

# *City of Luthersville*

Council Minutes

June 11, 2024

## **PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 - Before the Council Meeting Starts**

### **Council Members Present:**

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Paul Parker, Melissa Wortham

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### **Work Session:**

There was a very brief work session after the public hearing had ended.

### **Call to Order**

Concetta Amey, Mayor Pro-tem called the June 11, 2024, council meeting to order.

### **Invocation**

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

### **Pledge Allegiance**

Council Member Concetta Amey led everyone at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

### **Adopt Agenda**

Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to adopt the June meeting agenda with one amendment of item No. 5.

### **Public Hearing**

Concetta Amey opened the public hearing for the discussion of the 2024-2025 budgets.

Inasmuch as no one was present from the general public to come forth with questions, Ms. Amey closed the public hearing.

### **Routine Business**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve the May, 2024.

## **Financial Reports:**

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously to approve the May financial report for the General and Enterprise funds as presented.

## **Departmental Reports**

### **Mayor's Report**

#### **Mayor Sewell Reported the Following:**

There was no Mayor's Report for June.

## **Unfinished Business**

**There was no unfinished business.**

## **New Business**

### **1. Oath of Office Paul Parker:**

At this time in the meeting, City Attorney, Robert Trammell administered the Oath of Office for returning Council Member Paul Parker, who won the May 21<sup>st</sup> election.

### **2. The City of Luthersville Planning Commission's Recommendations – Josh Pollard:**

Mr. Pollard distributed to the city council his presentation booklet depicting the layout of his proposed estate-sized lots for his private drive subdivision. He then mentioned that he had met with the planning commission and the commission gave its recommendation to the city council approving his planned purpose for the property. He said that he is seeking a variance to not have public road access to each of the lots, but a private drive through the property. And that the main purpose of the subdivision is to provide custom housing for his sibling and then to offer to other interested citizens the remainder of the lots for custom housing. He also mentioned that he is seeking the council's approval of the variance before he spends a large amount of funds on the property survey. Also, he is in the process of writing declaration bylaws for the subdivision ensuring that each property owner would share the same responsibilities that he would later provide a copy to the city for his variance file.

Next, Council Parker asked questions concerning security and maintenance for the private drive, and Mr. Pollard assured the city council that the property owners would maintain the private drive just as his family has done at 56 East Oak Street over the past decades.

**3. Josh Pollard, Variance Request and Declaration of Covenants:**

After the presentation and all questions/concerns were addressed, Mayor Pro-tem called for a motion to approve the variance request. Then, Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker, and the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Paul Parker – East Oak Street Speed Limit:**

He expressed his concern for the 25 mph speed signs posted on East Oak Street as the speed limit does not comply with Ordinance No. 2023-1 that the City Clerk included in the council packets. And he wanted to know when the signs would be replaced with 35 mph signs.

City Clerk, Gay Harris mentioned that the city’s IT will have to be notified to return to the city to reprogram the digital signs and that she would have to locate someone to remove the metal 25 mph signs as soon as possible.

**NO. 5 is the Amended Agenda Item**

**5. Review and Approve the Leave of Absence Resolution No. 2024-4 Concerning Mayor Sewell:**

Mayor Pro-tem Amey asked if everyone had the opportunity to look over the resolution distributed at the council meeting for the leave of absence of Mayor Sewell. She then called for a motion.

Next, Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the resolution granting a 60-day leave of absence.

**Public Comments:**

Limited to Three Minutes

**Attorney Comments:**

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member Melissa Wortham concerning a water system moratorium mentioned that she did not have a copy for each council member, but that she gave one to the city attorney and that it is something that the council should think about until the city has the proper data to determine if additional water taps should be issued while waiting on the 4<sup>th</sup> well to be drilled.

The general consensus of the city council is to have the engineers and J&T attend the next meeting to answer questions and give updates.

**Executive Session:**

**Adjournment:**

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