REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 @ 7:00 PM

CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

106 S. JACOB ST. CHERRYVILLE, N.C. 28021

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

DISCUSSION OF AGREEMENT FOR NAMING RIGHTS AND SPONSORSHIP OF NEMAN T BATES FIELD, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler shared that he and Ms. Hilda Bates had met and made a few changes to the contract between the City of Cherryville and Ms. Bates. The contract is for the naming rights of the ballfield at the Tom White Little League fields. Ms. Bates and her family will pay $38,000 for equipment, labor and materials of lighting for the field. Ms. Bates also had a hand out showing how the Neman T Bates Memorial will look once completed.

After some discussion, Councilmembers directed staff to move forward with ordering the lights for the field. City Attorney Huffstetler will make a few changes to the contract and have it ready for approval on October 10, 2016.

DISCUSSION OF RENEWING REALTOR FOR BB&T BUILDING, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Manager Blackburn shared that Bob Clay has the BB&T building listed and has had several interested parties look at it. Mr. Blackburn shared that the contract with Mr. Clay will expire September 30. Vicki Spurling Realty has approached Mr. Blackburn about listing the building. After some discussion, Mayor Beam and the Councilmembers ask that this item be placed on the October 10 agenda.

DISCUSSION OF ELECTRICITIES BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINEE(S), CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Manager Blackburn shared that nominees are needed for the NC Power Agency 1 (NCMPA1). This year the NCMPA1 will elect two directors to the Board of Directors. James Gallagher of Gastonia and Mayor Barry C. Hayes of Granite Falls are up for re-election to the board. After some discussion, it was decided that Cherryville would have no nominee(s) this year.

PROCLAMATION FOR RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23 – 31, 2016, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Manager Ben Blackburn shared that October 23 – 31, 2016 has been designated as National Red Ribbon Week. The U.S. Congress established national Red Ribbon Week in 1988 to encourage a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention and reduction efforts. The proclamation will be read at the October 10 meeting.

Mayor Beam shared that he would like to have different council member's read resolutions and proclamations during meetings. He has observed others boards doing this and liked the participation from the council.

DISCUSSION OF CHANGE OF VENUE FOR OCTOBER WORK SESSION, CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Manager Blackburn shared that early voting will be held at the fire department during our next work session meeting on October 25. Mr. Blackburn shared that the venue for the next work session would need to be moved from the fire department. Mr. Blackburn suggested the meeting be held at the community building. This will on the October 10 agenda for a vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Parker shared that he was given a check from the ABC Board for $4,925.61. This will be recognized at the October 10 meeting.

Councilmember Dalton asked about the bar screen for the waste treatment plant. The bar screen has been ordered.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting. Councilmember Dalton seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Adopted this 10 day of October 2016.

H.L. Beam, Mayor

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Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk