



RESCHEDULED WORK SESSION MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 1, 2016 @ 6:00 PM

CHERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

411 E. CHURCH ST. CHERRYVILLE, N.C. 28021

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the work session meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilmember's David Kiser, Jill Puett and Malcolm Parker were present. City Manager Ben Blackburn, City Clerk Paige Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy, Finance Director Dixie Wall, Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Hawkins, Fire Chief Jeff Cash, and Police Captain Cam Jenks were also present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CEMETERY POLICY – CITY CLERK PAIGE GREEN & PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BRANDON ABERNATHY:

City Clerk Paige Green shared that many citizens have asked for the cemetery policy to be amended to allow solar lights and flags in the cemetery. At the cemetery committee meeting held in February the board agreed unanimously to amend the policy to allow a solar light or an American flag in the original vase with the flower arrangement. The total height cannot exceed 12 inches above the top of the vase. Below is a copy of the cemetery policy with the amendment highlighted:



CITY OF CHERRYVILLE

CITY MEMORIAL CEMETERY

RULES & REGULATIONS

PLOTS ARE SOLD ON A STRICTLY CASH BASIS; PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN FULL PRIOR TO OPENING OF THE GRAVE. PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED, EITHER ORALLY OR WRITTEN FROM THE CITY CLERK.

NO INSTALLMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT ARE PERMITTED EXCEPT ON PRE-NEED PLOTS. PRE-NEED PURCHASES OF PLOTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF PURCHASE, OR WHEN GRAVE IS OPENED, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. ACCOUNTS NOT PAID IN FULL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME WILL BE RESOLD BY THE CITY, AND PURCHASER WILL BE REFUNDED ANY MONEY THAT HAS BEEN PAID TOWARD THE ACCOUNT. ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH THE CITY CLERK.

ALL DEEDS FOR LOTS ARE TO BE GIVEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PURCHASER OF SAID PLOT AGREES TO ABIDE BY ALL CEMETERY ORDINANCES NOW IN EFFECT, OR ANY ORDINANCE HEREINAFTER PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

NO COPING OF CONCRETE, STONE, BRICK, OR ANY SUCH MATERIAL SHALL BE ALLOWED. NO SAND, GRAVEL, CRUSHED STONE OR SIMILAR MATERIALS SHALL BE ALLOWED ON LOTS OR GROUNDS.

ALL GRAVES ARE TO BE KEPT FLAT, NO MOUNDS ALLOWED.

IN THE OLD SECTION, ALL MONUMENTS ARE TO BE SET IN LINE OR CENTER OF THE FULL SIZED LOTS, AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE HALF SIZED LOTS. ON DIVIDED PLOTS, MONUMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PLOTS WITH EASTERN BOUNDARIES; FLAT MARKERS ON PLOTS WITH WESTERN BOUNDARIES.

IN THE NEW SECTION, FLAT MARKERS ONLY SHALL BE USED. MARKERS MUST BE PLACED FLAT TO THE GROUND. THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO THE MARKERS.

NO PLOT MARKER SHALL BE REMOVED UNLESS THE REPLACEMENT IS ON THE SAME SIZE MARKING AND NUMBERING.

ALL LIVE FLOWERS ON NEW GRAVES SHALL BE REMOVED IN ONE WEEK. PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON GRAVES FOR SIX WEEKS UNLESS THEY DETERIORATE PRIOR TO THIS PERIOD. PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS ON NEW GRAVES WOULD FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY. THE CITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MISSING FLOWERS.

THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED ON ALL GRAVE: ORNAMENTS, FURNITURE, GLASS VASES, GLASS CASES OR ANY OTHER GLASS OR PORCELAIN ITEMS, LIGHT FIXTURES, DECORATIVE FLAGS, TOYS, WOODEN OR ANY OTHER ARTICLES ON POLES, WATERING CANS OR ANY OTHER ARTICLE THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED OBJECTIONABLE BY THE CITY. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE SAME WITHOUT NOTICE TO THE OWNER, ANY RELATIVE OR OTHER PERSON. EXCEPTIONS TO THESE RULES ARE ALLOWED AT CERTAIN HOLIDAYS (SUCH AS EASTER AND CHRISTMAS), BUT ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HOLIDAY, OR THEY WILL BE REMOVED BY THE CITY. A SOLAR LIGHT OR AN AMERICAN FLAG MAY BE PLACED IN THE ORIGINAL VASE WITH THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES IN TOTAL HEIGHT ABOVE THE TOP OF VASE.

NO TRUCKS HAULING MONUMENTS OR VEHICLES OF ANY KIND SHALL BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE ON THE GROUNDS EXCEPT ON DRIVEWAYS PROVIDED. PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT BEFORE PLACING MARKERS ON GRAVES.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT PAIGE GREEN, CITY CLERK AT 704-435-1709. THANKS!

After some discussion City Council decided to change the amendment to: **A SOLAR LIGHT OR A CURRENT FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY BE PLACED IN THE ORIGINAL VASE WITH THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT SO LONG AS IT DOES NOT EXCEED 12 INCHES IN TOTAL HEIGHT ABOVE THE TOP OF VASE.**

This will be placed on the March 14 agenda for a vote.

CONSIDERATION OF REZONING CHANGE FROM B-3 (GENREAL BUSINESS) TO R-15 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 303 N. CHERRY STREET (GASTON COUNTY PID #129272) – PLANNING & ZONING JEFF HAWKINS:

City Manager Blackburn shared that Mr. Edward Gibson, property owner of 303 N. Cherry Street, has requested to have the parcel rezoned. Mr. Gibson is requesting the parcel be rezoned from B-3 (general business) to R-15 (single family residential). The planning board met and unanimously recommended that the parcel be rezoned. A public hearing date was set for the March 14 meeting. This will be on the agenda for the March 14 meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED – PLANNING & ZONING JEFF HAWKINS:

Planning & Zoning Director Jeff Hawkins shared with Mayor Beam and the Council that there are many homes in the community that need to be condemned. Mr. Hawkins shared four of those homes asking the Council for guidance on which property(s) to move forward on. After some discussion, Mr. Hawkins was given direction to move forward on the property located at 415 W. Ballard Street. Mr. Hawkins will contact Mr. Sam Leggett to proceed with possible condemnation proceedings.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS ON WATER PLANT RESIDENCE – CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

Mr. Blackburn shared with Mayor Beam and the Council that we have received two bids on the water plant house. One bid was for \$30,000 and one was for \$31,460.80. After discussion, Mayor Beam and Councilmembers decided to advertise the home again in the Cherryville Eagle for another ten day upset bid. The ad will run on March 9 and all bids will be due by March 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS – FINANCE DIRECTOR DIXIE WALL:

Finance Director Dixie Wall handed out copies of five budget amendments where grant money has come in and has to be budgeted in the current year's budget. The amendments will be on the agenda for the March 14 meeting.

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 323 RE: CITIZENSHIP MERIT BADGE – CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

City Manager Blackburn shared that members of Boy Scout Troop 323 will be attending the March 14 meeting. The boy scouts are working toward their citizenship merit badge.

CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTATION FROM THE YMCA – CITY MANAGER BEN BLACKBURN:

The Cherryville YMCA will give a presentation at the next City Council meeting on March 14, 2016 regarding what they do for the community.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Beam shared that he has received complaints regarding the recycling bins on Black Street. Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy shared that the recycling company that empties the bins are contacted when the bins are full, but we are at their mercy. They may come and empty them the next day or it could be four or five days.

City Clerk Paige Green shared that the Cherryville High School Cheerleaders will be at the March 14 meeting for special recognition of their recent back-to-back State Championships.

Chief Jeff Cash shared that Little League's opening day will be April 16.

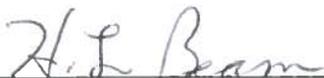
City Manager Blackburn shared that the City of Cherryville has again won an award for the Main Street Program. Several will be traveling to Goldsboro March 16, 17, and 18 for the Main Street Conference.

Mayor Beam shared that he and City Manager Blackburn will meet with Lincolnton officials March 3, 2016 regarding water.

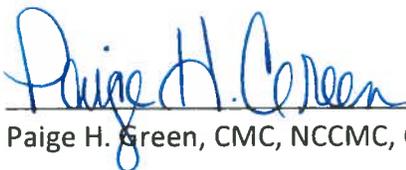
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Kiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember's Puett and Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Adopted this 14 day of March 2016.



H.L. Beam, Mayor



Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk



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