

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

October 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, October 5, 2009, at 7:10pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Bridges Recreation Center.

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

Also in attendance were: Celene Davenport, Wendell & Margaret Staley, Polly Garlington, Roy Matthews and Herb Bridges.

Council Member Anderson 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 September 8, 2009 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Council Member Turner motioned to appoint Council Member Anderson to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to serve thru the first meeting in January, 2010.

Polly Garlington presented a power point presentation about the various sign violations in the town and meeting notice laws. She asked that the Mayor and Council address these items in a timely manner. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the clerks meeting notes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson asked the Town Clerk Camp to give an overview of the S.A.V.E. Program - Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement Program; state law now mandates that anyone who makes application for an occupational tax (business license), alcohol license, insurance company license and several other benefits has to fill out a form with the town verifying U.S. citizenship. Council Member Rhodes motioned to authorize Town Clerk Camp as the Town's designee for the S.A.V.E program and to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Council Member Tuner seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson asked the Council if there were any objections to letting Mayor McElwaney address this item of the Tree Committee when he returns. There were no objections.

Public Comments

➤ Herb Bridges -

- Please repair the entrance to the north lot (section A) of the festival area.
- Mr. Bridges wanted to know when the Town plans on turning on the Christmas tree lights. The Sharpsburg Merchants Association has always been responsible for turning on the Christmas tree.

A copy of the Audience Participation Form is attached to these minutes.

➤ Roy Matthews -

- Use the funds the Council allocated for the Tree Committee in the 2009 Budget.
- Looked at the trees with Mr. Budd of the GA Forestry.
- Several hazard trees in town. Some need to be replaced.
- Replace removed trees with new trees.
- Water all new trees planted.
- Asked the County to water the trees
- Purchase a pull behind water tank or tank to go in back of truck.
- \$7. - \$10. per 400 gallons of water to be bought from the County
- The company that cuts the grass should be responsible for filling water bags around trees
- Heritage Tree Program
- Arbor Day
- Host round table tree conference

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- Connie Turner - The Mayor did not get the ditch or the problem in front of her house repaired before the festival as he had promised.
- Keith Rhodes - Polly Garlington asked him to bring up the topic of signage. He agreed that something needs to be done about all the signs in the Town.

Clerk's Comments - n/a

Mayor Pro-Tem's Minutes - Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The enforcement of ordinance complaints will be addressed by the Council. The Christmas lights will be purchased when they are put out for sale where we bought them last year.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk