

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

May 4, 2009

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, May 4, 2009, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

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

Also in attendance were: Debbie May, Gwen Lyons, Blue Cole, Eric Richards, Eric Olsen and Herb Bridges.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington 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 April Council Meeting held on March 30, 2009 and the Worksessions held on March 16th and April 13th were reviewed and approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington called for a motion to accept 2nd reading and adoption of the amendment to the Environmental Ordinance. The amendment is concerning the re-establishment of open burning for the Town. Council Member Turner motioned to approve 2nd reading and adoption of the amendment to the Environmental Ordinance, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington asked for comments, Eric Olsen asked if he wanted to build a fire to cook if that would be okay. Council Member Turner said that the amendment allowed for cooking on an open fire. Motion carried.

Blue Cole of Ansley's Attic is requesting the use of the Library's restroom for the Merchants use. Council Member Turner motioned to allow the use of the Library restroom for the Merchants use, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington asked for comments, Eric Richards of the Sharpsburg Merchants Association said the Merchants would pump the septic tank, repair security light, clean, lock and maintain the restroom. Council Member Rhodes motioned to accept the conditions presented by Mr. Richards on a trial basis if the Attorneys signed off on the liability notice; Council Member Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington called for a vote on the first motion to allow the use of the Library restroom for the Merchants use, motion carried.

Public Comments

➤ Eric Olsen -

- It is the Town's responsibility to provide a restroom for the public.
- Heard rumors that the tennis courts would be removed, Mayor Pro-Tem Garlington conveyed the ideas of Mayor McElwaney.

- Wants the streetscapes mowed and would like to be put on the list for grass cutting in the Town if decided to put out bids.

➤ Herb Bridges -

- Would like to thank Mayor McElwaney for getting Haines Trail entrance and the sidewalk on Terrentine fixed before the Spring Festival.

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➤ Connie Turner - n/a

➤ Keith Rhodes - n/a

➤ Polly Garlington -

- Asked about the status of Williams Circle drain repair, County has request.
- Received a copy of a letter sent to the Town from an Attorney offering their services for Municipal Court Judge. Mayor Pro-Tem wanted to know why we didn't follow up on the letter and why the Council Members didn't receive a copy. The Clerk stated that we already have a Municipal Court Judge and the Town only received a letter to the Mayor. The letter was given to the Mayor and since the Town had a Judge, no action was taken.

Clerk's Comments - n/a

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk