

CITY OF CHERRYVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY DECEMBER 8, 2014 @ 7:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam III called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Councilmember's David Kiser, Brian Dalton, Jill Puett and Malcolm Parker. Also present was City Manager Ben Blackburn, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy, Planning & Zoning Director Richard Elam, Finance Director Dixie Wall, Police Chief Chad Hawkins, Fire Chief Jeff Cash, and EDC Director Richard Randall.

Pastor Wayne Key of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church gave the invocation and it was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No media was present.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Beam welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared the following:

AFTER MEETING WITH SENATOR KATHY HARRINGTON, TALKING WITH REPRESENTATIVE KELLY HASTINGS, AND ADDRESSING THE GASTON-LINCOLN-CLEVELAND MPO BOARD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, I AM HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NCDOT HAS RE-INSTALLED 4 AND MAYBE 5 PASSING ZONES TO HIGHWAY 279 FROM CHERRYVILLE TO DALLAS. THE NCDOT HAS ALSO STATED THAT THEY WOULD BE RESURFACING A PORTION OF HWY 274 SOUTH OF CHERRYVILLE SOON. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THIS ROAD PROGRESS IS FINALLY BEING IMPLEMENTED.

ON NOV. 18TH I WAS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE HISTORIAL MUSEUM'S EVENT. RICHARD RANDALL WAS ALSO A SPEAKER AND WE TALKED ABOUT THE STMS PROGRAM AND HOW THE HISTORIAL MUSEUM WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THIS PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER WAS QUITE COLD THAT EVENING THE ATTENDANCE WAS SOMEWHAT SMALL, BUT A GOOD PROGRAM WAS WELL RECEIVED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE.

THE ELECTRICITIES NC MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY 1 RATE COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING ON JAN. 29, 2015 FOR A WORKSHOP ON DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RATE HISTORY AND A PREVIEW OF RATE INCREASE IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED IN MARCH 2015. COUNCIL MEMBERS BRIAN DALTON AND JILL PARKER-PUETT ARE THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES ON THIS COMMITTEE.

WORK ON THE BB&T BANK BUILDING CLOCK IS STILL PROGRESSING. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF VOLUNTEER WORK ON THIS PROJECT FROM FARRIS FABRICATORS, THE BODY SHOP, CHERRYVILLE FIREMEN, DELLINGER ELECTRIC AS WELL AS MR. JIM VANORSDEL OF THE CLOCK SHOP. CITY STAFF IS WORKING HARD TO HOPEFULLY HAVE THE CLOCK REMOUNTED AND IN WORKING ORDER BY THE END OF THIS MONTH. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE CLOCK WAS FIRST MOUNTED IN 1914 AND WE ARE HAPPY FOR IT TO REACH ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY. COUNCILMAN MALCOLM PARKER HAS SPEARHEADED THIS PROJECT AND I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF HE HAS ANYTHING HE HAS TO ADDRESS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.

THE REGIONAL NEWS MEDIA (TV STATIONS CHANNEL 3 & 46, AND THE GASTON GAZETTE) WAS IN TOWN LAST WEEK DOING A FEATURE ON THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ITS USE OF THE BODY CAMERAS. PRESIDENT OBAMA RECENTLY STATED THAT HE WISHED TO HAVE THESE CAMERAS IN ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. CHERRYVILLE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO IMPLEMENT THIS NEW FORM OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY AND HAVE ALREADY REAPED THE REWARDS FROM THIS SYSTEM.

THE CHERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION IS HOSTING AN EVENT ON DEC. 10TH AT 9:30 A.M. IN STARNES AUDITORIUM FEATURING COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST JIMMY WAYNE. MR. WAYNE WILL BE PERFORMING AND WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE "AT RISK" STUDENTS OF CHERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL.

THE CHERRYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY KICK-OFF WAS HELD THIS PAST THURSDAY WITH THE THEME OF "HAVE A VERY CHERRY WHO-VILLE CHRISTMAS" ON MAIN STREET CELEBRATION. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THIS EVENT HAD A GREAT TIME AND I HOPE WE WILL CONTINUE THIS EVENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

AND FINALLY A REMINDER THAT THE CHERRYVILLE CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY DEC. 13TH. BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M. A LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED COME RAIN OR SHINE.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous City Council meeting and the previous Work Session meeting. Councilmember Dalton second the motion and the vote was unanimous.

AGENDA APPROVAL/REVISION:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilmember Kiser seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JOHN CHAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

John Chavis Middle School Principal Bryan Denton approached the podium to recognize the following student for the following months:

September:

6th Grade - Ashlyn Beattie; Sam Kostiuk; Blair Baker

7th Grade - Ashley Richardson; Haley Dover; Richard Gomez

8th Grade - Chase Abernathy; Logan Barrett; Carter Grace Estes

October:

6th Grade - Addie Seate; Chloe Nelson; Brandon Smeltzer

7th Grade - Andrew Beam; Hallie Holt; Lindsay Dunlap

8th Grade - Matthew Dellinger; Maddie Daggerhart; Will Elmore

November:

6th Grade - Allie Kay Homesley; Ford Golden; Elizabeth Brannan

7th Grade - Breanna Carlson; Krystal Torres; Madison Garren

8th Grade - Alexis Ferguson; Matthew Williams; Abbey Greenway

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Louie Fowler of 106 S. Elm Street approached the podium and shared with Mayor Beam and the Council that he needed their help on getting a permit from Gaston County. He is wanting to put an accessory building in his storage lot and they are giving him the run around. He keeps going back to them and they keep telling him that he needs architect drawings, stronger metal along the sides, etc. He said that all he wanted was a building. This is costing him money and if he had it to do over again he would not open a business. He asked the Mayor and Council if he should call County Commissioner Alan Fraley for help. Mr. Fowler commented that the County is not working with him. They are making it hard for all the cities and towns because they are not easy to work with. Mr. Richard Elam Planning and Zoning Director was present at the meeting and he gave Mr. Fowler the name of a man that he should call and talk to. Mr. Fowler will talk more with Mr. Elam and get the help he needs. If that does not work he may call on County Commissioner Alan Fraley. He just feels like nothing is simple with the County and they are not very helpful.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHERRYVILLE DEPOT MUSEUM:

Mr. Bill Robinson of the Cherryville Depot addressed the Mayor and Council explaining to them that they appreciate the donation of \$3,500 from the City of Cherryville. Mr. Robinson also explained that the Depot had made several mistakes on the planning of installing air conditioning at the Depot. When Mr. Bob Fanter of the Depot asked the Council for the \$3,500 donation the group did not realize that some of the figures were off. After explaining where the differences were Mr. Robinson explained that the difference of \$1,036.00 would be needed but the Depot will not be back in the spring as planned to ask for another donation. The amount of \$4,416.00 will cover the cost of the air conditioning installation.

Councilmember Parker shared that while we were voting on giving the Depot money we need to consider giving the senior citizens group \$500.00.

City Manager Blackburn shared that the senior citizens group need to request the funds. It needs to come from the group. Councilmember Parker will shared this with the senior citizens group.

Councilmember Parker made a motion to approve the increase in the donation to \$1,036.00. Councilmember's Kiser and Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE JANUARY 12, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING – REZONING CHANGE FROM R-9 (SINGLE & TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) FOR 110 BLACK AVE. (PID# 131421), 108 BLACK AVE. (PID# 131422), AND 107 HUSS AVE. (PID# 131431) - RICHARD ELAM (See Agenda Material) pg.(s) 22-28:

Richard Elam approached the podium and asked the Mayor and City Council to consider setting a public hearing for January 12, 2015 for a change in the zoning for 110 Black Ave., 108 Black Ave., and 107 Huss Ave. Carolina Federal Credit Union has bought the properties and plan on expanding their business. In order to do so the property needs to be rezoned from R-9 to B-3. From residential to general business.

The Planning Board will meet on December 15th and Mr. Elam will have more to share with the Mayor and Council at the December work session.

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to set a public hearing for January 12, 2015. Councilmember Dalton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF POWELL BILL PAVING BIDS:

Mr. Brandon Abernathy approached the podium and shared with Mayor Beam and the Council a list of streets being considered for paving. Those streets are S. Jacob St., Self St.,

Meadowbrook Dr., Crescent Dr. and a portion on Queens Rd. Also the grading and paving of Sigmon Street.

Mr. Blackburn shared that he would like to also see East Drive resurfaced. The total cost for that street alone would be roughly \$6,500.

Mr. Abernathy shared that he recommends Beam Grading for the work needed on Sigmon Street because grading is involved as well as paving. He also recommends Asphalt Paving of Shelby for the resurfacing of the other streets. Mr. Abernathy shared that we can add streets or delete streets from the paving list while the paving is taking place. If we add streets the price will be the same as the others that are in the contract. Mr. Abernathy will get with both contractors and get a time frame of when the work can begin.

The Sigmon Street grading and paving will not begin until Modern Polymers has permits pulled for their new facility.

Councilmember Dalton made a motion to approve the paving projects hiring Beam Grading and Asphalt Paving of Shelby for the jobs. Councilmember Kiser seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF PURCHASING/PROCUREMENT POLICY:

Finance Director Dixie Wall approached the podium and shared with Mayor Beam and the Council that before them was the Purchasing/Procurement Policy that she has put together for the City of Cherryville. The Audit Committee as well as the Auditors have looked over this new policy and they both agree that it is what the city needs. The only change that the department heads recommended was for an increase in the amount of a purchase order. Currently if a department head spends over \$200.00 a purchase order is needed. They have asked for that amount to be increased to \$500.00. Both the Audit Committee and the Auditor agree that \$500.00 was a good amount.

Councilmember Dalton made a motion to approve the new policy and Councilmember Puett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT REGARDING NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

Recently the telephone system went down completely at City Hall. City Manager Blackburn has been getting quotes for a new system. The new system was installed and Finance Director Dixie Wall asked the Mayor and Council to approve the following budget amendment:

2014-2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cherryville:

Section 1. The 2014-2015 Budget Ordinance of the City of Cherryville adopted on June 9, 2014 is amended by increasing the following appropriations due to the need of a new telephone system purchase for City Hall, Police, and Fire Department. This was discussed and approved per telephone conversations held on November 18, 2014 to lease purchase a network telephone system.

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

10-3990-0000	Appro Fund Balance	\$ 6,662.00
30-3980-0000	Appro Fund Balance	\$ 869.00
31-2990-0000	Appro Fund Balance	\$ 869.00

EXPENDITURES

10-4200-2900	Admin – Contract Services	\$ 869.00
10-5100-2900	Police – Contract Services	\$ 3,681.00
10-5300-2900	Fire Department – Contract Services	\$ 2,112.00
30-8100-2900	Electric – Contract Services	\$ 869.00
31-7200-2900	Water/Sewer – Contract Services	\$ 869.00

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon its adoption this December 8, 2014.

City Clerk

Mayor

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilmember Dalton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Puett shared that she has heard from Farris Fab about the speed on W. Academy Street. Councilmember Puett acknowledge that the City has put up signs notifying traffic that trucks are entering the street but she is getting complaints about speed.

Police Chief Chad Hawkins approached the podium and share that he had been asked to step up patrol on the street for speeding vehicles. Chief Hawkins shared that his department had set up radar and documented that they have not observed speeding drivers. The complaints were that the trucks were speeding. Chief Hawkins has not observed that. He continues to have patrol run radar on Paul H. Beam Rd. as well as W. Academy Street. He will have documentation to present at the work session. Councilmember Puett shared that maybe we need to look at changing the speed limit to 35 MPH.

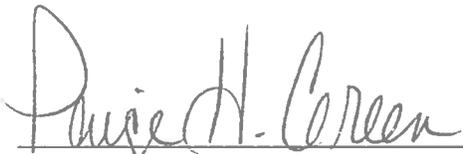
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Dalton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2015.



Mayor, H.L. Beam III



City Clerk, Paige H. Green

(SEAL)

