

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

February 4, 2008

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, February 4, 2008, at 6:30pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Keith Rhodes, Council Member; Polly Garlington, Mayor Pro-Tem; Connie Turner, Council Member; Gordy Anderson and Donna Camp, Town Clerk. Mayor McElwaney was absent.

Clerk Donna Camp called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

The Town Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

The minutes of the Public Hearing and Council Meeting held on January 7, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington presented a resolution to authorize Mayor McElwaney to execute the LOST agreement with the County for the Town of Turin. Council Member Rhodes motioned, Council Member Anderson seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington called for a motion to authorize Mayor McElwaney to execute documents to ratify appointments to GIRMA's Board. Council Member Rhodes motioned, Council Member Anderson seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Girl Scout Troop 397 will be hosting the 1st Annual Town of Sharpsburg Arbor Ceremony on April 25, 2008. Girl Scout Cadet Hannah Neal addressed the Council on the Troops plans for the Ceremony:

- Flag Ceremony
- Sing patriotic songs
- History of Arbor Day
- Recite poems about trees
- Story boards about the Georgia Forestry
- Plant tree
- Refreshments

Cadet Neal asked and requested several ideas for the Ceremony:

- Recommendation for where the Town would like the main tree planted?
- Can the Troop use the Town's American Flag during the Ceremony? Yes
- Could they use the Recreation Center in the event of bad weather or other unforeseen reasons? Yes
- Any suggestions for our troop? Contact the Georgia Forestry to see if they would allow Smokey the Bear to participate in the festivities and see if they would also date some of the old trees in the Town.

Sharpsburg's Tree Board Chairwoman Cindy Neal presented estimates to the Council for trimming of the trees in the right of ways in downtown Sharpsburg. The estimates came from J&R Tree Service and Newman Tree Service. The Mayor and Council will look over the estimates and will address again at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington polled the Council for comments -

- The Mayor and Council each received a letter from Mr. Bridges requesting the cancellation of the Streetscapes Projects in downtown Sharpsburg. He suggests adding lamp-posts, cement benches and planters with no disruption along Main Street. Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington asked that Mr. Bridges come up with a plan to purchase the aforementioned items and method of funding to submit at the next Council Meeting. A copy of the letter will be attached to these minutes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Minutes -

- Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington hosted a meeting of the Sharpsburg Merchants Association and it was requested of the Town to decide if the 2008 Spring Festival will be held or cancelled due to the pending Streetscapes Project. The Town has been advised that the Streetscapes Project will be underway in April. Council Member Turner motioned to cancel the Spring Festival due to the Streetscapes Project, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington met with several members of the previous Sharpsburg Garden Club to see if they would be interested in bringing their monthly meetings back to the building that houses the Library. Mayor Pro-Tem asked for a motion to allow the Garden Club to use the Library as their meeting place once again. Council Member Rhodes motioned, Council Member Turner seconded. Motion carried with a show of hands, unanimously.

Clerk's Comments -

- Mr. Bridges asked to be brought up to date on the maintenance of the tennis courts. Clerk Camp stated that she had discussed with Mayor McElwaney earlier in the day about ordering the equipment to update the tennis courts. The maintenance was approved with the 2008 Budget. Clerk Camp will be requesting updated bids for the equipment.

Public Comments - Mrs. Lyons asked if there was anything the Town could do to get the newspaper delivers to not throw papers to driveways that are apparently not picking up their papers.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk