

## Council Meeting

The Town Council of the Town of Ware Shoals held a Council Meeting on May 16 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.

**Action:** Councilman White made the motion to amend the agenda to move the Executive Session: Contractual Matters to after Approval of minutes, Councilman Powell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to amend the agenda to move the Executive Session: Personnel Matters to after the Penny Sales Tax Update, Councilman White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### **Public Comments**

Kevin Farmer – Requested an update on the Crossing Guard at the Greenwood Ave/Main St/Saluda Ave Stop light. Police Committee Chair Walters informed him that they were looking into this and should have a solution by the new school year.

**Executive Session – Discuss contract for Katherine Hall Restoration Project Manager. FOIA Section -30-4-20 Contractual matters. Council may take action after Executive Session.**

**Action:** Councilman White made the motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Action:** Property Committee made the motion to accept the proposed contract from Preservation South as the Project Manager for the Katherine Hall Rehabilitation Penny Sales Tax Project. Motion passed unanimously.

See attachment #1.

### **Penny Sales Tax Update – Mr. Josh Skinner**

Mr. Skinner informed council that the majority of funds for the Katherine Hall project are expected to be available by April 2024 and the remainder by July 2024. This past quarter was the highest collection of tax to date.

And a New Penny Sales will most likely be on the ballot and project will most likely be due some time around end of 2023 or first of 2024. He advised that if there are any projects in mind to go ahead and start preparing presentations.

**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:** Mayor Ross made the motion to enter executive session, seconded by Councilman White. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Councilman White made the motion to exit executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Walters. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Police Committee made the motion to hire Jared Hiler and John Spillers as Certified Police Officers. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

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

April Council Meeting (4/18/23) and April 25, 2023 Budget workshop

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

#### **Ordinance 23-01 Local Revenue Services – Second and Final Reading**

**Action:** Councilwoman Walters made the motion to adopt Ordinance 23-01, seconded by Mayor Ross. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #2

#### **Ordinance 23-02 Amend Section 2-51(a) Public Comments – Second and Final Reading**

**Action:** Councilwoman Jackson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 23-02 seconded by Councilman Powell. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #3

#### **Ordinance 23-03 Remove Section 4-2 Sunday wholesale alcohol delivery – Second and Final Reading**

**Action:** Councilman White made the motion to adopt Ordinance 23-03, seconded by Councilman Powell. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #4

#### **Ordinance 23-04 Chapter 6 Animal – Second and Final Reading**

**Action:** Mayor Ross made the motion to adopt Ordinance 23-04, seconded by Councilwoman Walters. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #5

#### **Discuss removal of loitering signs at Katherine Hall Parking lo**

**Action:** Youth Committee made the motion to remove the loitering signs from the parking lot adjacent to Katherine Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

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

**Action:** Committee made the motion to approve Tafta quote to install belt, replace rollers and recover the belt press at the WWT. Quote is for 19,000.00. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #6

**Action:** Committee made the motion to approve Eastern quote for materials to repair main water line across Saluda River Bridge totaling in the amount of 11,239.84. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #7

**Action:** Councilman Leagans made the motion to approve S&K quote for 11,600.00 for the labor to repair water line across Saluda River Bridge. Motion passed with a majority vote. Councilman White opposed motion. See attachment #8

See attachment #9

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

See attachment #10

**Public Safety Committee – Councilwoman Walter Chairman**

See attachment # 11

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

See attachment # 12

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

See attachment # 13

**Action:** Mayor Ross made the motion to approve Youngs Concrete quote for 28,917.50 for the basketball court, Councilwoman Jackson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #14

**Administrative Committee – Councilwoman Jackson, Chairman**

See attachment #15

**Action:** Committee made the motion to allow Brown and Brown to move forward with shopping for worker comp, tort, liability and fleet insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Committee made the motion to allow ad space on Newsletter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action:** Committee made the motion to accept Phillips CPA and Advisors as the Annual Financial Auditors at an annual cost of 16,500.00. Motion passed unanimously. See attachment #16

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

See attachment # 17

**Adjournment –**

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

Respectfully Submitted:

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

## Attachments

1. Preservation South – Katherine Hall Project Manager Contract
2. Ordinance 23-01
3. Ordinance 23-02
4. Ordinance 23-03
5. Ordinance 23-04
6. Tafta Quote
7. Eastern Quote
8. S&K Quote
9. Water/Sewer Committee Minutes
10. Public Works Committee Minutes
11. Public Safety Committee Minutes
12. Prop/Econ Committee Minutes
13. Youth/Community Committee Minutes
14. Youngs Concrete Quote
15. Admin Committee Minutes
16. Phillips CPA and Advisors Quote
17. History/Tourism Committee Minutes