council members discussed a section of the lease that requires a background check and recommended that the lease form continue to be revised.

And, in discussion of the rental of the cafeteria, at a prior meeting, a request for a new refrigerator for the kitchen was brought forward.

Then-Mayor Cuttie called for a motion to purchase a fridge at Lowe's. And Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and passed unanimously.

2. J. B. C. Contractors, LLC – Proposed Prices for Various Street Maintenance:

Mayor Cuttie explained that the prices included in the packets are the fees the company charges for various services that they provide to municipalities. And the use of the company is another option compared to Crawford Grading and McCoy Grading.

New Business

1. Resolution No. 2023-5, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund:

Mayor Cuttie explained that all municipal water systems are now required by the Federal Government to test/inventory for lead and copper piping in its city; and that the city applied for a 200K GEFA grant to assist with the cost of the project. In part of the grant, 47K will be a debt forgiveness loan if the city draws and uses all the funds provided. The resolution is a part of the loan promissory note for the debt forgiveness loan. He then called for a motion to approve the resolution.

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

2. J. B. C. Contractors, LLC – Installation of Speed Limit Signs:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that in the packets is a proposal from Daniel Hardy for the installation of 47-speed limit signs that will reflect the change of speed through the city and approved by resolution to decrease speeds from 35 mph to 25 mph. And then Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously to accept the proposal for \$3,250.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Parker mentioned that he would like to make a few comments. He then stepped to the front of the council chamber and asked if Mayor Cuttie would join him.

Mr. Parker went on to say that he would like to take a moment to recognize Don and his many accomplishments over the past four years. He mentioned that being mayor is not a part-time job even though the position pays like a part-time job. And that he would like to note some of the items brought about by Mayor Cuttie.

Mr. Parker commented that Don negotiated a new water contract and saved the water system thousands of dollars. He enabled the AMI Georgia Power meters to be installed, and he arranged for GA Power LED lights throughout the city. He made sure the city had a code of ordinances posted with Municode, that under recreation, he made possible for a pickleball court, two new playground sets, the walking path in the city park, and the new complex pavilion, He ensured the citizens safety with an emergency siren, applied for a grant with GDOT for the expansion of the sidewalks, and for a left turn signal light to be added at the intersection traffic light. He set up a program to have the city streets resurfaced, and with one street fully paved. He helped to bring the Enrichment Program/Headstart back to Luthersville and this will benefit our community. Mr. Parker remarked that the list could go on with many other attainments.

Now at this time, the one thing that the city council can do is to present Don with a plaque, and not just any plaque, but something special and meaningful that he can be referred to for all eternity, as Mayor Emeritus of Luthersville. And that the City Council appreciates him and all that he has achieved for the City of Luthersville.

Then, City Clerk Gay Harris mentioned that she is not a council member, but during this comment section, she has a couple of items that she would like to present.

First, she began by presenting a certificate of appreciation to Concetta Amey on behalf of the Luthersville Social Club for its arrangement and hosting of the Luthersville annual parade and community luncheon. Secondly, she presented a plaque to Council Member Paul Parker for his eight years of service to the City of Luthersville and its citizens.

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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