

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes
February 13, 2024

Council Members Present:

Mayor Leonard Sewell

Council Members: Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Melissa Wortham

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:50 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 Sewell called the February 13, 2024, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge Allegiance

Mayor Sewell 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 adopt the February meeting agenda.

Public Hearing

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve the January, 2024, minutes with one correction.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, to approve the January General and Administrative, and Water System financial reports.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sewell Reported the Following:

1. That it was brought to his attention that he had changed the public comments time to 3 minutes to speak however, he researched, and the 3-minute limit has been in place since Mayor Cuttie changed the agenda format.

Unfinished Business

1. Rental Lease and Including Complex Pavilion:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously to table this item until the executive session.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Wes Cook and Located at 12 Short Street:

After Mr. Cook explained the nature of his welding business and answered the city council's questions, Mayor Sewell called for a motion.

Then, Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Melissa Wortham, and passed unanimously, for the city to grant a business license to Mr. Cook

2. Approval of Support Letter for Meriwether Co. Board of Commissioner's RAISE grant transportation Improvement:

Melissa Wortham made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, approving the mayor's issuance of the in-support letter.

3. Holiday Outdoor Décor – Discussion Concerning Christmas Lights:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to table this item for a separate special meeting.

4. Recommendation from the Luthersville Planning Commission – Variance Request by Lauren Lucas:

Mayor Sewell called for a member of the planning commission to report its recommendation for Ms. Lucas. Then, Roger Mohlenhoff read the letter submitted to the city council by Malease Burg, Chair for the commission. The commission approves the request of Ms. Lucas to amend the zoning ordinance of the city's (R45) district, with stipulations of one vehicle at a time, little to no traffic, small signage, and a 10x10 office building.

Next, the city clerk mentioned that the public hearing would be held at the next council meeting and must be published in the newspaper and the property posted with the zoning sign.

Finally, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to move forward with the request.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Wesley Bellamy of 48 East Oak Street mentioned that he would like to see on the next agenda, to fire the Sherrif's Department for public safety, and install cameras on the digital traffic speed signs.

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Melissa Wortham mentioned that we need more citizens at the monthly council meetings.

Executive Session:

Mayor Sewell called for a motion to end the regular council meeting then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to enter into a closed session to discuss personnel and property.

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to exit the closed session,

During the closed session, there was a discussion concerning a new city attorney for Luthersville since Daniell Sewell resigned at the end of 2023.

Next, Mayor Sewell called for a motion to appoint Robert T. Trammell, Jr. as the city's municipal legal counsel/attorney.

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

Also, Mayor Sewell suggested that the special meeting be set for Tuesday, February 20, at 5:00 pm to discuss the complex's leases and Christmas Decorations.

Then, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Ricky Amey, and passed unanimously, to exit the closed session.

Adjournment:

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