

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

August 1, 2005

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, August 1, 2005, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Derrick McElwaney, Mayor Pro-Tem; Stan Parten, Council Member; Larry Hyde, Council Member; Clay Cole, Council Member; Robin Spradlin, Town Administrator; Donna Camp, Town Clerk.

Also in attendance: Collis Brown and Mindy Crean of the Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Management Office, Gwen Lyons, Polly Garlington, Herb Bridges, and Elizabeth Richardson of the Times-Herald.

Mayor Staley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on July 11, 2005 were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Collis Brown and Mindy Crean of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Management Office addressed the Mayor and Council on the Floodplain Management Ordinance and joining the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is a program of flood insurance and flood loss reduction. The NFIP will make federally backed flood insurance available to all residents of communities that voluntarily adopt and enforce regulations to reduce losses resulting from flooding. Flood loss reduction is accomplished by regulating all development occurring in flood hazard areas within the community's jurisdiction as identified on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) flood maps. The Mayor and Council would like some time to review the ordinance and have discussions on the National Flood Insurance Program.

Sharon Hazel of Old Town Antiques in Sharpsburg addressed the Mayor and Council about different events coming up in downtown Sharpsburg.

- August 20, 2005 - Flea Market 9am - 5pm
- August 21, 2005 - Car Show hosted by Bryson Richards of Richards Studio.

- 3rd Saturday of every month that doesn't have a festival a flea market will be held.
- September 17 & 18, 2005 is the Fall Festival.

The Town currently pays for the dumpsters, port-a-potties and grass cutting for both the Spring and Fall Festivals. Council Member Cole motioned to continue providing those services for the merchants of Sharpsburg. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Sharon Hazel also asked the Mayor and Council if the Town could pay for part of the expense to man the barricades at the Fall Festival. It was asked if the proceeds from the festival were going to the Sharpsburg Merchants Association and it was stated that the proceeds goes to Herb Bridges and Sharon Hazel. The Mayor said this issue would be held over to the next council meeting.

Administrator's comments -

- The Old Town Sharpsburg Cooking Crew entered the "Up in Smoke" BBQ cook-off on July 23, 2005. They entered the ribs and Brunswick stew competitions. The Crew was awarded 2nd place in the Brunswick stew and was awarded a trophy.
- Given to the Mayor, Council and public was an article from the Atlanta Journal on Infill Development.
- At the July 11, 2005 Council Meeting, the Town rescheduled the 2nd reading and proposed scheduled adoption of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning map for September 12, 2005. Since numerous recommended changes have been brought to the Town's attention, the schedule has changed. The 1st reading and Public Hearing of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map has been set for August 22, 2005 at 7pm at the Bridges Recreation Center. A notice will be posted in the Times-Herald and is currently posted on the message board at Town Hall. Notices of the meeting were also given out at this meeting.
- The regularly scheduled Council meeting in September has been rescheduled for September 8, 2005 at 7pm in the Bridges Recreation Center due to the Labor Day Holiday. 2nd reading and proposed scheduled adoption of the Zoning and other ordinances will also be held at this meeting.

Mayor Staley polled the Council for comments - N/A

Mayor's Minutes - It had been brought to the Mayor's attention that a citizen had questioned why the Mayor and Council defer to staff when specific questions are posed during Council meetings. The Mayor explained that all of the Council have full time jobs and are not able to spend a great deal of time at Town Hall. While they are aware

of all of the issues, it is not always necessary for them to be apprised of all details. Since the staff is involved with the issues on a daily basis, they are better prepared to answer most questions. The Council will continue to defer questions to staff as needed during Council meetings.

Polly Garlington asked when the Historic District Overlay District was adopted why changes made to the Overlay did not have to be brought before and approved by the Mayor and Council. Council Member McElwaney stated all changes to any documents will come before the Mayor and Council and that the language will be changed in the ordinance to reflect this.

There being no further business coming before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk