

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
10 Jan 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Andy Lopez, Sandy Clayborne and Randy Stanton
Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:08 p.m. with a prayer led by Todd Johnson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 15 Dec 2022 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 15 Dec 2022 Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the minutes of the 15 Dec 2022 Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Financial Report. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Chief Fowler presented the Public Safety Report.

The Beer and Wine Renewals for the following businesses were voted upon.

1. *Shane Kornberg moved to accept the renewal for the Red Wolfe Grill. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*
2. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the renewal for the Cohutta Food Mart. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Still gathering information for the 2023 Budget to complete Second Reading. Meeting to be held Thursday, February 2 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Shane Kornberg moved for the Town to cover the \$500 deductible for Daron Watson's truck that was damaged in the fire. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Andy Lopez moved for the Town to approve the purchase of a new weather siren for \$8500 to be placed at Town Hall. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Matters of Information:

- Clerk's Office to be closed on Monday, Jan 16th MLK

Andy Lopez moved to go into Executive Session. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

After the Executive Session was concluded, the Council Meeting was reconvened and then adjourned.

Next Meeting 7 Feb 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
7 February 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Andy Lopez, Sandy Clayborne and Randy Stanton
Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:08 p.m. with a prayer led by Perry Wilson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 10 January 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 10 January 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez moved to accept the minutes of the 10 January 2023 Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Financial Report. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Chief Fowler presented the Public Safety Report.

Chief Fowler presented the Cohutta Fuels Beer and Wine License for 2023. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Application for Cohutta Fuels Beer and Wine subject upon a clear investigation. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Application for Cohutta Fuels Beer and Wine subject upon a clear investigation. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Town of Cohutta Municipal Code with this being the First Reading. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Town of Cohutta Municipal Code with this being the First Reading. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the annexation of Parcel 11-024-06-007, 241 Tag Drive, Walter and Priscilla Brown with this being the Second Reading. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the annexation of Parcel 11-024-06-007, 241 Tag Drive, Walter and Priscilla Brown with this being the Second Reading. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Mayor presented the 2023 Budget and asked for a motion for its acceptance. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the 2023 Budget. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1 with Council Member Randy Stanton opposing. Motion passed.

The Mayor presented a Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked for its approval. Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Matters of Information:

- LMIG projects for 2023

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting 7 March 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
7 March 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick
Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Andy Lopez, Sandy Clayborne and Randy Stanton
Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer led by Dean Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christopher Adams.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 7 February 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 February 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez moved to accept the minutes of the 7 February 2023 Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Financial Report. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Officer Curtis presented the Public Safety Report.

Chief Fowler presented the Cohutta 5414 Distilled Spirits License for 2023. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Application for Cohutta 5414 Distilled Spirits License for 2023. Andy Lopez moved to accept the Application for Cohutta 5414 Distilled Spirits License for 2023. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve Cohutta First Baptist Church to lay a sewer line on the back part of the berm located between the Veteran's Park and the King residence and to continue to their church. Andy Lopez moved to approve Cohutta First Baptist Church to lay a sewer line on the back part of the berm located between the Veteran's Park and the King Residence and to continue to their church. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Matters of Information:
Possibility of Federal money coming for roads
RR Park Grant
Sidewalk Grant
Time change this weekend

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting 4 April 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
4 April 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Andy Lopez, Sandy Clayborne and Randy Stanton
Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer led by Sandy Clayborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed Painter.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 7 March 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 7 March 2023 Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the minutes of the 7 March 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Andy Lopez moved to accept the Financial Report. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Officer Curtis presented the Public Safety Report.

Matters of Information:

RR Park Grant

July 1st – planning meetings have been held

Ruritan Chicken Que April 29th 11-4

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting 2 May 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA

Council Meeting

11 May 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Andy Lopez, Sandy Clayborne and Randy Stanton

Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:03 p.m. with a prayer by Sandy Clayborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 4 April 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 4 April 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez moved to accept the minutes of the 4 April 2023 Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 13 April 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 13 April 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez moved to accept the minutes of the 13 April 2023 Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Financial Report. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Chief Fowler presented the Public Safety Report.

The Mayor asked for a Resolution for the Cohutta Railroad/The Junction and it was approved by a 3 to 1 vote with Randy Stanton in opposition.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve of the Cohutta Market to be held in Shugart Park on Saturday's starting June 3 and running to Oct (DTBD) from 8-11. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Cohutta Market to be held in Shugart Park on Saturday's starting June 3 and running to Oct (DTBD) from 8-11. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Kristy Adams, owner of the Red Wolfe Grill made a presentation of a check for \$1270 to the Town Council for the Pancake Breakfast that was held at her place of business to aid in the cost of the 4th of July.

Matters of Information:

Last day of school – May 26th half day

Sewer has been installed at Cohutta First Baptist Church

Third Saturday of the Month – Cruise In

A motion was made by Shane Kornberg to enter into Executive Session. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. Time 6:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Andy Lopez to exit Executive Session. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. Time 7:09 p.m.

A motion was made by Shane Kornberg to adjourn the meeting. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting 6 June 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
6 June 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne and Randy Stanton *Andy Lopez- absent*
Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer by Dean Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Perry Wilson.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 16 May 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 16 May 2023 Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the minutes of the 16 May 2023 Council Meeting. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council who were present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Financial Report. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council who were present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Chief Fowler presented the Public Safety Report.

Perry Wilson reported on the July 4th Celebration.

Ballfield proposal was presented by a group desiring to utilize the fields. A meeting will be set up with the Town Attorney.

Amber Hefner, Sales Manager for the Dalton Convention Center spoke of the Cruiz-In that will be coming to our town on the afternoon of July 26th.

Matters of Information:

- Zoning Meeting, June 26th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Weather Siren Installation
- Whitfield County Community Vision Survey

Being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shane Kornberg moved to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Next Meeting 1 August 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA

Council Meeting

1 August 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne, Randy Stanton and Andy Lopez

Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:01 p.m. with a prayer by Sandy Clayborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all.

The Mayor presented to the Council the Minutes of the 6 June 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 6 June 2023 Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the minutes of the 6 June 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Financial Report. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Chief Fowler presented the Public Safety Report.

The resignation of Ryan Fowler as the Zoning Administrator was presented. *Shane Kornberg moved to accept the resignation of Ryan Fowler as the Zoning Administrator. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Perry Wilson reported on the rescheduled July 4th Celebration.

Annexation request for Parcel No. 11-024-06-008, 245 Tag Drive, Holland-Fritz residence, was presented to the Council with this being the First Reading. *Andy Lopez moved to accept the Annexation Request for Parcel No. 11-024-06-008, 245 Tag Drive, Holland-Fritz residence with this being the First Reading. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Cohutta Municipal Code was presented to the Council with this being the Second Reading. *Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the Cohutta Municipal Code with this being the Second Reading. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Shane Kornberg moved to investigate the cost of a forensic audit of the Court Accounts from March 2021 to July 2023 with the cost not to exceed \$5000. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Andy Lopez moved to obtain bids for mini splits for the bay at Town Hall. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Matters of Information:

- July 4th Celebration rescheduled to Sept 2
- Weather Siren, Wednesday @ Noon
- Qualifying for 2 Council Seats – Aug 21, 22 and 23

Being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andy Lopez moved to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion.

Next Meeting 5 Sept 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick- Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
12 September 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne, Randy Stanton and Andy Lopez
Shane Kornberg – tardy
Andy Lopez – left early

Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m.

Andy Lopez moved to advertise the lots for sale in Windwalker Hill with the minimum bid starting at \$30,000. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Zoning and Appeals Board on the Hash property. All members of the Council that were present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Andy Lopez moved to amend the restrictions to include fence and lighting that was acceptable to the neighbors. Shane Kornberg seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed. **(Shane Kornberg in attendance for this vote.)**

Earwood property to be tabled til the next Council meeting on Oct. 3, 2023.

Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Cohutta Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Code with this being the First Reading and to become effective 1 Nov 2023. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Sandy Clayborne moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were present voted in the affirmative. **(Andy Lopez left early.)** Motion passed.

Next Meeting 3 October 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Julie Roach – Member of the Zoning and Appeals
Board

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting
3 October 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Shane Kornberg, Sandy Clayborne, Randy Stanton and Andy Lopez
Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer led by Sandy Clayborne.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Lopez.

Motion was made by Andy Lopez to table the minutes and financial items on the agenda. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Chief presented the Public Safety Report.

The Beer and Wine License Application for the new owners of AAA Oil and Food Inc dba KwikServe 9 was presented for approval. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Beer and Wine License Application for the new owners of AAA Oil and Food Inc dba KwikServe 9. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Cohutta Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Code was presented to the Council, with this being the Second Reading. Shane Kornberg moved to accept the Cohutta Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Code with this being the Second Reading. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The property owned by Kerri M. Earwood, Parcel No. 11-062-02-015 (part) was presented to the Council for a vote to permit the construction of one house. A motion was made by Andy Lopez to place the matter to a vote. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. The vote was made. Council members Andy Lopez and Randy Stanton voted to *deny* the request to build one house. Council members Sandy Clayborne and Shane Kornberg voted to *allow* the request to build one house. The Mayor voted to *deny* the request to build one house. Vote was 3 to 2. Motion denied.

Shane Kornberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative.

Next Meeting 10 Oct 2023

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick - Town Clerk

TOWN OF COHUTTA

Council Meeting
14 November 2023

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick

Members of the Council: Sandy Clayborne, Randy Stanton and Andy Lopez

Absent: Shane Kornberg

Town Attorney: Todd Johnson

Meeting was opened at 5:57 p.m. with a prayer led by Del Thomasson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rob Chase.

John Davies with Dalton Utilities presented to the Council the Franchise Agreement. *The Mayor asked for a motion to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Dalton Utilities. Andy Lopez moved to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Dalton Utilities. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the minutes of the 10 October 2023 Council Meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the 10 October 2023 Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne moved to accept the minutes of the 10 October 2023 Council Meeting. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Mayor presented to the Council the Financial Report. *The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Financial Report. Andy Lopez moved to accept the Financial Report. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

The Chief presented the Public Safety Report.

The Mayor presented several matters of information.

- SPLOST 2024
- LMIG – paving projects for 2024
- Department of Community Affairs
- Business License Renewals
- Norfolk Southern – pedestrian crossing
- Fish Hatchery

Andy Lopez moved to enter to Executive Session. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Andy Lopez moved to exit Executive Session. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Sandy Clayborne moved to approve the contract for the purchase of the house on Red Clay Road. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Being no further business, Andy Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Randy Stanton seconded the motion. All members of the Council that were in attendance voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Council Meeting 5 December 2023.

Ron Shinnick – Mayor

Pam Shinnick - Town Clerk

DECEMBER 2023
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
ARE MISSING