

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

January 6, 2014

A regular scheduled meeting of the Sharpsburg Town Council was held Monday, January 6, 2014, at 7:00pm, in the Town of Sharpsburg at the Sharpsburg Recreation Center.

Present were the following: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Clay Cole, Council Member; Keith Rhodes, Council Member; Donna Camp, Town Clerk. Council Members Davenport and McElwaney was absent.

Also in attendance were: Polly Garlington and Great-Granddaughter Shelby.

Mayor Staley called the regular scheduled meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was delivered.

Clerk Donna Camp administered the oaths of office to Council Members Clay Cole and Keith Rhodes.

The Clerk verified there was a quorum present.

Mayor Staley called to order the public hearing for the renewal of loan. Mayor Staley discussed the terms of the loan (which are attached to the minutes) and called for any comments. No comments.

Mayor Staley called to order the public hearing for the General Fund & SPLOST Fund Budgets. Mayor Staley called for any comments and Polly Garlington wanted to know if the \$50 appropriated for festivals meant that the town did not plan on having a festival this year. It's not in the plans to have one this year. No further comments were had.

Mayor Staley called to order the public hearing for the Alcohol Ordinance Amendment. Mayor Staley explained that this ordinance is lowering the alcohol license fee for retail consumption dealer (distilled spirits, malt beverage and wine) from \$5000.00 a year to a first year onetime fee of \$2000.00. Mayor Staley asked for any comments. Council Member Cole stated that he wanted to make sure that everyone is aware that we are doing this to promote business growth in the town. No further comments were had.

The minutes of the December 9 2013 Council Meeting were reviewed and approved as written by unanimous vote, and were filed in the minute book of the Town.

Mayor Staley asked for a motion to renew the loan with United Community Bank. Council Member Rhodes motioned to renew, Council Member Cole seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley asked for a motion to accept 1st Reading on the lowering the alcohol license fee for retail consumption dealer (distilled spirits, malt beverage and wine) from \$5000.00 a year to a first year onetime fee of \$2000.00. Council Member Cole motioned to accept first reading, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Council Member Cole asked that the wording be changed in the ordinance so it states that the town is doing this to promote business growth in the town Motion carried, unanimously.

Mayor Staley asked for a motion to accept a bid to restrain and seal the siding on the Recreation Building. The bid is for \$2600 to restrain and \$2600 to seal. Council Member Cole motioned to accept bid, Council Member Rhodes seconded. Motion carried, unanimously.

Public Comments -

- Polly Garlington -
 - Work session - Clerk will address this in clerks comments.
 - Senoia has stores with no bathrooms and shared bathrooms. They also use the same building inspector as the Town of Sharpsburg.

Polling of the Council -

- Clay Cole - n/a
- Keith Rhodes - Still working on the website.

Clerks Comments -

- Campaign Contribution Disclosure Forms are due by 01/08/14. The elected officials are responsible for submitting these. The clerk will take over the responsibility for all forms starting January 2014.
- There will be a meeting on Monday, January 13th at 7pm to adopt the budget and millage rate.
- A work session is set for Saturday, January 25th. I will send out an email to the Council and affected parties to make sure the date is okay with everyone.

Mayor's Minutes -

- Council Member Davenport wanted to thank everyone about the street light that was installed on Sunset Drive. It has helped out.
- There was a complaint about a rental house at 100 Williams Circle. The owners were called and they said they would take care of it.
- The yellow signs in front of the Corner Shell gas station need to be removed. We allow them for about 2 weeks on a new business. They need to be removed. Council Member Cole said he would speak to the owners of the store.
- Eagle project at the library has been completed. The sidewalk looks great. Everyone please go by and look at it.
- To Ms. Garlington, we need to get the key back for the library. She stated she thinks there is either a mouse or a squirrel getting into the library.

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

Donna M. Camp
Town Clerk