



**REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY JUNE 27, 2023 @ 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 meeting to order. Councilmember's Gary Freeman, Malcolm Parker, Jon Abernethy, and Jill Puett were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Public Works Director Chris J. King, Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker, Fire Chief Jason Wofford, and Finance Director Dixie Wall were also present. No media coverage.

AGENDA APPROVAL/REVISION:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember's Parker and Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR MONDAY JULY 10, 2023 RE: REZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE PART 5 SECTION 5.2.3(b.):

The public hearing will be held at the July 10, 2023 meeting.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

PRESENTATION FROM THE CHERRYVILLE ABC BOARD, JAMES BEAM:

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, City Council. I'm James Beam, I'm the chairman of the chair of ABC store. About 10 years ago, we came to y'all and asked y'all if we can set aside \$7000 a year to prepare for a roof in the future and we have done that. And with the recent storm, we had three roofers get on our roof to look at it, to see how it, how it looked. And they all said it was iffy, but they all recommended that we file a claim and we got, we basically got declined for the claim because our roofs fine. We got a good roof and we have a service plan for the next four years that if anything goes wrong it'll be fixed. But with us filing our budget for next year and with the state of North Carolina, we have to get your approval and we're asking you if we can do four more years of \$7000. To make it go over 100,000 because all three roofers told us that they could not replace that roof for \$70,000 right now. Now a lot can happen in four years. But we'd like to be able to do that. Let me give you an example like the only downside would be is you'd say, OK, you have your second distribution of profits coming after we do our audit. So, we submitted a check for \$30,000 distribution of profits. We'll have our audit and then he'll tell us

what we owe. And we're right now we're right on track with last year sales, which were all time highs and our distribution last year requires us to pay 6000 more dollars. But because we've done so well, we want to share the profits even more. We gave 10,000. So, if you, if you allow us to set aside 7000, it's not really costing you more in distributions because holding back 7000 thousand is not going to generate 6000 more dollars or 4000 more dollars. So that's it in a nutshell. We have to have approval, like I said, to approve to putting our budget. So, I'll answer any questions you may have.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to approve the Cherryville ABC Board to withhold \$7,000 annually for a roof, that will be needed in the future. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION RE: HONEY HUNTERS & MOMENTOUS GROUP, COO VERONICA JEON:

No one attended the meeting to speak on this matter.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2023, CITY MANAGER BRIAN DALTON:

Mrs. Wall approached the podium to explain the following budget amendment below.

Mrs. Wall, "Mayor, council, this is just the final budget amendment that I have to budget for grants, donations and basically I budgeted 500,000 for the storm in electric, so we could cover the budget, we got to make sure we budget for those expenditures."



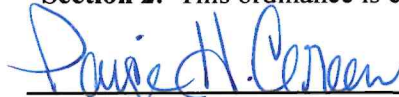
2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Section 1. The 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance of the City of Cherryville adopted on June 13, 2022

REVENUES	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
10.3412.2620	General - General Grants	\$ 1,500.00	
10.3412.3350	General - General Donations	\$ 118,300.00	
10.3493.3350	General - CMSP Donations	\$ 3,400.00	
10.3412.8200	General - Sale of Surplus Property	\$ 19,192.00	
10.3431.3350	General - Police Donations	\$ 4,753.00	
30.3720.9900	Electric - Fund Balance	\$ 500,000.00	

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
10.4120.6930	General - Administration - Donations	\$ 100,000.00	
10.4310.5510	General - Police - Officer Related Eq (Restricted)	\$ 9,500.00	
10.4310.3500	General - Police - Building Maintenance	\$ 9,692.00	
10.4310.6930	General - Police - Donations	\$ 4,753.00	
10.4930.6930	General - CMSP - Donations	\$ 4,700.00	
10.6120.3920	General - Recreation - Special Events	\$ 10,000.00	
10.6120.6900	General - Recreation - Grants	\$ 1,500.00	
10.6120.6930	General - Recreation - Donations	\$ 7,000.00	
30.7200.2940	Electric - Electric - Storm Maintenance	\$ 500,000.00	

Section 2. This ordinance is effective upon its adoption this June 27, 2023.



 Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk



 H.L. Beam, Mayor

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Beam shared that he talked to Representative Kelly Hastings and the State of Emergency Declaration was approved by the governor.

Mr. Dalton stated, "Mayor Council one thing we want to go ahead and talk to you a little bit about is, currently we have our billing software through Northstar. We are looking at changing our billing software over to Tyler. Tyler is who we use for our financials and as you know the monthly reports you get. So, we're looking at possibly changing to Tyler. Now we wouldn't implement this until July, but we want to start getting prepared to put it online and start basically running parallel with North Star starting in September, October, and then we make sure basically that Tyler is doing what it's supposed to be doing while we still have North Star. Then in July, 2024 we go live with Tyler. There is a financial savings when we go to Tyler. I guess the best way to look at the fees is they are less with Tyler, and it gets us where all our products are through Tyler. North Star is a Canadian company and Tyler is based out of Texas, so we feel like we get a little better service as well. The thing that we'll probably need to start thinking about, and to help you out here, is the phase for when people use credit cards to pay their bills, I think our fee is going to be \$4.00 per transaction Right now it's \$2.50 per transaction, so we'll need to look at what we want to go up to, where our fee is \$4.00 dollars per transaction, or are we going to stay at \$2.00, and we're going to eat the other dollar fifty. That's a decision that

we'll have to make, or you'll have to make as a council in the near future, and that's something we'll need to start thinking about. You know, we've looked at Shelby for example, if you come in to City Hall to pay your bill, you have to either pay cash or you have to pay check, they don't do face to face transactions. So, the only time you can use your card is if you pay at the kiosk, or you pay online, you know and that's the thought process, do we want to say you got to pay cash or you got to pay check if you come in face to face. So, there's a lot of things we're looking at. Dixie is reaching out to Lincolnton and Statesville and they're already on Tyler and, you know, we will need to making sure that everything is where it needs to be as far as going forward with our billing system if we come up to them."

Councilmember Parker asked, "How busy is the kiosk?"

Mr. Dalton, "Not very busy at all, is it?"

Mrs. Wall, "No, I say we probably do maybe ten payments a month."

Councilmember Puett thanked Mr. Dalton for his comments on facebook regarding Westgate Park.

Mr. Dalton shared that he would like to start putting proposed plans on the city's website to keep citizens informed of what the city is working on. He commented that he is not a fan of commenting on facebook, but he felt like the citizens needed to be made aware that we are working on West Gate as well as other projects. He shared that he has met with David Day and Steve Panton, and they will work to make this information possible through facebook and our website. He went on to share that we have so many projects going on, and this would be a great way to keep the citizens up to date on what is going on.

Mr. Dalton shared that there are plans to resurface Edwards Park court and install new basketball goals. There are plans for Ranbar park, and we hope to convert the tennis court there, to pickleball courts and a small fence in the middle to separate the courts. The basketball court needs upgrading as well. Our biggest request is a splashpad and a park with more playground equipment. The lot on the corner of Main Street and Depot will be paved for parking and Bean Brothers are building an area for a sign and flowers. We plan on planting more cherry trees especially in the city cemetery. The Chamber of Commerce building will be repainted and the awning replaced with one that will have the branding colors.

Mr. Dalton went over the financial report stating, "General Fund is up 93,000 electric fund is 906,000. Solid waste is 30,000 and water and sewer is 115,000. And remember that electric fund we have already paid numerous bills from the storm."

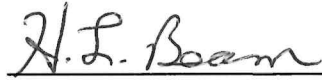
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Adopted this 10 day of July 2023.



Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk



H.L. Beam, Mayor



