

**CITY OF CHERRYVILLE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY JUNE 9, 2014 @ 7:00 PM**  
**CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING**

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present was Councilmember Kiser, Councilmember Puett, Councilmember Dalton and Councilmember Parker. Also present was City Manager Ben Blackburn, City Clerk Paige Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Finance Director Dixie Wall, Police Chief Chad Hawkins, Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy, Waste Water Superintendent Larry Wright, and Fire Chief Jeff Cash. Michael Powell was present for the media coverage.

Dr. Rev. Bill Lowe of the First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and it was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Beam welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their interest in the City of Cherryville. He also welcomed new employee Lisa Millwood to the utility office. Lisa comes to us from Cherryville Federal Bank.

Mayor Beam congratulated the City for receiving safety awards from the North Carolina Department of Labor. The departments that received awards were Police, Public Work's and Fire.

Mayor Beam also announced that the Farmers Market on Main Street is now under way every Thursday afternoon until October. He congratulated Fire Chief Jeff Cash for be awarded the 2014 Instructor of the Year.

Mayor Beam also invited all citizens to the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration that will be held on Thursday July 3, 2014 on Main Street in the Mini Park. The band will begin at 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Fireworks will begin at 10:00 pm weather permitting. There will be food vendors and a beer garden.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous city council meeting and work session meeting. Councilmember Kiser made a motion to approve both sets

of minutes as written. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilmember Dalton made a motion to approve the agenda as written and it was seconded by Councilmember Kiser. The vote was unanimous.

**CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:**

Councilmember Parker removed himself from his council seat and approached the podium. He stated his name and address as 100 Terrace Drive Cherryville. Councilmember Parker shared that he wanted to excuse himself as a councilmember and speak as a citizen. Councilmember Parker shared that there had been numerous times that he has brought up the issue of limb pick up. Councilmember Parker shared that he spends every Sunday riding the whole town, probably every street. He said that citizens are not getting their money's worth in limb pick up. Councilmember Parker said numerous citizens contact him every week and the reason he is at the podium speaking is because these citizens think he is not doing anything about their concerns. He feels like this needs to be brought out into the public. Councilmember Parker shared that we have limbs that have been on the streets for five weeks. He shared that he has this documented. Limbs in his neighborhood have been there for three weeks and the Delview section has had limbs laying for five weeks. Councilmember Parker shared that he agrees with the citizens that if we are not going to get the limbs up we need to do something about the three dollar charge that is on the utility bills. He commented that we do not need to be charging the customer if we are not going to do our job. Councilmember Parker shared that the excuses he gets is that the city picks up one side of the town one week and picks up the other side of town the next week. Councilmember Parker shared that he as a citizens does not believe that one bit. He has seen them on both sides of the town in the same week and the limbs are not being picked up. He shared that something needs to be done one way or another for our citizens. He commented that something has got to be done or we do not need to be charging the three dollar fee. Councilmember Parker then took his seat.

Mayor Beam asked if any citizens had any comments.

City Manager Ben Blackburn shared that he would speak with the Public Works Director about this matter and see if we can better expedite the pickups and the routes.

Councilmember Parker said that he hears this every meeting that the City Manager is going to get with the Director. He went on to say you don't need to get with him you need to instruct

him to do it. Don't just get with him and meet with him because it is not getting done. It needs to be done.

Mayor Beam asked if the equipment is working at this time.

City Manager shared that the equipment is working at this time.

Councilmember Dalton shared that his has an idea that may be a possibility. He agrees with Councilmember Parker that we are lacking in how fast we get the limbs up. He shared that they have had this conversation for months and months. Councilmember Dalton shared that if there is one thing that we are great at its emptying the garbage cans. He has never had an issue with his garbage being picked up. He knows that it will be emptied and all he has to do is roll it to the curb and we get it, he knows 100% that it will be emptied. Councilmember Dalton shared that if the garbage guys can stop at every single house and empty every garbage can in the city limits of Cherryville, then he does not understand how it can take two to three weeks to pick up limbs. Councilmember Dalton asked if there was anyway the garbage men could radio in houses that have limbs to be picked up as they go along their route. He shared that if there was a list made then the limb guys would know where to go.

City Manager Ben Blackburn shared that he and Brandon have talked about this and they are trying to streamline this to customers only waiting a week to have limbs picked up.

Councilmember Dalton shared that he understands things happen, but it he does not think it is efficient for city cars to be riding around looking for limbs because there are a lot of streets that you don't have to ride down. Councilmember Dalton commented that we need to know where we are going when we go out to get limbs, there is no reason to ride every street if you don't have to. He shared that there has to be a better way.

Councilmember Puett asked if the customer can call in. She asked if she puts limbs on the curb can she just call to have them picked up. She wanted to know if the guys made a special trip out or would they be picked up on the normal route.

Mr. Blackburn responded by saying that typically the limbs would be picked up on the normal route but the call would let the guys know that the limbs are there.

Councilmember Dalton shared that on a percentage bases not many houses put limbs out on a reoccurring bases. He shared that the garbage pickup is 100%, but the limb pickup is probably about 10%. He commented that he does not understand how the garbage truck can do 100% in garbage pickup but we are not able to get 10% in limbs picked up.

Councilmember Kiser shared that he had had some questions concerning the sweeper truck but he had discussed this with Mr. Blackburn and it is running now.

**PUBLIC HEARING RE: ADOPTION OF THE 2014-2015 BUDGET ORDINANCE:**

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to enter into a public hearing. Councilmember Kiser made a motion to enter into a public hearing and it was seconded by Councilmember Puett. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beam asked if there were any citizens that wish to speak concerning the proposed budget. Mayor Beam asked if the preliminary copy had been printed in the Cherryville Eagle.

Mr. Blackburn shared that a copy had not been printed but there was a public hearing notice printed and an article about the work session. There was also a copy of the proposed budget at City Hall in the Clerk's office for public review.

City Manager Ben Blackburn addressed the Mayor, Councilmember's and citizens sharing with them that this public hearing was for the consideration of adopting the FY 2013 - 2014 operating budget for the City of Cherryville. He went on to say the total budget was \$12,095,143. He explained that the budget is broke up into three funds. The funds are general, which is primarily the police department, fire department, street department and sanitation department. That part of the budget totals \$3,828,233. The water and sewer fund includes not only water distribution and sewer collection but also the treatment cost for both plants is \$1,598,825. The electric fund is \$6,268,085. Mr. Blackburn shared that on behalf of city staff the proposed budget that is being presented to the council for consideration is a \$38,834 decrease from last year's budget of \$12,133,977. The reasons for the decrease in the ending budget is that we have a \$143,000 increase in revenues and that is from a proposed 2 ½ % increase in the electrical rate. The expenditures \$126,000 was a decrease in the debt service in which the city was able to eliminate some of the debt it had outstanding. He went on to say that one of the expenditures identified in the budget is an additional employee in the utility office as a customer service rep. and a 2 ½ % pay increase for all full time employees. The tax rate is proposed to stay the same at 0.46 per one hundred dollar evaluation and an increase proposed in the electric rate of 2 ½ %. There are no other proposed fee increases. Mr. Blackburn shared that it is hoped the budget ending June 30, 2015 borrowing any unforeseen actions such as a garbage truck falling into 4700 pieces or a devastating ice storm, the general fund should increase 3% in its undesignated fund balance. Currently there is approximately 9% in the general fund. In the electric fund it is projected that there will be a 2% increase. Currently there is a 6 ½% balance in the electric fund.

Councilmember Dalton asked how can we increase electrical rates 2 ½% and only have a 2% increase.

Mr. Blackburn answered by saying that would be the total after expenditures verses revenues.

Councilmember Dalton shared that he assumed that if we are going to raise the electrical rates 2 ½% than the fund balance would go up 2 ½%.

Mr. Blackburn shared that there are other expenditures in that.

Councilmember Dalton asked if there were anything else besides what is in there now.

Councilmember Parker echoed the same remarks as Councilmember Dalton stating that it should not go up if there is not anything in there any different than there is now.

Mr. Blackburn that it's the revenues over the expenditures and this is what is projected June 30, 2015 if all goes well. It would be an additional 2% to the undesignated fund balance. Mr. Blackburn shared that this is just projected and is 12 months away. He also shared that one of the reasons this has been brought forth is that, "From the Council's direction as well as the city staff's philosophy, it goes without saying what has taken place in past years about some of the financial difficulties that the City has faced itself. City staff is looking at and following the Council's direction to put the financial house more on solid footing in the event of moving forward in the future." Mr. Blackburn shared that he has given a brief summation of the budget.

Councilmember Dalton shared that by his calculation the proposed budget is \$83,000 less than the current budget. He shared that on page one of the proposed budget it has a proposal of \$12,091,743 the 2013-2014 budget that we are currently in is \$12,175,222 and that is a difference of \$83,000.

Finance Director Dixie Wall pointed out that the starting budget for 2013-2014 was only \$12,133,977. The difference is budget amendments that the city has received through the year. Both police and fire have received donations and grants. Mrs. Wall explained that after donations and grants the budget went from \$12,133,000 to \$12,175,222.

Mr. Blackburn shared that he would like to address a concern that city staff has put into this budget and that is the NC Small Town Main Street Program. Mr. Blackburn shared that many presentations have been made at meetings concerning this program and money has been allocated in this proposed budget for the program. Private dollars have been committed to this program. Cherryville Federal Bank has committed \$15,000 and there are more. The City of Cherryville is partnering with the private industries and other nonprofits and we see this as a positive for Cherryville. The city has budgeted \$30,000 for this program in the proposed budget. Mr. Blackburn also pointed out that \$53,750 has been budgeted for new radios for the police department. Communication is critical and this upgrade must be made. A grant for \$3,750 has been applied for to help with the radios. Mr. Blackburn continued to share more big budgeted items that are being proposed. A new roof for the public works building at the cost of \$30,000, a new sewer machine \$70,000, street resurfacing projects \$150,000, and park improvements \$25,000. Mr. Blackburn shared that the city staff is very dedicated to getting the city's finances back in order.

Mayor Beam shared that every department took a cut in this budget.

Walter Ballard 610 W. Church Street approached the podium and shared that in previous meetings it had been said that the set amount for increases was going to be 5% for the next five

years and then the rate would hold steady. Mr. Ballard shared that in the past they have tried to keep the rate lower than 5% but then half way through the years they came back and increased the rate. He wanted to know if that is how it went about a year ago.

Mr. Blackburn shared that he had not seen that.

Mr. Ballard shared that he was asking because he was concerned that if it only went up 2 ½% this year that next year we may see a hike of 7 ½%.

Councilmember Dalton's answer was no.

Mr. Blackburn also answered no. He also stated that at this point he had no idea what the rate would be for next year. He commented that no one knows that. Mr. Blackburn shared that in the past it has been said that the Electricites cost would increase 5% for the next five years. Councilmember's Puett, Dalton and Parker have served on the Electricites rate committee board and they attended the meeting in Concord this past spring. Through their discussions and negotiations with other rate committee members of Electricites, they were able to make a proposal to the Electricites Board of Directors of only a 2 ½% increase for the City of Cherryville. Mr. Blackburn shared that he appreciated their efforts in getting a lower rate.

Mr. Blackburn addressed Mr. Ballard to answer his question. He shared that according to Electricites this year was to have a 5% increase as well as next year. Then in 2017 the increase was going to be a 2 ½% increase. Mr. Blackburn shared that he does not know what next year's increase will be nor does anyone else.

Councilmember Dalton shared that with Mr. Blackburn's comments, he would like to add that state legislators out of Raleigh, something we have no control over, have changed the sales tax from 3% to 7%. They have changed the sales tax 4% and we have no control over that.

Mr. Blackburn added that the typical electrical customer in Cherryville will see a greater increase in their sales tax than they will their electrical bill.

Councilmember Dalton also added that the sales tax increase affects all customers regardless if they are City of Cherryville customers, Duke Customers or Rutherford Electric customers.

Mayor Beam commented that realistically we will more than likely start out with a 5% increase but hopefully we will be able to work it back down. He shared that some of our neighboring cities have proposed 5.3% increase. Gastonia, Lowell and Mt Holly are all looking at a 5.3% increase.

Councilmember Parker shared his thoughts on the budget by saying, "That with the current electrical rate we have our electrical fund is still making money. Making thousands of money. Probably three or four hundred thousand dollars that we are making at the rate that we are at. I cannot see us spending \$10,000 on fireworks and a band if we plan on getting on a solid base. Councilmember Parker commented that he don't think is puts us on a solid base when we are spending money out one door and going up on people's power bills. We probably have the

highest electrical rate right now in the county as it is and he cannot see, if were making money on it, I cannot see us continuing to go up on our citizens because they cannot afford it. Ya'll probably have not experienced some of the people that I have talked to. I have had them come and cry to me that they cannot pay power bills. I've got senior citizens that come and they only draw four hundred and some dollars social security, and they are paying two hundred and some dollars of that in electrical bills. This does not count there rent and medicines. These people are on a different side of the tracks than some of us are. Probably none of us here experienced some of the experiences they have, and if we are making money on our power rates as it is right now, I cannot see continuing to go up on them. I think that we need to control our spending elsewhere to take care. If we got a problem somewhere I just think we need to look elsewhere and take care of the problem rather than going up on power bills."

Councilmember Kiser shared his thoughts on the budget by saying, "I'm certainly one that does not want to endure power increases any more than any other citizen, but we have talked about the fact that we are involved with Electricites for a number of more years. We just talked about the fact that the cities that are in our group were earlier advice of 5% and we did get 2 ½%. Thanks to these two guys efforts here amongst other people."

Councilmember Puett shared the following, "I was in the meeting to in Concord and that was one angry bunch of people that was there, some in worse shape than we are. We don't have the industry anymore while these other towns have it they are still screaming and jumping up and down over it. They looked us right in the face and they told us you will not default, you will not come out of this. This is what it is and they are already talking about repairs to the reactor that are going to come up. We are hoping to hold on and hope it does not get any worse. We don't know what's ahead of us and getting out of this. We are still a way out."

Councilmember Kiser commented, "You know absorbing the power increases in the past is not what got us in trouble with the fund balance but it certainly had a part in that by all means in years past partially. I would like to say the city staff has done a terrific job I think to get the proposed budget put together, to try and get the city in better shape in the event we do have an ice storm or a garbage truck that we need to buy for many more years or months. I am not in favor of forwarding it either but I think 2 ½% is better than some of these cities with 5%."

Councilmember Dalton shared his thoughts saying, "Well I just give you my feeling on it, it's a hard job setting up here, it's a hard job setting over there (pointing at staff), it's a hard job setting out there as a citizen. It's not easy figuring this stuff out and what's the best way to go. This being my third budget that I have been involved in it's amazing how far the city has come I will say that. Staff and employees have sacrificed and worked hard and it's amazing how far we have come, but reality is we are not attacking the problem. The problem is not the electric fund as a whole the problem is the general fund. Electric fund, Mr. Parker is right, it's making money and has always made money the general fund is not. We've got to come to a consensus that we have got to attack that problem. When all these funds the electric, general and water and sewer can stand on their own that's when we are going to see this city really get better."

Financially everything. Until we start doing that I think we are in a vicious cycle, where yes were getting better finances are a heck of a lot better than when I first sat up here, but I don't want to get in that cycle and continue to be in that cycle where when we have issues we always look at the electric. Financially yes most people always pass on increases that somewhat a reality but we are not the same as all these other cities and towns. You know we have all done that and continue to do that, compare ourselves to other cities, but we have to realize to your customer base and these other cities are passing on 3 to 5% increases and they are spreading it out over a lot more people and their rates are still lower than ours. We have to keep that in mind. And we have to try and keep it affordable. I'm not saying it's easy, I'm not saying we can set here and absorb these things every year by any means trust me I am not saying that. But when we can try to give back to the citizens and help out I think that's what we have to do. Now there's no guarantees. If you absorb this rate and you have a severe ice storm in January you might have to do something in my opinion. Now electric rates is one of them things you can change anytime but I'm just not in favor of continuously attacking the wrong problem. The problem is not the electric fund and if I'm wrong please tell me I'm wrong. The problem is the general fund and that's the bottom line."

Mr. Blackburn shared, "The general fund will always be a problem because typically that fund relies solely on property tax proceeds for its funding. Police and fire are non-revenue generating and that is your biggest expenditures in the general fund is your public safety. You make very good points, thank you."

Councilmember Dalton went on to say, "I just think we got to learn to live within those means a little bit better. Whether it's giving up some other things somewhere else I don't know I mean I know it's hard those are hard decisions trust me I know but it's also a hard decision to pass on electrical rate increases when you know people are having a hard time paying it. And like I said, it's still making money, it is."

Mayor Beam asked if anyone else had anything they would like to share.

Paula Dease of 409 Myra Lane approached the podium and expressed some concerns. She shared that citizens ask her questions and she don't know why. She expressed that she likes the fireworks. She wanted to know how much money was being made on late fees and reconnect fees.

Councilmember Dalton commented that those fees are not enough to make a difference in the rate.

Finance Director Dixie Wall shared that fees bring in around thirty thousand dollars for reconnects and late fees generate around forty five thousand dollars.

Ms. Dease commented "That's a hundred thousand dollars and we can't spend ten thousand on fireworks. It's cheap entertainment."

Councilmember Dalton shared that is comes out of two different funds.

Ms. Dease asked why citizens are paying these late fees when they can't even pay their light bills. She shared that her bill was almost \$250.00 at one time and her house is super insulated. She also commented that she has put money in her house to keep her cost down and that she lives in a small ranch home with three bedrooms and one and a half baths. She feels like customers are way over charged and she also feels like her meters are never read. She also hears that other customers feel the same way. She also commented that she would like to see the budget figures in the newspaper. She never sees the budget figures.

Councilmember Dalton shared with Ms. Dease that she could go to City Hall anytime and see the figures.

Ms. Dease commented that it would cost her more gas. She said its public record and it should be printed in the paper.

Councilmember Dalton commented that it would cost way too much to have the entire budget printed in the newspaper.

Ms. Dease commented that she did not mean the entire budget but just the parts that are going up. Another question she had was about the embezzlement money. She stated that people want to know and it is not general knowledge if that money was coming back to us and where is it going if we are getting it. She commented that she has heard nothing about the money that the citizens lost.

Mr. Blackburn shared that we have received restitution money.

Ms. Dease wanted to know what the amount was.

Mr. Blackburn shared that we have received a little over \$12,000. Each month the US Clerk of Courts Office is to disburse any money received to the City of Cherryville.

Ms. Dease asked if that was all we get each month.

Mr. Blackburn shared that the court ordered Bonny Alexander to pay \$2,350 a month to the City of Cherryville.

Ms. Dease wanted to know where the \$2,350 came from.

Mr. Blackburn shared that the money comes from the defendant who is currently incarcerated in Federal Prison.

Mayor Beam commented that the city was awarded full restitution and if she lives long enough we will get every penny back.

Ms. Dease stated the following, "That's what I'm worried about. It's too little and we should be guaranteed to have that money, all of it come back to us. She has assets, I don't care whose name it's in there is a money trail and that's why I'm here. There is a money trail and I think the City of Charlotte did us wrong. It's just come up again in Charlotte with Mayor Cannon. Let's see

what Charlotte does to him. I don't think he did a half a million dollars. Now why would Charlotte do us one way and then do their own Mayor another."

Mayor Beam shared that the decision was made in Federal Court and that we are receiving every penny of her retirement check.

Ms. Dease said, "Bonny Alexander broke the law she does not deserve retirement, she and anybody else."

Mayor Beam shared that she is not getting her retirement the city is getting it.

Ms. Dease said, "We cannot have her die and not pay us a half million dollars back, long may she wave."

Mr. Blackburn shared that the money is being put back into all three funds.

Ms. Dease shared that this is the kind of stuff the common citizen does not know.

Councilmember Dalton commented that this has been discussed at numerous meetings.

The Mayor thanked Ms. Dease for her comments.

Rodney Bowyer of 305 Mark Street approached the bench. He commented that he agreed with everything that had been said so far except the 2 ½% increase in power. Mr. Bowyer shared that the city will never get out from under Electricities. He commented that Cherryville has a lot of poor people and we don't have jobs like other cities. He hopes the Council will vote against it. He also shared that if we continue to go up we are going to have to help people.

Mr. Blackburn mentioned the senior citizens discount and Councilmember Dalton mentioned the equal payment plan.

Councilmember Parker made a motion to exit the public hearing. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to approve the budget as proposed. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion. Vote was two for and two against. Councilmember's Dalton and Parker voted against and Councilmember's Puett and Kiser voted for.

Mayor Beam shared the following, "Well looks like we have a tie and that brings the vote to me. I have studied over this, this is something I have been considering for many many weeks. I have worked on it, I have prayed over it and my comments are. Yes it's a 2 ½% increase but next year it is a 5% increase that is being proposed. I feel like this year considering we were expecting a 5% increase we got it down to a 2 ½% increase and if the city of going to absorb this is the time to do it. This is the time to pass the increase on. Next year if it's 5% then I think we could consider absorbing part of it or all of it but if we absorb the 2.5 this year and then next year it is 5% the average citizens is going to say how did you hood wink me. You absorb it at 2.5 and now you come back with 5%. As far as Councilmember Parkers remarks on the fireworks,

the average citizens pays his taxes and he wants to get some kind of benefit from the city. I think the fireworks and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is one of those events citizens get to enjoy and they get to see where their money is going. It bring people into our town just like the festivals to see what Cherryville is like. I also have to look at how healthy we're going to make our finances in Cherryville. I've been told right now tonight that if some industry were to commit to come to Cherryville, for example like if one of the mills were to start back up, we could not even be able to furnish them water because we don't have the money to run both units at the waste water treatment plant. Is that correct?"

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Councilmember Dalton made a motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Kiser and Parker. Vote was unanimous.

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Councilmember Dalton made a motion to approve the resolution of intent and Councilmember Kiser seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

**CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION RE: G.S. 143-318.11 (3):**

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to enter into a closed session. Councilmember Parker made a motion and Councilmember Kiser and Puett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Parker made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember's Kiser and Puett seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. The regular city council meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Adopted this 14th day of July, 2014

H.L. Beam

Mayor, H.L. Beam

Paige H. Green

City Clerk, Paige H. Green

