

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

February 6, 2006

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 6, 2006, 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; Robin Spradlin, Town Administrator and Donna Camp, Town Clerk. Council Members Cole and Hyde were absent.

Also in attendance: Marilyn Hall, Bobby Sills, Eric Olsen, Eric Richards, Sharon Hazel, Judge Mike Martin, Tom Whitney, Gwen Lyons, Polly Garlington, Herb Bridges,

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 January 16, 2006 were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Eric Richards, President of the Sharpsburg Merchants Association, addressed the Mayor and Council giving them an update on what's happening with the downtown merchants:

- Over the past few years business in the Town has dropped.
- The 9 members of the SMA are very optimistic about the future plans of the Town with the new streetscapes coming and the annexations that are proposed for the Town.
- The SMA will be printing new brochures to distribute and starting up a new website.
- A Flea Market that was held in the Lakewood area is closing down and interest has sparked in having it relocated to downtown Sharpsburg. The Merchants have decided to give it a try on the 3rd weekend of every month except April and September when the annual festivals are scheduled. The Flea Market will be solely sponsored by the SMA. Initially no public roads will need to be closed for the Flea Market but if there is high turn out then in the future that could be a possibility.

The Mayor asked that the Sharpsburg Merchants Association keep the Mayor and Council informed of their activities.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to amend the agenda and move the item of the Resolution to submit the Community Assessment and the Community Participation Program portions of the 20-year Comp. Plan Update to Chatt-Flint RDC and DCA for review' to the end of the meeting. An error in the projected population totals in the Technical Addendum was found and needs to be corrected. Marilyn Hall will resubmit it to the Mayor and Council for their consideration. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley presented a resolution to submit an opposition to any legislation that restricts the rights of property owners seeking to annex into the Town. Administrator Spradlin read the resolution in its entirety. The resolution will be forwarded to our State Legislators and Representatives. Council Member McElwaney motioned to approve resolution. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley called for first reading of two Ordinances for LL 116 & 123 Tract 4 and LL 116 Tract 3 (White and Willanzheimer) applications for annexation and rezoning was scheduled for 2nd reading for tonight's council meeting. The Mayor and Council would like additional time to consider these applications. The 2nd reading and possible adoption is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2006 at 7:00pm. Copies of all the Ordinances were previously presented to Council and were available for inspection by public. Motions to accept 1st reading as originally presented on December 19, 2005 at 7:00pm:

- White Annexation Ordinance (LL 116 & 123 Tract 4) - Council Member McElwaney motioned, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Willanzheimer Annexation Ordinance (LL 116 Tract 3) - Council Member Parten motioned, Council Member McElwaney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- White Initial Rezoning Ordinance (LL 116 & 123 Tract 4) - Council Member Parten motioned, Council Member McElwaney seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Willanzheimer Initial Rezoning Ordinance (LL 116 Tract 3) - Council Member McElwaney motioned, Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's comments - There were none.

Mayor Staley polled the Council for comments -

- Council Member McElwaney said it had been brought to his attention that there is a stormwater issue behind Erik Olsen's house and that he would like to investigate it further and report at the March Council meeting.

Mayor Staley asked the Public for comments -

- Erik Olsen of 100 Terrentine Road said the ditch behind his house has been overflowing and flooding the baseball field and also his septic tank lines. He is having his drain fill lines replaced and hoped that would solve part of the problem. Council Member McElwaney will follow up on the stormwater issue.
- Herb Bridges asked if the 2 annexations that were held for 1st reading would cost the Town any legal fees. The Mayor assured Mr. Bridges that they would not.

Mayor Staley called for a recess of 10 minutes.

Mayor Staley called the meeting back in session.

Marilyn Hall presented to the Mayor and Council the corrected population projections in the Technical Addendum and explained the 4 different population scenarios. A copy of the changes is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Staley presented a resolution to submit the Community Assessment and the Community Participation Program portions of the 20-year Comp. Plan Update to Chatt-Flint RDC and DCA for review. Council Member McElwaney motioned to approve resolution. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk