

City of Luthersville

Council Minutes

May 11, 2021

Council Members Present:

Mayor Donald Cuttie,
Concetta Amey, Ricky Amey, Vallarie Cuttie, Paul Parker

Work Session:

The work session began at 5:30 p.m. with the Mayor and City Council discussing items on the agenda, the work session ended by 5:57 p.m. followed by the regular monthly council meeting.

Call to Order:

Mayor Cuttie called the May 11, 2021, council meeting to order.

Invocation

Council Member Concetta Amey gave the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cuttie 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 May 11, 2021, meeting agenda with no changes.

Public Hearing

Mr. Whitaker was not available during the public hearing to answer questions if any had arisen, therefore, Mayor Cuttie asked for motions to exit the regular session council meeting and enter into the public hearing as follows:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey to exit the council meeting and a motion to enter into the public hearing, and passed unanimously.

Mayor Cuttie called the public hearing for the rezoning request of David Whitaker's 6.11 acres from general commercial to general industrial and locate at 125 South Main Street. And since there were no public comments concerning the request, Mayor Cuttie closed the public hearing and asked for motions to exit the public hearing and reenter the regular council meeting to vote on the rezoning request.

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to exit the public hearing.

And, Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Paul Parker and passed unanimously, to reenter the regular council meeting.

Finally, Paul Parker made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to approve the zoning request of Mr. Whitaker.

Routine Business

Approval of Minutes:

Vallarie Cuttie made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve April 13, and April 14, 2021, minutes.

Financial Reports:

Ricky Amey made a motion, seconded by Concetta Amey, and passed unanimously, to approve April 2021, Financial Reports for the Operational Fund and the Water Enterprise Fund.

Departmental Reports

Fire:

Chief Haney was not available to give his report for the volunteer fire department.

Library:

Librarian, Gerilene Clemons reported that the library had been slow for April with one new member, one book checked out, and two citizens used the computers for internet access. She then reported that she joined Baker and Taylor's Sustainable Shelves Program. And finally, she reported that the library's Summer Reading Program will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 am in July.

Water System:

James Stephens was not present at this time to give the report for the water system.

Meriwether County North Precinct:

There was not a North Precinct representative available to give an update.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cuttie Reported the Following:

1. That the contract with Georgia Power for its Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) has been signed and will be on its way to the company.
2. That the demolition of wing A is underway.
3. That the newly purchased recreation playground equipment will be delivered on June 1st and 2nd.
4. That the donation to the Woodbury Ag Tech Center was greatly appreciated and the city is working with Azimuth, a grant writing company, for possible grants to fund the project.
5. That the Keep Meriwether Beautiful cleanup day held Saturday, April 17, 2021, was a success. With 7 dumpsters filled and overflowing to the city's parking lot.
6. That the city should create a process for recognition of citizens who volunteer their services to assist the city in times of need such as a certificate of appreciation.
7. That Mary Ellen Amey Street has been successfully paved. And that this year under the six-year program the city joined to monitor the streets of Luthersville for the need of upkeep, that the city has paved MEA Street, and repaired Kelly Farm Drive, and the City Park parking area. And the city with the paving index portion of the program is currently at a .7%. Also, the street monitoring program takes into consideration the usage of streets and the condition of streets in the city to determine which streets require paving. In Addition, soon the city will join Meriwether County in its paving project of Luthersville Road to finish paving East Oak Street, and the cost of the East Oak St. paving is estimated to be \$200,180.

Unfinished Business

1. Fire Hydrant Report:

The report in the council packets is one page of a 13-page report. The actual report gives the physical locations of the fire hydrants, GPS locations, and the flow rate of water from each one. Also, on the report, the red squares represent fire hydrants that are missing or out-of-service by shut-offs over the years but now have been reactivated. One hydrant that is missing is in Chambliss Village and the county has agreed to replace it since it was struck by tractor mowing of the county's right-a-ways. In addition, a fire hydrant located at 200 Opal Street will need to be repaired/replaced at the city's expense.

2. Film and Television Production Permit:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the permit application in the council packets was modified to fit the City of Luthersville and ready to be adopted tonight however, after the fact, he realized that the city should probably adopt a resolution to use the permit form for filming in Luthersville. The general consensus is to have the resolution at next month's meeting ready to adopt.

New Business

1. Request for a Business License by Russell Knight and Located at 4 East Oak Street to Operate a Tattoo Parlor:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that he had spoken to Mr. Knight earlier before the meeting and told him that the state controls the permitting process for tattoo parlors and that Senate Bill 2014 by Governor Kemp gives notification that body art artists should contact the county health department to get the process started. Also, that council will not be voting for the business license at this council meeting.

2. Request of Mia Amey to Host a Pop-Up Shop Event on July 31, 2021, and Located at the City's Recreation Baseball Field:

Concetta Amey made a motion, seconded by Vallarie Cuttie, and passed unanimously, to allow the event to be held on the city's property provided the proper liability insurance certificate is issued to the city.

3. Law Enforcement Agreement:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the safety agreement amendment issued by Sheriff Smith at last month's council meeting is reasonable to consider the usage of the county's vehicles and a pay increase for the deputies. However, he mentioned that he would like to negotiate the agreement to have the North Precinct begin enforcing the city's local ordinances.

4. Request for Qualifications – Engineering Services:

Mayor Cuttie mentioned that the RFQ is a requirement and was posted on the state's Procurement area of the Department of Administrative Services website. And that it expired on May 10th with the city receiving four requests for qualifications for engineering services for the sewerage project for the city. Also, after he carefully reviews the four packets, a decision will be made by the 24th of May. This is a step in the process to enable the application process for the many different types of government grants and loans to fund the project. The Georgia Environmental Finance Agency's (GEFA) deadline is June 1st to have the city's application in place for the board meeting in August. And if all falls into place as planned, the project should begin in the year 2022.

Public Comments:

Limited to Three Minutes

Attorney Comments:

Council Member Comments:

Executive Session:

Adjournment:

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