

CITY OF CHERRYVILLE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY APRIL 27, 2015 @ 3:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Present at the meeting was the Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam III, Council Member's Jill Puett, David Kiser, and Brian Dalton. Council member Malcolm Parker was not present. Also present was City Manager Ben Blackburn, City Clerk Paige Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler, Finance Director Dixie Wall, Fire Chief Jeff Cash, Police Chief Chad Hawkins, and EDC Director Richard Randall. Michael Powell was present for media coverage.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

PRESENTATION FROM ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH RE: UPGRADING ELECTRICAL SERVICE, JOHN DELLINGER:

Mr. John Dellinger addressed the Mayor and City Council updating them on the remodeling of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mr. Dellinger explained that the church will be replacing the HVAC system. He talked to Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy and shared with him that the HVAC will be replaced. Currently the church has a gas fired boiler system and the new system will be electric. With this change could come the need for a bigger transformer than originally planned? Mr. Abernathy will get a copy of the mechanical plans from the church and he will get with the City's engineer to make sure the load increase that has been planned can carry the new HVAC system. If the transformer size increase so will the cost of the project. If the load has increased enough and costs remain the same or close to the original estimates then the church may not have any upfront costs but will then have to sign a contract agreement for the duration of the payback period which is usually ten years. This is the same agreement that is signed with any customer that requires a bigger service or a three phase service. The Rev. Dr. Eric Childers wrote a letter to Mayor Beam and the Council asking them to absorb the costs of the church's electrical upgrades because it will support the church's existing and expanding ministries. Rev. Dr. Childers explained in his letter that the church's energy usage is expected to increase because use of the facility will increase due to the renovations. Mr. Dellinger shared that once the commercial kitchen it renovated the church plans on opening it up to Meals on Wheels and other private nonprofit groups that can use it to help the community. Mr. Dellinger said at any event held at the church you will see at least one hundred people there. The church is continuing to expand its members and visitors. Mr. Dellinger shared that the HVAC

replacement will not take place until the kitchen renovation is complete, which should just be several more weeks. The church did not initially budget for this upgrade of \$21,000 and he asked the Mayor and Council to consider this and put it on the agenda for the May 11th City Council meeting. Mayor Beam and the Council shared discussion concerning this matter and it will be put on the agenda for the May 11th City Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR 115 BATES AVE., CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

Mr. Blackburn addressed the Mayor and City Council sharing with them that Mrs. Freida Clawson owner of the property located at 115 Bates Ave., contacted him about wanting to update the property to a two family/multi-family house. Mr. Blackburn explained to Mrs. Clawson that a public hearing would need to be held for a conditional use permit. The Planning Board will meet on May 18th to discuss this matter and it will also be placed on the May 11th agenda.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF FIRE MARSHAL JASON WOFFORD UPON RECEIVING HIS ADVANCED FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION FROM THE NC STATE FIREMENS ASSOCIATION, CHIEF JEFF CASH:

Fire Chief Jeff Cash shared with Mayor Beam and the Council that Fire Marshal Jason Wofford has received his Advance Firefighters Certification from the NC State Firemen's Association. He would like to present Jason with this certificate at the May 11th city council meeting. This will be put on the agenda.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER JIMMY JOHNSON UPON RECEIVING THE 2015 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD, CHIEF JEFF CASH:

Fire Chief Jeff Cash shared that Jimmy Johnson was named 2015 National Volunteer Fire Council Junior Firefighter of the Year. Jimmy has been with the fire department since August 5, 2011 joining at the age of 15. Chief Cash would like to present this award to Jimmy at the May 11th city council meeting. This will be placed on the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF MURAL ON THE CORNER OF E. MAIN STREET AND S. OAK STREET RE: OLD ROY AND TROY BUILDING:

Mr. Ben Blackburn shared with the Mayor and Council that on the corner of E. Main Street and S. Oak Street the faded Coke mural on the side of what once was the Roy and Troy Grocery Store will soon be restored. Coke will replace the faded mural. Pictures were shared with the

Mayor and Council showing different ideas for what the new mural should look like. The Mayor and Council had a discussion of what the new mural should look like or say. This will be placed on the May 11th agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF SETTING A DATE FOR THE 2015/2016 FY BUDGET WORK SESSION, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

Mr. Blackburn asked the Mayor and City Council if they had a date that they would like to set for a budget work session. After discussion and it was decided that a budget work session will be held on May 26, 2015 @ 7:00 pm at the fire department in the training room.

CONSIDERATION TO RESCHEDULE THE MAY WORK SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY. CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

Mr. Blackburn shared that May 25 is Memorial Day and also a holiday for city employees. The May work session would be on that day and it needs to be rescheduled. After discussion it was decided that the work session for May will be held the same date and time as the budget work session, May 26, 2015 @ 7:00 pm at the fire department training room.

CONSIDERATION TO PLACE "CHILDREN AT PLAY" SIGNS ON BATES AVE., CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

Mr. Blackburn asked the council to consider putting "Children at Play" signs on Bates Ave. He shared that he has talked to Mr. Randy Sanford who has concerns about cars that travel Bates Ave. at a higher rate of speed than they should. He had contacted the police department and they have talked to several individuals that could be traveling too fast. Mr. Blackburn asked Police Chief Hawkins to conduct a study of the area and present it at the May 11, 2015 City Council meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES:

Mr. Blackburn shared that he included two ordinances in the agenda package and also two different scenarios for consideration. Under Section 14-67 the definition for junked vehicle is all machines designed or intended to travel over land by self-propulsion or while attached to any self-propelled vehicle. The change that is being proposed is the definition to the following: **Motor vehicle or vehicle be changed to any machine designed or intended to travel over land or water by self-propulsion or while attached to a self-propelled vehicle.** The Mayor and Council

also discussed boats and trailers and the limit of each at a residence. Also chapter 17 in the Code of Ordinances, Community Appearance Standards, it is being proposed to add the following: Boat, a vehicle of any size used for traveling on water. Recreational Vehicle, a vehicle that often has a bathroom, kitchen, and beds for use during travel ad camping. Utility Trailer, a vehicle designed to be pulled by a motor vehicle which is used to carry property, trash, or special equipment. Also being proposed to be added under general requirements: Section 17-07.9 – Recreational Vehicles, Watercraft (except for kayaks and canoes), and Utility Trailers. Parking or storage of recreational vehicles, watercraft (whether mounted on trailers or unmounted), or utility trailers, except for loading and unloading activities is not permitted within the front yard or side yards in any Residential land Use District (R-40 to R-0). Screening from the adjacent properties is encouraged. After much discussion it was decided that a property could only have two of the following, junk cars, boats, trailers or RV's. Any more than two must be in an enclosed structure. This will be on the agenda for the May 11th, City Council meeting for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Beam asked about the curbing at the corner of S. Jacob Street and Ballard Street. The curb that he was asking about is on the corner of Helen McFarland's house. Mayor Beam shared that he talked to Murray Beam and was told that it is an easy fix. Mayor Beam asked Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy about why the curbing was completed the way it was. At this time the curb is out in the road and cars do not see it until it is too late and at hitting it. City Manager Blackburn said that he would talk to Brandon Abernathy on Tuesday about this curb and we need to also remember that it was put in as part of the CMAQ Grant. We would need to find out if we can alter the curb without affecting the grant money. We have still not received that money according to Mr. Blackburn.

Mayor Beam shared that he getting calls about the Garden Parkway and if Cherryville is supporting it. Mayor Beam shared that the Parkway is on a State level and not a Regional level. Mayor Beam wants to know for the next MPO meeting so that if Cherryville needs to vote than they need to know how to vote. Mayor Beam and Council Members are getting conflicting information.

Ben Blackburn shared that he has put a lot of thought into this issue and feels like it would be very beneficial to ask NC House of Rep. Kelly Hastings and a rep. from the NCDOT to come and meet with Mayor Beam and City Council at the next work session because of the conflicting stories. Mr. Blackburn will get with both parties and set this meeting up.

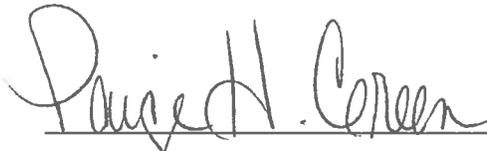
Council Member Kiser asked about the paving and when it may begin. Mr. Blackburn shared that the paving is behind due to all the rain.

Ben Blackburn shared that the position for the Planning and Zoning Director has been filled by Jeff Hawkins and the position will be part time. The annual salary will be \$20,000.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Dalton made a motion to adjourn the work session and it was seconded by Council Member Kiser. Vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourn at 4:13 pm.

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2015.



City Clerk, Paige H. Green



Mayor, H.L. Beam

