

**TOWN OF SHARPSBURG
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

April 25, 2006

A work session of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 5:00pm, at the Parks of Olmstead Club House on Mary Freeman Road in Newnan.

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

Mayor Staley called the session to order at 5:00pm.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Council Member Hyde motioned to amend the agenda to add the discussion of Service Delivery Strategy. Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Administrator Spradlin had just returned from a CIA meeting with the County and the municipalities. The County distributed a new draft of the Service Delivery Strategy to each of the municipalities for their review. The County would like all comments back by May 8, 2006.

Administrator Spradlin has been meeting with County Administrator Theron Gay regarding the Town purchasing water from the County. The Administrators are going over several conditional items before a decision is finalized. There is another meeting scheduled for the end of the week with the County.

General Manager Dennis McIntire of Newnan Utilities gave a presentation to Council Member McElwaney and Administrator Spradlin on Monday, April 24, 2006 on a new service of providing distributed sewer to the Town of Sharpsburg. Mr. McIntire will be scheduling a presentation for the full council in a week to ten days.

Council Member McElwaney motioned to adjourn the regular meeting and proceed into Executive Session for discussion of real estate acquisition and potential litigation. 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.

There was no motion made after the close of executive session.

The Pathway Development of Regional Impact (DRI) came before the DRI Board of Directors at Chatt-Flint RDC on April 18, 2006 at 7pm. Mayor Staley recused himself from the vote. Chatt-Flint RDC had submitted to the Board their recommendation of their approval of the DRI with

no adverse effects on the State. The DRI Board voted to recommend that the Pathway project is in the best interest of the region.

The Town Clerk stated that Erik Olsen had called the office on Friday, April 21, 2006 and requested that we set up a meeting, concerning the storm drainage issue behind Mr. Olsen's house, between himself and Herb Bridges with one of the Council Members facilitating the meeting. Previous advice from David Winkle, Town Attorney, was that the Town should not get involved because it is not a Town matter and let the two property owners handle it themselves.

Council Member Cole motioned that the Sharpsburg Town Council discontinue the pursuit of acquiring the Old Church building. The exorbitant costs to relocate the structure were well above initial expectations and therefore would not be a wise use of the taxpayer funds. Council Member McElwaney seconded. Mayor Staley will contact Dr. Watson Mills to let him know. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Council Member Hyde has had several complaints pertaining to the Spring Festival that was held this past weekend in Sharpsburg. The parking was not designated properly. The roads were not blocked. Residents on Stovall Street were blocked into their driveways. The Mayor asked that a set of regulations for all Festivals and special events be drawn up in an ordinance before the next event. Some of the items to include: Permit for the Festival should be obtained by the Sharpsburg Merchants Association. Parking and Barricade Plans submitted to the Council for approval by the SMA for the Festival 90 days before the festival begins. Tents, Booths, Signs and cordoned off areas should be removed within 24 hours after the festival ends. An off duty police officer should be in attendance at all times during the festival. On the mornings of the festival the roads will be blocked off to everyone after 8:30 am and anyone needing to set up after that time will have to carry in their items. The SMA will also need to secure liability insurance for all festivals.

Finance Officer Spradlin discussed the 2005 year end financial statements and March 31, 2006 bank balances with the Mayor and Council. The office of Mauldin & Jenkins will be performing the Town's audit this year. They will be in the office on Thursday and Friday, April 27 & 28th.

Mayor and Council reviewed the proposed Short Term Work Program in its entirety. Several changes were suggested and those will be submitted to Marilyn Hall, Hall Planning, for editing.

At the June 5, 2006 Council Meeting, we will be having two public hearings, one on the zoning ordinance and one on the policies and procedures, first reading on the zoning ordinance. Copies will be given to the Mayor and Council prior to the meeting for their review.

There being no further business before the Council, the work session was adjourned.

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk