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Four Town Officials Sworn In.

New City Officials

Four Town officials were sworn in on Monday, January 4, 2010 at the regular town council meeting: Wendell Staley, Mayor; Keith Rhodes, Councilman, Saline Davenport, Councilwoman, Gordy Anderson, Councilman.

Staley and Davenport will serve two year terms completing the term of the former Mayor McElwanney who resigned and Davenport completing the two-year term of Polly Garlington who resigned to run for mayor.

Rhodes and Anderson will serve a four-year term. The next regular town council meeting will be February 1, 2010. The meeting is usually the first Monday night each month. Meeting time is 7:00 P. M.

Changes in meeting dates and times are published in the Times-Herald and posted on the Town Hall office door as required by Georgia law.



Don't forget to
RECYCLE
Thursday Pick-up Day

Editorial Polly Garlington



Welcome the New Year

A new year, a new Mayor for Sharpsburg and high hopes for an administration that will pay real attention to our Town. I have found out first hand how important the mayor is to a town and how, without effective leadership, the council can be dysfunctional.

The town has slipped into mediocrity: Roadways entering the town from all directions look neglected, unattractive and illegal signs of all kinds posted everywhere, Streetscapes which was suppose to be the new showcase for town has not received proper care, the little town library has fallen into a sad state of disrepair, just to mention a few obvious things.

While campaigning for Mayor last Fall I had the opportunity of talking with many residents; without fail each had some idea or suggestion about ways to improve the town and were interested in doing so.....and make the town more attractive for present residents and to attract new ones. Continued col. 3

Old Town Sharpsburg Merchants Event

Christmas Tree Lighting & Santa Clause

A fun time in Downtown



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None were dissatisfied to the point of formal complaints but all stated wants and needs they wish to see the town provide to improve .the quality life for Sharpsburg residents. I hope our new Mayor will make it top priority to look out for the *present* residents, to look for ways to "*work for the people that hired you*" Mayor, take care of our little town, physically and wells as officially.... that goes for the Council Members as well.

**Town of Sharpsburg
Agenda
January 4th meeting**

Call to Order

Pledge to Flag

Oaths of Office—Mayor and Council Members

Establish Quorum

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

Review/Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing December 7, 2009

Resolution—2010 General Fund & SPLOST
Fund Budgets

Resolution-2009 Property Tax Millage Rate (2.8
mills)

LARP Contract with GDOT—Stoval Street

Public Comments

Polling of Council

Clerk's Comments

Mayor's Minutes

Adjournment

View entire Town Council Meeting

www.sharpsburgga.net > link on home page >Video

Available about a week after the meeting.

*Adopted Budget for 2010 will also be available
on the website along with full minutes of Town*

*Council Meetings. The January meeting lasted just
over ten minutes.*

*(The above website IS NOT the official site for the
Town
of Sharpsburg.)*



Pemberton's Antiques

Terrentine St.

*A fine collection of furniture
and collectables*

Open Friday & Saturday

10:00—4:00

YOUR TOWN

Did You Know?

Some residents may not be aware that along with garbage pick-up, recycled items are also picked up on Thursday. The guidelines for acceptable items is very much the same as most companies but they have a list available to customers upon request.

The truck picking up recycled items usually passes later in the day than the garbage truck.

You can pick up a recycling bin or a garbage can at the Town Hall.

You can register to vote at the Town Hall in Sharpsburg and, yes, there will be another election in two years and two years after that. The charter was changed two years ago so that the Mayor and all Council Members would not all be elected or re-elected at the same time.

Many interesting classes are offered at the Sharpsburg Rec. Center on Main Street, Sharpsburg. If you have an idea for a new one, call the Town Hall.

Two years ago was the first contested election in Sharpsburg's History. This year was the first contested election for Mayor in Sharpsburg's history AND the number of people voting doubled from 2007 to 2009.

WOW

Wonder if we could double the number of registered voters.



You do make a difference, especially in a town this small. The Mayor was elected by TWO votes. Yes, TWO!

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