



**REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 26, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
W.J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
106 S. JACOB STREET CHERRYVILLE, NC 28021**

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the work session meeting to order at the community building in the William J. Allran Jr. Council Chambers. Councilmembers Jill Puett, Gary Freeman, Jon Abernethy and Janice Hovis were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Yansea Taylor, and Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker were also present. Wise News was present for media coverage.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION:

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE RE: ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE STATE AMERICAN LEGION TOURNAMENT PARADE, MAYOR BEAM:

Mayor Beam shared that the following road closure ordinance would need to be approved for the State Legion Tournament Parade:



**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
STATE AMERICAN LEGION TOURNAMENT PARADE**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cherryville celebrates Cherryville Post 100 for the pleasure of its citizens and their love of baseball; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cherryville acknowledges that its citizens, businesses, and community organizations benefit from participation in the State American Legion Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cherryville acknowledges a parade requires approximately two (2) hours to install signing and traffic control, and also requires approximately two and a half (2.5) hours for removing signs, traffic control, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Cherryville pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that we hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

Date(s): Friday, July 19, 2024

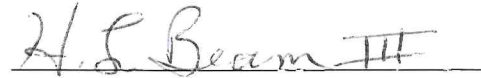
Times: 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Route Description: NC Hwy 274 at the intersections of Main Street and First Street (the parade is held on local roads, namely Main Street, Mulberry Street, and First Street and only crosses NC Hwy 274 at the intersections noted above)

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the parade, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the parade route.

Adopted this 26 day of March 2024.


Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk


H.L. Beam III, Mayor

(SEAL)

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the ordinance for the State American Legion Tournament Parade. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE RE: ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE VERY MERRY WHOVILLE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, MAYOR BEAM:

Mayor Beam shared that the following road closure ordinance would need to be approved for the Very Merry Whoville Christmas Festival:



**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
A VERY CHERRY WHOVILLE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ON MAIN STREET**

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cherryville acknowledges a long tradition of providing the annual Very Cherry Whoville Christmas Festival on Main Street for the pleasure of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cherryville acknowledges that its citizens, businesses, and community organizations benefit from participation in the annual Very Cherry Whoville Christmas Festival; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Cherryville acknowledges a parade requires approximately seven (7) hours to install signing and traffic control, and also requires approximately seven (7) hours for removing signs, traffic control, and litter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Cherryville pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that we hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portion of a State Highway System route:

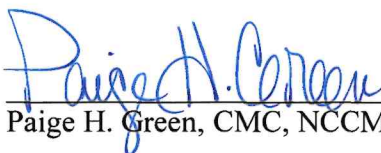
Date(s): Friday, December 6, 2024

Times: 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

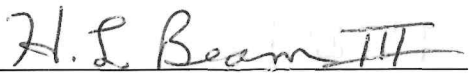
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Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk



H.L. Beam III, Mayor
(SEAL)

Councilmember Hovis made a motion to approved the ordinance. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION OF DONATIONS TO THE CITY RE: CHERRY TREES, MAYOR BEAM:

Mayor Beam shared that the auditor has cleared the city to accept any donations. A family has generously donated money for the purchase of cherry trees that have been set out. They are donating more money for the maintenance of the cherry trees.

Mr. Sid Stroupe has headed this project and he explained that the money would be use for David Wise Landscaping. Mr. Wise will be coming back to do maintenance on the trees to keep them healthy.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE UPDATES, CITY ATTORNEY YANSEA TAYLOR:

Mrs. Taylor shared that she attended the Municipal Attorney's Winter Conference in Raleigh, in February, and there were two significant changes that impact council members. The first relates to accounting time frames, and fees associated with not complying with those time frames. The second is a task force that has been created by the legislator to have strict scrutiny on council members and what they are doing in their role as a council member. Mrs. Yansea shared that there are some strict requirements that go along with this. Mrs. Yansea shared that she will prepare an email and attach the changes to it. She will send to the city clerk so she can send it out to the confidential emails.

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Manager Dalton shared a copy of the city fees revised. He asked that the fees be reviewed for consideration with the proposed budget. He pointed out that staff is requesting an increase on some of the fees. The first fee was for underground electrical service that is currently \$250.00 for the first 100 feet and \$2.00 per foot over 100 feet. With the cost of wire and other materials increasing the proposed fees will be \$350.00 for the first 100 feet. The second increase is with the garbage containers. The cost is \$20,000 for 300 garbage containers. Currently each property is given a container at no cost. If your garbage container needs to be replaced there is an \$80.00 charge to have it replaced. We are proposing a \$75.00 charge to get a container or replace a container.

Councilmember Hovis asked if we are changing from getting the first one free.

Mr. Dalton shared that if you build a new home you will need to buy the container.

Mayor Beam asked what if the customer did not want to buy the container, and just wanted to use metal cans.

Mr. Dalton shared that you have to use a container from the city in order to get your garbage picked up. He also shared that this will help offset the cost for the new developments being built.

Councilmember Freeman asked what happens if someone steals your container? Do you have to pay to have it replaced?

Mr. Dalton responded yes. You would have to purchase another container.

Mr. Dalton shared the next increase being proposed is the 3/4-inch water meter. The current price is \$250.00 and the proposed rate would be \$350.00. The one-inch water meter would go from \$400.00 to \$500.00. The last increase is for boring. Currently the cost is \$150.00 and we are proposing an increase of \$400.00. Mr. Dalton shared that we cannot patch any spots for \$150.00 and we are losing money patching because of the price of asphalt. Mr. Dalton shared that there are some smaller changes in zoning fees and the increase is because of advertisement cost.

Councilmember Abernethy asked about the Town & State Dinner that is next week in Hickory. He wanted to know if everyone wanted to carpool. Mr. Dalton will get a Tahoe and see if they can all ride in it or it may take a couple cars.

Councilmember Abernethy shared that he did attend an ABC Board meeting and the Cherryville store is ahead of most ABC stores in the State. Sales are up 18%.

Councilmember Abernethy shared that he will be out of town for the next meeting on April 8. He said he would phone in to the meeting.

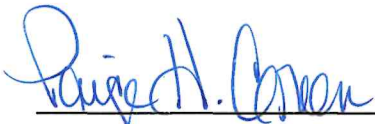
Councilmember Freeman shared that he is still getting complaints about potholes. He would also like to let the electrical department know that the area light in the teacher's parking lot at East Elementary is out again.

Councilmember Hovis thanked Chief Hunsucker and attorney Yansea Taylor for boarding up the house on N. Pine Street. The home was known for drug activities.

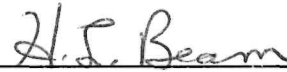
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

Adopted this 8 day of April 2024.



Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk



H.L. Beam, Mayor

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