



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
W.J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
106 S. JACOB STREET CHERRYVILLE, NC 28021

I. Call to Order: Mayor H.L. Beam

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the meeting to order. Councilmembers, Jill Puett, Jon Abernethy, Janice Hovis and Gary Freeman were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, Fire Chief Jason Wofford, Assistant Fire Chief Colby Heffner, Public Works Director Chris King, Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker, Downtown Director David Day, and Finance Director Dixie Wall were also present. Lincoln Times News and Wise News was present for media coverage

II. Invocation: Jeanna Spiker- Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Invocation was delivered by Pastor Jeanna Spiker Baptist Church.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

IV. Agenda Approval

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item VII: Recognition of Chief Wofford.

Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

V. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Hovis made a motion to approve both sets of minutes listed below:

- CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2025
- CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION OCTOBER 28, 2025

Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

VI. Mayor's Comments

- Congratulations to newly elected Mayor Wade Stroupe and re-elected Council Members Jill Puett and Gary Freeman.
- Swearing-in will occur December 8, 2025.
- City Community Building renovations have been completed.
- Final payment made for the water interconnect with Cleveland County; approximately \$800,000 remains for water/sewer projects.
- Removal of two hazardous trees on Academy Street completed.
- Police Department is hiring two officers, one to serve as a downtown officer.
- Public Works is constructing a new 10-bay metal building funded 100% by surplus sales.
- Waffle House construction delayed until mid-2026.
- Tractor Supply expects to open by end of 2025

VII. (Amended Item) Recognition of Chief Wofford:

Chief Wofford was honored for 37 years of service to the City of Cherryville. A certificate and retirement gift were presented. Chief Wofford expressed gratitude and reflected on his years of service.

VIII. Citizens to be Heard:

No citizens were Heard

IX. Reappointment of Tim Moss to the ABC Board: City Manager Brian Dalton

City Manager Brian Dalton requested reappointment of Tim Moss to the ABC Board for a three-year term. The State called the week prior stating that it was actually Mr. Moss's Term that was due for Re-appointment instead of Mr. Beam's.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion that Tim Moss be Reappointed to the ABC Board. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote unanimous.

X. Consideration of Dawn Whitworth to the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment: Planning and Zoning Director Richard Elam

Dawn Whitworth was appointed to fill the seat formerly held by Mayor-elect Stroupe. Term: Nov. 10, 2025 – June 30, 2027.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion that Dawn Whitworth be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board. Councilmember Hovis seconded the motion and the vote unanimous.

XI. Consideration of Public Hearing Ref: Special Use Permit Proposed Terrace Estates on Gaston County PID# 158768: Planning and Zoning Director Richard Elam

A public hearing was set for December 8, 2025 regarding a special use permit for Terrace Estates, Parcel ID 158768.

Councilmember Freeman made a motion to set the Public Hearing for December 8th 2025. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote unanimous.

XII. Consideration of Public Hearing Ref: Text Amendment to Section 10.1.9 Relating to Off-Street Parking Requirements: Planning and Zoning Director Richard Elam

A public hearing was set for December 8, 2025 to review proposed text amendment to off-street parking.

Councilmember Puett made a motion to set the Public Hearing for December 8th 2025. Councilmember Hovis seconded the motion and the vote unanimous.

XIII. Other Business

Council members thanked city crews for lighting repairs and discussed new policing plans for Main Street.

Additional announcements included:

- Veterans Day Parade – Nov. 11 at 11:00 AM
- Mural Dedication – Nov. 11 at 2:00 PM (Four Pillars of the American Legion)
- Cemetery Clean-Off – Nov. 14
- The Passing of David Carlise Beam.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Abernethy, seconded by Councilmember Freeman. Meeting adjourned at 6:27PM.

H.L. Beam, Mayor

Mary E. Tackett

Mary Beth Tackett, City Clerk

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