



REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 30, 2016 @ 6:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
411 E. CHURCH ST. CHERRYVILLE, N.C. 28021

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION HONORING QUENTIN CASH, 2016 NC STATE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

A resolution will be presented to Quentin Cash at the City Council meeting on September 12. Quentin was named the 2016 NC State Firefighter of the Year.

DISCUSSION OF UTILITY POLICY RE: UTILITY FEES, FINANCE DIRECTOR DIXIE WALL:

Finance Director Dixie Wall asked the Council to consider revising Section 2 of the Utility Policy. Section 2 is Establishing and Billing Services Request for Services. Mrs. Wall suggested revising number 4, Service Request for all utilities. Currently the policy reads:

Any request for utility service or a request to add another service connection by a customer will be handles as a request for all services applicable to the location. Applications and fees are shown in the accompanying Section 6, Fee Schedule.

Mrs. Wall would like to revise the policy and add the following:

By requesting service for any property with a serviceable structure by the City of Cherryville (which shall include but not limited to electricity, water, sewer, and solid waste) all services available to that structure shall become active when one or all is requested. This will include any availability fees. Every property with a serviceable structure will also receive

one (1) solid waste container when service is activated but may request more for an additional charge. No serviceable structure shall request and be granted partial services unless approved by the City Manager, Public Works Director or any Public Safety Officer due to an emergency Circumstance or due to the safety of the public or resident.

Councilmember Dalton shared that he would be in favor of a fee for cutting utilities on and off for landlords/property owners because the city is running back and forth several times to disconnect and reconnect. Councilmember Dalton stated that he was not in favor of making customers pay for services they do not need or want. Councilmember Dalton shared that customers paying the availability fee have a choice because they can tap on anytime.

City Attorney Huffstetler stated that he understands the current policy to read just what Mrs. Wall is wanting enforced. The current policy states all services applicable to the location. Customers should not be able to choose what services they want it should be all.

After discussion, councilmembers decided that a disconnection fee should apply to services being disconnected on a serviceable structure.

This will be on the agenda for September 12.

DISCUSSION OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED FUNDS, EDC DIRECTOR, RICHARD RANDALL:

EDC Director Richard Randall shared that the Rural Economic Division of the NC Department of Commerce along with the NC General Assembly has inform him that the City of Cherryville has been selected to receive \$94,340.00 for downtown revitalization. Cherryville along with Shelby, Forest City and Gastonia were the cities in our area chosen to receive this money. The City of Cherryville has to complete a Downtown Revitalization Proposal Form and return it as soon as possible in order to receive the money. Mr. Randall ask everyone to think about the different projects they would like to see completed. The Cherryville Main Street Program has some recommendations for consideration. After much discussion, four of the nine recommendations were decided on. One, purchase downtown gateway property at the corner of Main Street and N. Depot Street, former McCoy's lot. Two, fund additional downtown façade and building grants. Three, repave and mark the Mini-Park parking area. Finally, repair and paint the Mini-Park wall. This will be an agenda item for the September 12 meeting.

DISCUSSION OF NO PARKING SIGNS IN FRONT OF W. BLAINE BEAM INTERMEDIATE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, BRANDON ABERNATHY:

Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy shared that the "No Parking" signs on First Street in front of William Blaine Beam Intermediate School need to be changed. Currently the "No Parking" signs read no parking between the hours of 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Mr. Abernathy met

with the Principal Hovis to discuss times that school buses were parked in front of the school. Mr. Abernathy shared that the no parking signs should read, "No Parking" between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 am and between the hours of 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm Monday – Friday to accommodate the school buses. This will be on the agenda for the September 12 meeting.

DISCUSSION OF WORK SESSION & STREETScape LAND USE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27 @ 5:30, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Manager Blackburn shared that the Main Street Committee would like to present the Streetscape Land Use Plan to the citizens of Cherryville. After some discussion, it was decided that the Streetscape Land Use Plan would be presented on Tuesday September 27 at 5:30 pm at the Cherryville Community Building. It was also decided that the work session meeting would be held immediately following in the council chambers at 7:00 pm. This will be on the agenda for the September 12 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Beam shared that on September 23, all law enforcement that live in Cherryville will be recognized at half time of the Ironmen football game.

City Manager Blackburn shared that Public Power Week and Fire Prevention Week will both be October 2-8. Proclamations will be ready for both at the September 12 meeting.

City Manager Blackburn also shared that the North Carolina League of Municipalities will hold its annual conference October 23-25. If anyone is interested in attending please let City Manager or City Clerk know so arrangements can be made. City Manager Blackburn will attend this conference.

City Manager Blackburn shared that the annual 911 ceremony will be held at Fraley Field on Friday September 9, 2016.

Councilmember Puett asked if we had a time frame for replacing old water and sewer lines in Cherryville. City Manager Blackburn responded by saying the areas in need have been identified.

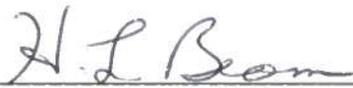
Councilmember Parker asked for an update on the Industrial Park. City Manager Blackburn shared that the deal is still on the table.

EDC Director Richard Randall shared that a ribbon cutting will held on September 8 at 4:45 for Kim Beam's new business, The Agency. There will also be a ribbon cutting on September 27 for Lutricia Bennett and her new business Incandescence Wellness & Medical Spa. The ribbon cutting will be at 11:30.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Dalton made a motion to adjourn he meeting. Councilmember's Kiser and Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Adopted this 12th day of September 2016.



H.L. Beam, Mayor



Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

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