

## **Council Meeting**

The Town Council of the Town of Ware Shoals held a Council Meeting on May 18, 2021 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:

April 20, 2021; April 27, 2021 Budget Workshop

**Action:** Councilwoman Jackson made the motion to approve minutes seconded by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved unanimously

#### **Public Comments:**

Calvin Culbertson: Asked the status of contractual agreement for the ordinance – Council did not respond. Mr. Culbertson also asked the status of the over 300thousand dollars of misappropriated funds. Again, council made no comment.

Kay Leagans: Mrs. Leagans expressed her views on the potential Alcohol sales at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. She stated that we did not need to get in that business and to look at Laurens issues they had.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Police Committee – Mayor Horne, Chairman**

See attachment # 1

##### **Properties/Public Works Committee – Councilman Boles, Chairman**

See attachment #2

##### **Fire Committee – Councilwoman Walter Chairman**

No meeting this month. Councilwoman Walters did share with council that Chief Boyter was working with Greenwood County Fire Commissioner to ensure all business have a current Certificate of Occupancy. Chief Boyter does not have the authority to issue the Certificate of Occupancy at this time. This program is in the beginning stages and will update as we move forward. Chief Boyter is currently doing a curtesy inspection for new businesses. He points out any areas that need to be addressed in order to obtain a Certificate.

She also stated the Fire Department is the best operated department we have that has little to no involvement needed from council.

##### **Youth/Communities Committee – Councilman Bryan Ross, Chairman**

See attachment #3

**Motion:** Allow Town to pursue getting Alcohol sales for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Motion was approved with majority vote with Councilman Leagans and Councilwoman Walters voting no. Discussion prior to vote as follows.

Councilman Leagans made the motion to table the vote until a public hearing could be held, this motion did not get a second.

Councilman Leagans stated that alcohol sales bring on the liability of Council members being sued. Everyone knows someone who has died.

Councilman Boles citizens will bring it regardless, at least this way it can be controlled. Blue Collar man deserves to have a drink. The money it will bring can fund the maintenance on that stage.

For more information on discussion see the recording.

**Action:** Councilman Ross made the motion to allow the amphitheater to be sponsored. The sponsorship will be for ten years with a one-time cost of 10,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Leagans. After discussion it was determined that more information was needed. Motion was sent back to committee.

#### **History/Tourism Committee – Councilman Michael Powell, Chairman**

See attachment #4

#### **Administrative Committee – Councilwoman Jackson, Chairman**

See attachment #5

Leagans made the motion to put the 40,000.00 from the CDW lien back into the UDAG account. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion.

#### **Water/Sewer Committee – Councilman Leagans, Chairman**

See attachment #6

#### **First Reading of Ordinance 21-01 FY 2021-2022 Budget –**

Councilwoman Walters made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-01 after Mayor Horne read the ordinance. Councilman Ross seconded the motion, Motion was approved unanimously.

See attachment #7

#### **Catfish Festival Fall Festival Presentation –**

Catfish Committee requested permission to use town square to host a fall festival like they did in 2020. A smaller version of the catfish festival that is hosted in May. Dates of Events would be September 24 & 25, 2021

**Action:** Councilman Ross made the motion to approve the Catfish Committee Request. Councilman Boles seconded the motion. Motion was approved by majority vote. Councilman Powell and Leagans abstained from voting as they are on the Catfish Committee Board.

#### **Water Taps on Town Square – Brian Padgett, Catfish Committee –**

Mr. Padgett asked the council for two water taps to be installed at the cost of the Catfish Committee on the back side of Town Square. After discussion it was determined where the Catfish Committee would like the taps be placed and they would use the meter that is already located on site.

**Action:** Councilman Ross made motion for two taps to be installed that is ran off the existing meter, the cost of installation and bill will be the responsibility of Catfish Committee. Councilman Boles seconded the motion. Majority vote passed the motion again with councilman Powell and Leagans abstain from vote.

**Sale of broke equipment (John Deere Gator and Lawnmower)**

Randee Beasley informed council that we had been approached by two individuals that were interested in purchasing the two pieces of equipment. Ms. Beasley reminded council that both machines were quoted more to repair than the machines were worth and they are currently in the shop taking up space and collecting dust.

**Action:** Councilman Boles made the motion that the John Deere Gator and Lawnmower be sold by sealed bid. Councilman Leagans seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Goals Set – Assigning responsibility

Action: Councilman Leagans made the motion to lay this item on the table until next council meeting to allow council members to review. Councilman Ross seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment –**

Councilman Leagans made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

Randee Beasley, Town Clerk/Treasurer Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments

1. Police Committee minutes
2. Property/Public Works Committee minutes
3. Youth/Community Committee minutes
4. History/Tourism Committee minutes
5. Admin Committee minutes
6. Water/Sewer Committee minutes
7. Ordinance 20-01 FY 2021-2022 Budget