

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
December 10, 2024

Council Members Present:

Mayor: Trammell Williams

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

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:45 with the city council discussing agenda items and ended at 6:00 pm.

Call to Order

Mayor Trammell Williams called the December 10, 2024, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

Trammell Williams led everyone at the meeting with the pledge to the American flag.

Adopt Agenda

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve and amend the agenda with item number three.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the November 2024 minutes.

Financial Reports:

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

Departmental Reports

Mayor's Report

Trammell Williams Reported the Following:

1. He mentioned that the pole decorations were installed on November 18th and that there are 17 additional snowflakes for placement next year.
2. He mentioned that the electrical wire of the lights on the city park tree had been cut, and thus the tree could not be plugged in.
3. That the city is waiting to receive additional bids for the cameras on the municipal complex.

Unfinished Business

1. Seniors' Restrooms:

Inasmuch as 3 bids were received by the city for the refurbishment of the restrooms, Mayor Williams believed that it would be beneficial to engage the services of an architect to follow ADA compliance and to include the updated lighting for the complex, as well as inspect the masonry project in the library of the Enrichment Program.

2. ARPA Funding Obligations:

Mayor Trammell reviewed the quote received for the replacement of water lines on College Street. After a discussion of the information, the city council agreed to seek an additional quote to compare. Then, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to hold a special meeting before the December 31st deadline.

New Business

1. GDOT Luthersville Sidewalks:

Mayor Williams explained to the city council that GDOT had changed its guidelines for the application made by the city for the sidewalk grant, and that now the city would not be required to make 20% matching funds as the state is funding the entire sidewalk extension project. He then asked for a motion to reactivate the application to proceed with the project.

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

2. Request of Virginia Hancock to Address the City Council:

Ms. Hancock, one of the previous council members and mayor of Luthersville, explained that she owns Valentine Orchards, an event center on North Main Street. She then moved into the history of the old barn and the purpose of its renovation. She went on to say that the establishment across the street was holding continual yard sales and she asked that the Mayor and Council investigate the situation as it is causing her to lose venue revenue.

Mayor Williams asked Ms. Hancock to let him examine the situation and get back to her at a later time.

Amended Agenda Item

3. Request for a Business License by Darryl Runyan Located at 13 Highway 54 North.

Mr. Runyan answered the questions of the city council concerning the automotive repair business he wished to establish.

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

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

1.) Judy Truskolaski of 28th First Street complimented the city on how nice the snowflakes looked this year.

2.) Charles Burks of 200 East Oak Street asked the Mayor and Council if the two abandoned homes beside his property that have greatly deteriorated be demolished.

Mayor Williams asked Mr. Burks to give him a month to research the situation.

3.) Andrew Adler of 28 East Oak St. mentioned that he is trying to help Ms. Herrick with her thrift store business on North Main St. He mentioned that he and several other business owners donated funds to have a professional sign made for the building. He further elaborated that he would be in contact with the owner to assist with ideas to aid her business.

Attorney Comments:

Attorney Trammell mentioned to the Mayor and Council that in communicating with the Municipal Court Judge, Rasnick, the state has changed rules concerning traffic cases, and that the deputy could no longer testify and present the traffic case during court proceedings. He also mentioned that the council will need to hire a solicitor to present court cases, and this should be done by the January court date.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Parker mentioned that he would like to have Carter and Sloope at the January meeting to give an update on the water and sewerage projects.

Executive Session:

Mayor Williams explained to all that the council needed to enter into closed session, but that in the cafeteria there are refreshments to enjoy as we bid Attorney Trammell farewell and greet the possible new Attorney, Harry Camp.

Then, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to enter into executive session.

Mayor: Do we have a motion to return to regular session?

Motion: Paul Parker

Second: Ricky Amey

All in favor.

Mayor: Do we have a motion to retain Robert Trammell, Jr., past the end of his time as city attorney solely to deal with the Michael Robertson issue?

Motion: Concetta Amey

Second: Ricky Amey

All in favor.

Mayor: Do we have a motion to instruct Mr. Trammell to respond to Mr. Robertson's attorney's letter with our letter stating that the City's position has not changed: and that we are not obligated to satisfy a contract that does not exist?

Motion: Concetta Amey

Second: Paul Parker

All in favor.

Mayor: Do we have a motion to retroactively (to the time of the last raise) and going forward index all W-2 pay from the City of Luthersville to the Social Security Administration's Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments?

Motion: Concetta Amey

Second: Melissa Wortham

All in favor.

Mayor: Do we have a motion to engage Harry Camp as the next city attorney for the City of Luthersville, Georgia?

Motion: Melissa Wortham

Second: Ricky Amey

All in favor.

Mayor: Do we have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

Motion: Concetta Amey

Second: Melissa Wortham

All in favor.