

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

**April 3, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, April 3, 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; Clay Cole, Council Member; Larry Hyde, Council Member; Robin Spradlin, Town Administrator and Donna Camp, Town Clerk.

Also in attendance: Cheryl Hyde, Eric Richards, SMA President, Sharon Hazel, Gwen Lyons, Polly Garlington and 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 Public Hearing, Council Meeting and Work session held on March 6, 2006 were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Eric Richards addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Confederate Army Reenactment Team holding demonstrations during the Spring Festival. They are requesting the permission to fire muskets at various times during the festival. There will be cotton wading used instead of musket balls. There will also be cannons on site but they will not be fired. The Soldiers will camp behind Richards Studio and Books of Light. On Friday, April 21, 2006, school groups will be attending demonstrations from 9am - 12pm. They will be walking around the festival on Saturday and Sunday. Mayor Staley polled the citizens to see if anyone had any objections and there were none. Council Member Cole motioned to allow the firing of the muskets during the festival. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley announced the withdrawal of four Ordinances for LL 116 & 123 Tract 4 and LL 116 Tract 2 applications for annexation and rezoning which was scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for tonight's council meeting. Mayor stated that the new land owners would possibly be resubmitting an application for annexation and rezoning at a later date.

Mayor Staley called for second reading on the Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. On August 1, 2005, 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. Council Member Cole motioned to accept 2nd reading and adoption of the Floodplain Management/Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Council Member Hyde seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Staley cancelled public hearing and second reading on the Zoning Amendment Ordinance which was previously given to the council for their review and comments. The amendment to the ordinance is establishing the new zoning district of R1A - Single Family Residential. This new district is intended to permit a combination of low-density residential uses of various types. The zoning district R1A is solely for use in initial zoning associated with annexation of unincorporated property into the Town. The ordinance will be resubmitted for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at a later date.

Mayor Staley presented a resolution creating an Impact Fee Advisory Committee for the purposes of advising council concerning the adoption of a development impact fee ordinance. Council Member Parten motion to accept the resolution creating an Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Administrator's comments -

- April 10, 2005 from 5pm - 7pm there will be an open house to learn about the Comprehensive Planning Process. At 7pm a Public Hearing will be on the Capital Improvement Element.
- Coweta County is conducting meetings with the individual municipalities and a public meeting on April 11, 2006 to receive feedback regarding the proposed joint comprehensive transportation plan. Administrator had previously provided copies to Council for their review on March 24. Administrator will attend the meeting and discuss the following comments.
  - Hwy 154/Terrentine St. Intersection project is proposed with two left turn lanes and should be clarified with County Planning department.
  - Suggestion that the four-lane of Highway 154 project be moved to Marion Beavers Road to connect directly to Highway 16.
  - New East Sharpsburg Connector should be programmed before 2030.

Mayor Staley polled the Council for comments - There were none.

Mayor's Minutes - The various signs popping up around town are not in compliance with the Town's sign ordinance. Also, home occupations do require a business license. Please see that all signs permits and business licenses are acquired.

Comments from the Public -

- Sharon Hazel presented each member of the Council with a letter from herself. None of the Council Members had any comment.
- Polly Garlington wanted to know when the right of way cutting would begin. Administrator Spradlin said it was to start in April.
- Herb Bridges asked when the Town limits sign in front of the Arrowwood's house had been relocated. Administrator Spradlin reported that the sign had been in its present location for several years now. The Town had requested from GDOT to relocate the sign and they denied the request.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and proceed into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member Hyde motioned to adjourn the Executive Session and return to the regular meeting of the Council. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to accept the wage and salary ranges for the present hourly employment position:

Town Clerk: Low \$14.61 to High \$17.91 with the position also getting paid medical insurance for employee only retroactive to January 1, 2006 as recommended by Finance Committee. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to accept the wage and salary ranges for the present hourly/salary employment position:

Town Administrator: Low/Hourly \$23.09 to High/Hourly \$26.56  
Low/Salary \$46,170 to High/Salary \$55,248

The position will be a salary position with the pay of \$52,000/year as recommended by Finance Committee. No overtime or insurance with a travel allowance of \$125 per month. Council Member Parten seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

A copy of the wage and salary ranges for present employment positions as recommended by Finance Committee are attached to these minutes.

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

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Donna M. Camp  
Town Clerk