

CITY OF CHERRYVILLE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MONDAY APRIL 28, 2014 @ 1:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
TRAINING ROOM

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the work session to order at 1:05 pm. Present were Councilmember David Kiser, Councilmember Jill Puett, and Councilmember Malcolm Parker. Councilmember Brian Dalton was not present. Staff that was present City Manager Ben Blackburn, City Clerk Paige Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Police Chief Chad Hawkins, Police Captain Cam Jenks, Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy, Planning & Zoning Director Richard Elam, EDC Director Richard Randall, and Fire Chief Jeff Cash.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

CONSIDERATION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, TYLER PRUETT TROOP 323:

Mr. Tyler Pruett of Scout Troop 323 presented his Eagle Scout Project to Mayor Beam and the City Council for consideration. Tyler explained to Mayor Beam and Councilmembers that he would like to build a picnic shelter at Kenwood Park. The existing play area that is there is old and this area needs an update. Tyler had a handout explaining exactly what he has planned to do to upgrade the park. The picnic shelter will be 20 X 24 feet and have 6 x 6 post. A sidewalk will be added and handicap parking so that all citizens have access to the structure. The picnic shelter will be built on the existing concrete pad. The cost of this project will be approximately \$8,000.

City Manager Ben Blackburn shared that the city would buy some picnic tables to place under the new structure. After discussion, the Mayor and Councilmember's all agreed that this would be a good project and very much needed.

CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CLOSING OF SWEETREE STREET (PORTION):

City Manager Ben Blackburn passed out a letter from Modern Polymers, Inc. asking the City to consider closing a portion of Sweetree Street. The portion that Modern Polymers is requesting to be closed is between Academy Street and Sigmon Street. Modern Polymers is

making this request so they can purchase the property next door. MPI plans to extend its EPP Automotive division for future growth of the company.

After much discussion, this will be placed on the agenda for May for the Mayor and Council to set a date to hold a public hearing. The next council meeting will be May 12, 2014 @ 7:00 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGING THE MAY WORK SESSION THAT FALLS ON MEMORIAL DAY:

City Manager Ben Blackburn addressed the Mayor and Council letting them know that the next work session date falls on Memorial Day and City offices will be closed. Mr. Blackburn also shared that another budget meeting would need to be held along with the work session meeting.

After a brief discussion, the date May 28, 2014 @ 3:00 pm was chosen to hold the next work session and budget meeting. This will be placed on the May agenda for a vote.

UPDATE ON CDBG/NCDENR APPLICATION:

Mr. Blackburn addressed the Mayor and Council giving them an update on the application process. Mr. David Hartigan reported to Mr. Blackburn that the City would need to wait and fill out the application for the grant in the September funding cycle. This will also give staff time to do some work that will be required.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Blackburn shared with Mayor Beam and the Councilmembers that Ms. Peggy Houser of 113 Harrelson Rd. continues to have concerns about the water and sewer availability fees. Ms. Houser has said that she was told once the loan for the water and sewer line extension was paid off the availability fees would stop. City Clerk Paige Green has researched minutes back to 2003 when the project started and was unable to find proof of this. Also former members of the council were unable to recall this every being voted on. After discussion, Councilmember's confirm the staff's interpretation of the water/sewer availability fee pay structure. Councilmember Puett will get back with Ms. Houser about this matter.

Councilmember Parker asked for an update on the sidewalk that is to be installed at Rudisill Stadium. Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy gave an update saying the contractor was going to start today but because of the rain we are expecting, he will wait until later in the week to get started.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2014

H.L. Beam

Mayor, H.L. Beam

Paige H. Green

City Clerk, Paige H. Green

