**Council Meeting**

The Town Council of the Town of Ware Shoals held a Council Meeting on April 18, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Those present were: Mayor Ross, Councilman Powell, Councilman Boles, Councilman White, Councilwoman Walters, Councilwoman Jackson, and Councilman Leagans.

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

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

**Public Comments**

Kevin Farmer – M&F Electrical – voiced his concerns about the five-point red light during school arrival and dismissal times. He asked, if possible, have a crossing guard as many kids walk to and from school and that is a very busy intersection during those times with parent pick up, buses and normal traffic.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Approval of Minutes**

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

March 21 Council Meeting and April 6 Budget Workshop

**Action:** Councilwoman Jackson made the motion to approve minutes, Councilman White seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 23-01 Local Revenue Services – First Reading by title**

**Action:** Mayor Ross made the motion to approve Ordinance 23-01, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment 1.

**Ordinance 23-02 Amend Section 2-51(a) Public Comments – First Reading by title**

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to approve Ordinance 23-02, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment 2.

**Ordinance 23-03 Remove Section 4-2 Sunday wholesale alcohol delivery – First Reading by title**

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to approve Ordinance 23-03, seconded by Councilman Powell. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment 3.

**Ordinance 23-04 Chapter 6 Animal – First Reading by title**

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to approve Ordinance 23-04, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment 4.

**Executive Session – Discuss the compensation of Police Officers and a potential new hire. FOIA Section 30-4-20 Personnel Matters. Council may take action after Executive Session**

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Councilman Powell made the motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to hire Cierra Mansel as a police officer, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to hire Jared Hiler as a reserve police officer, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss Sparks Ave Road Closure – fence at chemical plant**

Councilman White explained that there was no notes on deed or plat nor did the plant have the authority to close the road with a fence.

**Action:** Mayor Ross made the motion to open the gate effective 4/19/2023, Councilman Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion of a Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Increase Town Revenue through Highway Traffic Citations, to be Implemented at the Discretion of the Chief of Police**

Councilman White presented how patrolling Highway 25 would increase town revenue. See attachment 5.

Council express concerns of leaving town uncovered as well as not wanting to be a “speed trap”.

**Action:** Councilman Boles made the motion to allow highway 25 to be patrolled at the discretion of Chief. Seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed with a 4-3 vote. (Opposed: Mayor Ross, Councilwoman Walters, and Councilwoman Jackson.)

**Approval of Liquor License purchase for events at amphitheater until July 2023**

**Action:** Mayor Ross made the motion to approve the applications for Alcohol/Liquor Licenses for the following events: Piedmont Boys Concert 4/29, Cinco De Mayo 5/5, Micro Wrestling 5/12, and Juneteenth Celebration 6/19. Councilman Powell seconded; motion passed with a 5-2 vote. (Opposed: Councilwoman Walters and Councilman Leagans)

**Approval of Digestor/Aerator Repair Quote**

**Action:** Councilman Leagans made the motion to approve the quote for $11,535.00 from Earnhardt Electric. Councilwoman Walters seconded. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment 6.

**Committee Reports**

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

See attachment #7

**Public Works Committee – Councilman Boles, Chairman**

See attachment #8

**Public Safety Committee – Councilwoman Walter Chairman**

See attachment # 9

**Properties and Economic Development –Councilman White, Chairman**

See attachment #10

**Youth/Communities Committee – Mayor Bryan Ross, Chairman**

See attachment #11

**Administrative Committee – Councilwoman Jackson, Chairman**

See attachment #12

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

See attachment #13

**Adjournment –**

**Action:** Councilman Boles made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Attachments

1. Ordinance 23-01
2. Ordinance 23-02
3. Ordinance 23-03
4. Ordinance 23-04
5. Highway 25 Patrol presentation
6. Earnhardt Electric Quote
7. Water/Sewer/WWT Committee
8. Public Works
9. Public Safety
10. Properties/Economic Development
11. Youth/Communities
12. Administrative Committee
13. History/Tourism