

Council Meeting

The Town Council of the Town of Ware Shoals held a Council Meeting on April 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Those present were: Mayor Scott Horne, Councilman Powell, Councilman Boles, Councilman Leagans, Councilwoman Walters, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Ross.

Also, present was Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer. Councilman Leagans began the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the Meeting

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Horne asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the following meetings:

March 31, 2022 minutes were not given to clerk to prepare – therefore March Council Meeting, Called Council Meeting and the March Budget workshop minute were ready for approval.

Action: Mayor Horne made the motion to approve the minutes ready for approval (listed above), Councilman Powell seconded the motion, motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Thomas – Director of Laurens County DSS – was not able to attend at the last minute.

Greenwood County Councilman Theo Lane – Update on County Actions

County council had a 3rd reading for the Diana Pet Food Expansion – 65-million-dollar investment creating 65-100 jobs. This project will take approximately 2 years to complete.

There is interest of a potential industry to come to the Industrial Park on Highway 25. If this goes forward it will be the largest employment announcement in 15 years.

County Council received a letter of Intent to purchase the “Spec Building” on highway 25. Now the question is how quickly can we build the next one, no longer a question of if.

County Placed time restrictions on County Parks – Parks will now be closed from 11pm to 6am.

Capital Sales tax numbers have increased 5% over last quarter.

Public Comments: Mayor Horne asked for Public Comments after reading the “Reading of Public Comments Statement”

Public Comments – none at this time

Bryan Butler –advised council to adopt a policy that Greenwood City has. This policy issues a color-coded sticker to service industry business along with their business license. The colors correspond with the level of insurance the company has. The stickers must be on the placed-on company vehicles so “at a glance” citizens, law enforcement, council, etc. can see they have a license.

Mr. Butler also shared with council his thoughts on the town taking over the grass cutting contract. Butler gave council salary and benefit numbers that showed it would be cheaper for the town to continue outsourcing the contract instead of taking over the contract. There are several other expenses with lawncare that he listed off and wanted council to be mindful of.

Committee Reports

Police Committee – Mayor Horne, Chairman

See attachment # 1

Properties/Public Works Committee – Councilman Boles, Chairman

See attachment # 2

Action: Councilman Boles made the motion to bring the grass cutting contract in house effective July 1, 2022. Councilman Powell seconded the motion. Motion was approved by majority vote 4 to 2 with Councilman Leagans and Councilwoman Walters voting against the motion.

Fire Committee – Councilwoman Walter Chairman

There was no meeting due to public works meeting running over and another meeting was scheduled after.

Youth/Communities Committee – Councilman Bryan Ross, Chairman

See attachment # 3

History/Tourism Committee – Councilman Michael Powell, Chairman

See attachment # 4

Action: Committee made the motion allow council meetings to be recorded (video). Motion was approved unanimously

Administrative Committee – Councilwoman Jackson, Chairman

See attachment # 5

Action: Committee made the motion to temporarily turn McLane St a One Way Road in order to accommodate the drive-up snorkel box at the post office. This will be a test run to determine the validity of the action. Motion passed unanimously.

Water/Sewer Committee – Councilman Leagans, Chairman

See attachment # 6

Action: Committee made the motion to purchase a utility line camera and a locator. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Sessions: Discuss Contract between Town Council and engineering firm in regards to the Carnell Sewer Project. FOIA Section 30-4-40 Contractual Matter. Council may take action after Executive Session.

Enter: Councilman Leagans made the motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Walters, motion passed unanimously.

Exit: Councilman Leagans made the motion to exit executive session, seconded by Councilman Ross, motion passed unanimously.

Action: Councilman Leagans made the motion to enter a exploratory relationship with Frazier regarding the review of the Carnell Sewer Line Project. Mayor seconded the motion, motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment –

Councilman Powell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Walters. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer Approved: _____

Attachments

1. Police Committee Minutes
2. Properties/Public Works Minutes
3. Youth/Community Events Minutes
4. History/Tourism Minutes
5. Admin Minutes
6. Water/Sewer Minutes
7. Quote for Camera and Locator