



## CITY OF CHERRYVILLE

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**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2024 @ 6:00 PM  
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING  
W. J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER: HONORABLE MAYOR H.L. BEAM
- II. INVOCATION: PASTOR BOBBY HOLTSCLAW, MISSIONARY METHODIST CHURCH
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL **VOTE**
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (See Agenda Materials) **VOTE**
  - A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2024 pg.(s) 1-4
- VI. MAYORS COMMENTS
- VII. PRESENTATION OF FY 2024 AUDIT, MS. SHEILA THORNTON, BUTLER & STOWE
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT **VOTE**

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

**INVOCATION: DR. PASTOR BILL LOWE, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:**

Dr. Pastor Bill Lowe 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 Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the minutes below:  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2024

Councilmember Hovis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

“Let me begin by saying thank you for your service to all our present and past veterans on this Veterans’ Day. Our city salutes and recognizes all our veterans on this their special day.

A new sign has gone up at Edwards Park and also the newly constructed sign is up at the Larry & Carolyn Summer Recreation facility. Please ride by and tell us what you think of the new signs.

Todd Sosebee has cleaned the courts on Ranbar Street where the new pickleball courts will soon be completed. Work has also begun on the High School baseball field where artificial turf is being installed.

Mike Steel is finishing up on the Pink Street renovation near the High School and will soon be repaving this area as well as installing new sidewalks. This was a major undertaking and

Mr. Steel has moved over to Hampton Drive to work on yet another major project within our city.

Council Member Jon Abernethy (city liaison to the ABC board) presented the city with a check in the amount of \$38,313 from the ABC board. This money was surplus from the roof fund that had been set aside for this purpose. These funds will be expended for our playgrounds and fencing projects at the city parks, etc.

Thanks go out to Seth Freeman and his baseball group for the painting project they completed at City Park. This spruced up the exposed pipes at the entrance to the park.

Tickets have been printed for a Boston Butt sale to help raise funds for two of the city's employees namely Kent Ballard in our electrical department and Office Derek Thom. The price of tickets is \$45.00 each, and you get a Boston Butt, slaw, and sauce. Pick-up will be on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> between 8 am and 11 am at the Community Building.

On Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, I attended and spoke at the Grand Reopening of our local Wal-Mart. A large crowd including our local high school cheerleaders were on hand at this celebration. The new renovations within the store are very customer friendly and easy to maneuver.

This past Friday and Saturday, I attended and spoke at the Grand Reopening of our local MacDonalds. Owner Bud Kuthan, and son Shawn were present and had lots of positive things to say about our city and the projects within our city. City Council Members Jill Puett and Janice Hovis were present as well as City Manager Brian Dalton, and City Clerk Paige Green.

The hardwood floors for the gym are scheduled to be installed this week. It will be several days after installation before the floors will be ready for traffic. Registration for basketball has already begun. The league will be available for kids up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Recreation Director Hudson has noted that other inquiries have also come in for other venues to be held in this facility.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL "POWER PLAYERS", CHERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR MATT POWERS & PIEDMONT LITHIUM COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER EMILY WINTERS:**

Mrs. Winters approached the podium to share that due to it being a holiday, the recognition will continue next month.

**SPECIAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE, MAYOR H.L. BEAM:**

Mayor Beam recognized that Julie Hefner, billing clerk in the utility office, has ten years of service with the city of Cherryville. Below is a copy of the certificate:





**CONSIDERATION OF ABC BOARD APPOINTMENT, MAYOR H.L. BEAM:**

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to reappoint Gail Jenkins to the ABC Board. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**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 3 MINUTES PER PERSON. (PLEASE SIGN UP WITH THE CITY CLERK AT THE MEETING BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS. IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON A MATTER WHERE A PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING HELD, YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DO SO DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND DO NOT NEED TO SIGN UP):**

No citizens spoke.

**CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS, CITY MANAGER BRIAN DALTON:**

Manager Dalton asked for consideration for the following budget amendment:



#2025-11(BA153)

**2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Cherryville:

**Section 1.** The 2024-2025 Budget Ordinance of the City of Cherryville adopted on June 10, 2024 is amended by increasing following appropriations due to donated funding for the baseball field turf.

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Account Description</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
10.3412.3350	General - General Donations	\$ 200,000.00	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
10.4120.6930	General - Administration Donations	\$ 200,000.00	

**Section 2.** This ordinance is effective upon its adoption this November 11, 2024

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City Clerk  
ATTEST

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Mayor

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilmember Hovis asked for an update on Kent Ballard and Derek Thom.

Manager Dalton mentioned that the Boston butt tickets are available at city hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hovis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Adopted this 9 day of December 2024.

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H.L. Beam, Mayor

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Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

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