



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING

W. J. ALLRAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the meeting to order at the community building in the W.J. Allran Council Chambers. Councilmember's Jill Puett, Gary Freeman, Malcolm Parker, and Jon Abernethy were present. City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Police Chief Cam Jenks, Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy, Downtown Director David Day, and Finance Director Dixie Wall, Fire Chief Jason Wofford, and Captain Brian Doolittle were also present. Michael Powell of the Cherryville Eagle was present for media coverage.

INVOCATION: PASTOR DALE HENDRICKS, SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:

Pastor Dale Hendricks gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the following sets of minutes:

- A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2021 pg.(s) 1-9
- B. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2021 pg.(s) 10-23
- C. CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2021 (Handed out)
- D. CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2021 pg. 24-25
- E. CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2021 (Handed out)

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

“My comments tonight will begin with the introduction of the city’s new City Manager Mr. Brian Dalton. Mr. Dalton was unanimously voted as city manager in open council meeting on December 4, 2021. City Manager Dalton will officially begin his employment one week from today on December 20, 2021. City Council welcomes Mr. Dalton and looks forward to working with him in his new position this coming Monday.

This past month has been quite a busy one for your mayor and the city as well. Farris Fab created some new decorations for Main Street and the lighted trees look great. The Cherryville Garden Club revitalized our HUGE wreaths, and we will put them to good use. The Garden Club also decorated the Historic Heritage Park with new decorations. Our Main Street Christmas Task force and Chamber of Commerce have been working hard getting our holiday events lined up and I am so proud of their diligent work for our city.

On November 27, the city hosted the Holiday Market & Small Business Saturday from 10 am thru 3 pm. Later that evening I was honored to welcome visitors to our Main Street Lighting in the Mini Park at 6 p.m. A chorus consisting of Jon Abernethy, David Day, Amy Chapman and Dennis Workman sang Christmas Carols as Larry Wright provided the sound and music. A special guest appearance by Santa Claus highlighted the event and thanks go to Pete Craft for helping with this visit.

On December 2, a Sip and Shop was held on Main Street from four thru 8 p.m. and on December 3, the city hosted our annual Main Street “A Very Who Ville Christmas” from six thru 10 pm. This event was by far the largest crowds every to assemble in our Historic Down Town area. Estimates from eight to 10 thousand people were on hand for this event.

This past Saturday, the city’s annual Christmas Parade was held with a large crowd on hand for this event as well.

Cherryville’s Holiday Celebration will end with our annual New Year’s Shooters on January 1.

In closing, I am happy to announce that the New 2021 Cherryville Christmas ornament has arrived and they are being sold at our local merchants. The ornament was designed after the BB&T building.

Lastly, Mr. Bob Barker asked that the city design team create a lapel pin for our city. I am proud to be wearing one of these tonight. Thank You Mr. Barker for financing these pins.”

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY CLERK PAIGE H. GREEN:

City Clerk Paige H. Green administered the oath of office to Councilmember Gary Freeman, Councilmember Jill Parker Puett, and Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: CITIZENS THAT WISH TO SPEAK MAY DO SO BY COMING TO THE PODIUM AND STATING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS BEFORE YOU SPEAK. COMMENTS WILL BE HELD TO 5 MINUTES PER PERSON. (PLEASE SIGN UP WITH THE CITY CLERK AT THE MEETING BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS):

None.

CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS, MAYOR H.L. BEAM:

Mayor Beam proposed the following appointments for Councilmembers:



Proposed Appointment

Current Appointee Appointed December 13, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem	Councilmember Jill Puett
ABC Board Liaison	Councilmember Malcolm Parker
Appearance Committee/Garden Club	Councilmember Jill Puett Alt. Gary Freeman
Audit Committee	Mayor H L Beam Councilmember Jon Abernethy-Chairman
Centralina Council of Government	Mayor H L Beam Councilmember Jill Puett
Cemetery Committee Liaison	Councilmember Jill Puett
Chamber of Commerce Liaison	Councilmember Gary Freeman Alt. Jon Abernethy
Depot Museum Liaison & Historical Museum	Councilmember Malcolm Parker
ElectriCities Board	Mayor H L Beam Alt. Brian Dalton
ElectriCities Rate Committee	Councilmember Jill Puett Alt. Dixie Wall
Fire Department Relief Fund Board	Councilmember Malcolm Parker Councilmember Jon Abernethy

Gaston-Cleveland -
Lincoln Transportation
Advisory Committee (MPO)

Mayor H L Beam
Councilmember Jill Puett (Alt)

Recreation Advisory Committee Liaison

Councilmember Gary Freeman **Alt. Jon Abernethy**

YMCA Liaison

Councilmember Gary Freeman **Alt. Jill Puett**

Main Street Program

Councilmember Jill Puett
Councilmember Gary Freeman

Councilmember Parker made a motion to approve the proposed appointments.
Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED PRICE INCREASE RE: CHERRYVILLE MEMORIAL CEMETERY & CHERRYVILLE MEMORIAL COURTYARD, CITY CLERK PAIGE H. GREEN:

City Clerk Paige H. Green proposed the following cemetery price increase for January 1, 2022:



**PROPOSED FEES FOR CHERRYVILLE CITY
MEMORIAL PARK**

The following fee changes for the Cherryville Memorial Cemetery will be effective **January 1, 2022** and will remain in effect until further notice.

PURCHASE PRICE FOR ALL GRAVE SPACES:

Inside Residence	\$ 600.00?
Outside Residence	\$1,000.00?

FEES FOR GRAVE OPENING AND CLOSINGS: (CHARGES PRIOR TO INTERMENT)

Cremation Grave Opening	\$ 375.00	\$400.00
Baby Grave Opening	\$ 340.00	\$375.00
Adult Grave Opening	\$ 630.00	\$675.00
Oversized Adult Grave Opening	\$ NEW	\$775.00

Maintenance Fee for Inside City Residence:	\$ 0.00
Maintenance Fee for Outside City Residence:	\$ 700.00?

An additional fee of **\$600.00** will be charged to have a grave opened on the following holidays – New Year’s Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day and Labor Day.

In order to insure quality workmanship we ask for at least 36 hours' notice. **Notice of less than 24 hours will incur an additional charge passed on from Greene & Son, Inc.**

Rock removal is an additional ~~\$200.00~~ **\$225.00** per hour.

Funerals scheduled to begin after 4:00 pm, will incur an additional charge of \$500.00. **Funerals lingering in the cemetery, deterring contracted staff from closing of the plot after 5:00 pm will be subject to additional charges that will be passed on from contractor.**

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If there are any questions concerning the above fee schedule and the city's policies relating to the Cherryville Memorial Cemetery, please call City Clerk Paige Green at 704-435-1709.

NEW CREMATION SECTION OF CEMETERY ONLY

Cremation remains: (2 x 2 space)	Inside Residence	\$ 375.00?
	Outside Residence	\$ 600.00?

Maintenance fee only for outside residence for cremation remains: (Adopted 12/09/2013)
\$300.00?

ALL MARKERS FOR CREMATION REMAINS MUST BE A FLAT 2 x 2 MARKER.

BENCHES:

Customers will purchase bench.

Space for bench in the City Cemetery will be \$400.00?

City will meet with the family and choose where benches can be placed. If a bench is moved for any reason, the City of Cherryville will assume the benches property and resale the space.



PROPOSED FEES FOR CHERRYVILLE MEMORIAL COURTYARD

The following fees will apply for the Memorial Courtyard effective **January 1, 2022** and will remain in effect until further notice.

PURCHASE PRICE FOR 2 X 2 CREMATION SPACE Inside Resident \$ 500.00?

Price includes 2 X 2 marker	Outside Resident	\$1,000.00?
OPENING & CLOSING FOR 2 X 2 CREMATION		\$ 500.00?
The 2 X 2 markers for this section are already in place for engraving.		
PURCHASE PRICE FOR NICHE (ROWS 2-5)	Inside Resident	\$1,500.00?
	Outside Resident	\$2,000.00?
PURCHASE PRICE FOR NICHE (ROWS 1 & 6)	Inside Resident	\$1,200.00?
	Outside Resident	\$1,700.00?
OPENING & CLOSING FOR NICHE		\$ 200.00?
MAINTENANCE FEE (for cremation grave space & niche)	Inside Resident	No Fee
	Outside Resident	\$ 500.00?
ENGRAVING FEES (LIMITED TO THREE (3) (2) LINES)		\$ 250.00?
All engraving will be of uniform design and inscriptions		
Additional engraving on original marker		\$ 190.00?
SCATTERING PERMIT (ISSUED BY CITY CLERK)		\$ 20.00?

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After reviewing the proposed changes, Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve all changes in red and the prices for plots will be reviewed closer to budget time. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Below is a copy of the approved changes:



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UPDATE ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR STROUP ACRES, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR DERRICK MACKEY:

Planning & Zoning Director Derrick Mackey approached the podium to share that the City of Cherryville is in the process of finalizing the special use permit submitted by Wellsprings. We have Centralina Government assisting and waiting on final documentation for the conclusion of the process. Wellsprings have been very cooperative and in agreement with all proposals brought forth. We are asking for a continuation in this matter until the January 10, Council Meeting.

Councilmember Parker made a motion to continue the public hearing for a conditional use permit for Stroupe Acres until January 10, 2022. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING & ZONING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR DERRICK MACKEY:

Planning & Zoning Director Derrick Mackey approached the podium and asked for consideration for Mr. Kelly Beam of 1009 North Mountain Street. Mr. Mackey went on to say that Mr. Kelly Beam will fill the position left by Mr. Ben Blackburn. Ben stepped down due to various obligations.

Councilmember Freeman asked what Mr. Beam’s qualifications were. Mr. Mackey shared that Mr. Beam owns several properties in town and is well aware of planning & zoning codes.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to appoint Mr. Kelly Beam to the planning & zoning board. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO CANCEL DECEMBER WORK SESSION MEETING ON DECEMBER 28, 2021,
MAYOR H.L. BEAM:

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to cancel the December 28, work session meeting.

Councilmember Parker made a motion to cancel the December 28 work session meeting. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Beam shared that Councilmember Freeman will be showing his paintings in Lexington until January. Mr. Freeman shared that he was one of the eleven chosen to show their paintings.

City Clerk Paige H. Green shared that she had received a call earlier in the day from N'Tonya Houser regarding Bill Edwards Park. Ms. Houser shared that she is part of a group that is interested in adopting that park to make improvements. Mrs. Green told Ms. Houser that she would share at this meeting and get back to her.

Councilmember Abernethy asked about the second leaf truck and wanted to know if anyone had been hired to run it. Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy stated that he has not been able to hire anyone.

Councilmember Freeman mentioned that he had talked to Darin & Brooke Aldridge regarding a mural in honor of them. Councilmember Parker shared that he had talked to them as well and he would like to discuss this more later.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at

Adopted this 10 day of January 2022.


Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk


H.L. Beam, Mayor

