



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY MAY 8, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
W.J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
106 S. JACOB ST. CHERRYVILLE, NC 28021**

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the regular scheduled meeting to order at the community building in the William J. Allran Jr. Council Chambers. Councilmember's Jill Puett, Jon Abernethy, Gary Freeman and Malcolm Parker were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Public Works Director Chris J. King, Planning & Zoning Director Alex Blackburn, Wastewater Superintendent Larry Wright, Finance Director Dixie Wall, Downtown Director David Day, Fire Chief Jason Wofford, Major Brian Doolittle, and Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker were also present. Michael Powell with the Cherryville Eagle and Will Attwater with NC Health News was present for media coverage.

INVOCATION: PASTOR ZACK CHRISTY, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

Pastor Zack Christy gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor Beam shared that item number seven would need to be removed until a later time. Councilmember Freeman made a motion to remove item number seven from the agenda. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve both sets of minutes:

- A. CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 10, 2023**
- B. CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING APRIL 25, 2023**

Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

At this time, I want to welcome all of you here tonight. I would like to ask if anyone would like to speak under citizens to be heard, please sign in with our city clerk prior to this item in our agenda. If you wish to speak later in our public hearing, please let our clerk know when you sign in which item you wish to speak during--either citizens to be heard or the public hearing.

Let me begin by giving an update on the possible sale of the Historical Museum. Our city is still in the ongoing upset bid process and no decision will be entertained by the council until this process is completed.

On April 25th the council held its regular work session followed by our annual budget meeting. City Manager Dalton and Finance Director Dixie Wall have worked long and hard on this budget. The council gave a thumbs up on their work and look forward to presenting this to our citizens on June 12, 2023.

This past Wednesday I was invited to attend the weekly Rotary Club luncheon. Guest speaker was Gaston County EDC Director Donnie Hicks who gave a presentation on economic development within our county. Afterwards City Manager Dalton and I met with Director Hicks to discuss possible business development within our community.

On Thursday, I gave the welcoming address for the annual National Day Of Prayer held in our community building. Council Members Jon Abernathy and Jill Puett gave inspirational prayers for our city, nation, and military personnel. Later that evening, I attended the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held at the Cherryville country club.

This past Saturday, I attended and read a proclamation honoring Donald Alexander for his 45 years of service to the Cherryville Little League. Mr. Alexander was completely surprised by this recognition and city council will be recognizing him publicly at a later date.

Saturday night, I attended and gave the welcoming address for the 2023 American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Cherryville’s own Danny Eaker was one of six inductees into this prestigious society.

PROCLAMATION RE: SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF MR. DONALD ALEXANDER, MAYOR H.L. BEAM:

Removed from agenda.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE’S YEARS OF SERVICE, MAYOR H.L. BEAM:

Mayor Beam recognized the following employees for their years of service with the city.

Denise Boyce	5 years	Recreation
Derek Thom	5 years	Patrol Officer
Brian Doolittle	15 years	Police Major

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. 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):

Ms. Pat Sherrill of 208 W. Main Street approached the podium to share that the Cherryville Historical Museum is doing well. She also recognized Denise Boyce for helping at the museum. Ms. Sherrill stated that the museum is more organized with Mr. Al Putnam as president, and Linda Barger as vice president. Amy Doster is the treasurer and she is working with a CPA to have an audit prepared. The audit will help obtain bigger grants for the museum. Lori Pruitt is the secretary.

Ms. Sherrill thanked the many volunteers that have helped the museum in the past and the present. She shared that the volunteers should be acknowledged for all they have done.

Ms. Sherrill shared that the museum is in the process of putting a book together for a fund raiser. She encouraged everyone to come by and have their picture made on Granny, the old fire truck.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING RE: PIEDMONT LITHIUM PROPERTY RELINQUISHMENT FROM ETJ, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR ALEX BLACKBURN:

Councilmember Parker made a motion to enter into a public hearing. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Planning & Zoning Director Alex Blackburn approached the podium to share that there have been no changes from the continued public hearing. Below is the information on the relinquishment of five parcels from the ETJ:

Rezoning Case

Applicant:	Piedmont Lithium Inc.
Property Owner(s):	George Bennett Allen (PID 158034) Jeffrey Lee Freeman Jr./Kelly Brazell Freeman (158038, 158072) Andrew Green/ Madison Leigh Freeman (158037) Gaston Land Company (307416)
Property Location:	Near intersection of Hephzibah Church Road and Anthony Grove Road
Property Size:	158034 – 38.84 Acres 158072 – 15.40 Acres 158038 – 13.20 Acres 158037 – 3.84 Acres 307416 – 65.87 Acres

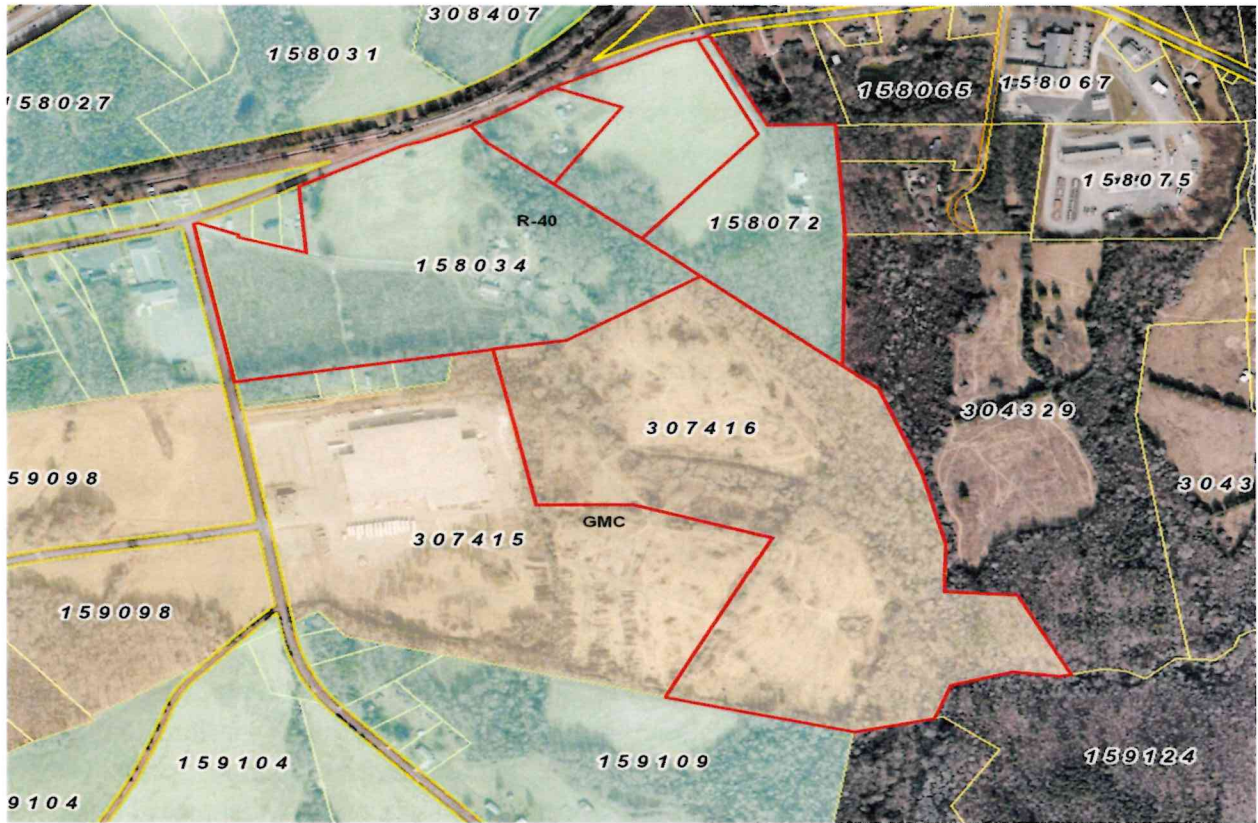
	Total 137.15 Acres
Current Zoning:	General Manufacturing and Commercial (307416) and R-40 (158034, 158072, 158038, 158037,
Proposed Zoning:	Relinquishment of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction to that of Gaston County

Description:

City Staff received a Zoning Map Amendment application on December 9, 2022 requesting that the City of Cherryville relinquish the above listed properties located in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to be included in the sole jurisdiction of Gaston County. Applicant and City Staff held a meeting to discuss the possibility of this action several months prior.

The properties listed above are under contract by the owners (listed) and all have signed a notarized statement that they are aware of the request and approve of the action.





Process:

Staff received the application and scheduled the request to be reviewed during the January 16th, 2023 meeting of the Cherryville Planning Board.

- Pre-filing meeting to discuss proposed amendment and to become familiar with the applicable requirements and procedures
- Filing of Request
 - December 9, 2022
- Cherryville Planning Board to review and recommend action on the proposed change.
 - January 16, 2023 – Presented before the Planning Board.
 - Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of relinquishment to the City Council.
- Staff to schedule with the City Council to set a Public Hearing.
 - February 13, 2023 – Council set Public Hearing for March 13, 2023
- Staff to schedule proper advertisement of the Public Hearing to run once a week for two consecutive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the area.
 - Scheduled to run in the February 22, 2023 and the March 1, 2023 edition of the Cherryville Eagle Newspaper.
- Staff to install zoning signage on the subject property prior to Public Hearing.

- February 16, 2023 - Five (5) signs were placed on subject properties having road frontage.
- Notices of adjoining property owners to be sent prior to Public Hearing.
 - February 16, 2023 - Mailed notices.

Dates:

- December 9, 2023 – Filing of Request
- January 16, 2023 – Planning Board Consideration
- February 13, 2023 – City Council to schedule Public Hearing
- March 13, 2023 – Public Hearing

Staff Comments:

The five properties are currently located within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Cherryville and consist of General Manufacturing and Commercial (GMC) as well as Rural Residential (R-40) Zoning Districts.

The applicants have disclosed that they are intending to utilize the property for a Lithium Mine and refinery in conjunction with property already solely in the jurisdiction of Gaston County. Both the City of Cherryville and Gaston County require that this use first obtain a Special Use Permit and the applicants are seeking to have one Special Use application and approval rather than going through the same process twice.

In accordance with the City of Cherryville Zoning Ordinance, a mining operation is a listed use as found in **Part 7, Section 7.12.2(B):**

Conditional Uses:

- B. Mines and quarries

The City of Cherryville Future Land Use Plan, as adopted on August 13, 2012, depicts the entire area encompassing all five (5) parcels as being of the Industrial designation.

If approved, the properties will be relinquished from the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Cherryville. Per **North Carolina General Statute 160D-202(h):**

Relinquishment of Jurisdiction – When a city relinquishes jurisdiction over an area that it is regulating under this Chapter to a county, the city development regulations and powers of enforcement shall remain in effect until (i) the county has adopted such development regulation or (ii) a period of 60 days has elapsed following the action by which the city relinquishes jurisdiction, whichever is sooner. Prior to the transfer of jurisdiction, the county may hold hearings and take other measures consistent with G.S. 160D-204 that may be required in order to adopt and apply its development regulations for the area at the same time it assumes jurisdiction.

If the City Council so decides to reject the request for relinquishment, the applicants would be required to apply for a Special Use Permit simultaneously for the same use before the Gaston County Board of Commissioners as well as the City of Cherryville City Council.

Mayor Beam asked Mr. Blackburn if he had any idea what other municipalities in our area are doing with their ETJ. Mayor Beam commented that there is a bill that is being considered on the State level that would require all municipalities to relinquish their ETJ's.

Mr. Blackburn responded, "Correct, there is one working its way through the senate right now or the house right now that would require all cities to relinquish their ETJ's by July 2025. That is in the works but I am not sure how far that will go. This is nothing new to our state. In Gaston County alone, there is six cities that do not have any ETJ, they have relinquished all of it, and there are six cities that have held onto it or released it in some small part. I know that there is one between Cramerton and Belmont and they have an agreed that when they relinquish it, it goes to Cramerton just to keep control of certain areas that are high impact in there like the Main Street Wilkinson Blvd."

Mr. Dan Setzer of 1417 Long Shoals Rd. Lincolnton but it is in Gaston County, approached the podium and shared that, "I have been keeping up with Piedmont Lithium's (PL) mining projects since May 2020. I spoke to Gaston County Commissioners and Mr. Blackburn here, I have asked him a couple questions, but at this point, there are a lot of details missing and as residents we have a lot of concerns and questions still yet. So one of the most alarming things to me about this mining project is the four mine pits surround the confluence of Beaver Dam and little Beaver Dam creek. This confluence, this area, is only three miles upstream from South Fork River. The risk of drinking water and well water is extremely high and I am sure you have probably heard from other residence about the concerns to the environment and the damage that may be caused, but also if this approved, the traffic on our local roads especially 279 will be increased immediately with heavy trucks carrying materials, supplies and equipment. Their plans also include closing parts of Hephzibah Church Rd., and Whitesides Rd., so that will be decided by the state and not Cherryville or Gaston County. A point that I want to make is, if this application for relinquishment is approved, it is going to be permanent, but PL mines and jobs are going to be temporary. The mine is going to be gone in less than thirty years, so after that, there is no telling what Gaston County might approve. It might be a hog farm, or incinerator, or a fertilizer plant. Once this is relinquished, Gaston County takes over. So, like I said, there is a lot of questions and concerns that we don't have time to talk about, but in my humble opinion and in all fairness to the residents, business, and churches, and for all other questions about environment, pollution and the roads, if the only reason to approve this relinquishment is the convenience of a private company, that is going to be gone one day, that is not a valid reason. I heard the comments about the senate, but anyway that is just my peace and I wish you luck. God Bless.

Mr. Michael Canipe of 5121 Whitetail Court in Crouse approached the following and shared, “I do not live in the city limits but I do live in the Cherryville town ship. I didn’t vote for any of you guys, I can’t vote you out, can’t recall you, but you five have got the power to affect my life, my wallet. I worked in oil and gas industry, mining industry 16 years so, this is nothing new to me I know what it’s about. They are going to tell you it’s no big deal, they are going to blast dynamite six days a week. I don’t know if you have ever seen them take a top off of a mine, it is something to watch. You talk about life blooms in Cherryville, well to be honest with you, ya’ll have never had anything to do with us. We tried to get water from you guys many years ago during a drought. You were not interested in annexing our development. There are 49 houses in that development, 49 wells. We are less than half a mile from that property. I am a little bit concerned and I am deeply disappointed, I am deeply disappointed in you guys, because it is not just about Cherryville, but about the Cherryville township. You got one family here in Cherryville that is heavily involved in getting PL in here. Heavily involved. Nobody on this board has ever thought to themselves, there may a conflict of interest here, nobody has ever thought, we’ve got one young man from the city his sister works for PL and his dad was the former city manager. Every time I see a picture of a PL function, he is right there with them like he is part of them. Has no one ever thought about that? Every year I have to take an ethics and integrity training. Every year. The first thing they stress to us is avoid at all cost, any perception of wrong doing. It doesn’t mean there is wrong doing, but you avoid the perception of wrong doing. That is all I have got to say, because you are going to do what you want to do, but there is a lot of houses out there, a lot of nice houses. People moved out there to get out of the city and to live in the country. Now they are going to be dealing with dynamiting, their windows rattling, clouds of dust, and no potential for water. There is no water system out there. You can say PL has a mitigation plan, but if my well goes out when they start drilling, how long am I going to be without water? Who is going to pay to hook it up to my house, and then I am going to have to pay a fee. It is not right. That’s all I got.”

Mrs. Beth Valone of 109 Old Coach Lane approached the podium and shard the following, “Good evening, I am Beth Valone and I live at 109 Old Coach Lane near Walmart, for those of you that don’t know where that is. I heard that most of the time the people that speak regarding the ETJ or the mine, to the council are not members of the city of Cherryville. Well, I am a member of the city of Cherryville so I am here to make sure the citizens are heard. I am asking you not to relinquish jurisdiction of the property on Hephzibah Church Rd. and Anthony Grove. If things go as planned for PL, this property will be a part of the hundreds of acres of natural green space, to be used for what has become known known as the Gaston County pit mine complex, so we can go green. The mine material will travel to what is now our ETJ to be processed at the proposed lithium hydroxide plant. It will be built not far from a church and school where there will be children. Did you know the mining application ask if there are any parks within a certain radius of the proposed mine. Have you stopped to ask why? The answer was yes, Cherryville does a park within the specified radius. The mining application is being considered by the state, air quality issues will be addressed by the North Carolina Division of Air Quality. There will be train cars taking the processed material out of what is now our ETJ, and

into the Cherryville city limits, if the mine and subsequent chemical plant become a reality. I travel the area and I know what a headache we have with train traffic now. With more train traffic and switching tracks it will only be worse. We need to ensure the area will still have good traffic flow and it is safe in the event of a derailment or accident with this product. I urge you to exercise your authority to assure everything is being done for the safety and health of your citizens. If the mining complex does come to the Cherryville township the original purpose of the ETJ is to give city's that extra layer of protection for their citizens. I urge you to vote not to relinquish the ETJ on the property at Anthony Grove Rd., so that the Cherryville Citizens still have a voice. Thank you."

Dr. Dennis Bean, pastor of Anthony Grove Baptist Church approached the podium to share the following, "My name is Dennis Bean, I live at 1423 Freedom Hill Rd., I am the pastor at Anthony Grove Baptist Church and I have been there for 25 years. We are at 100 Anthony Grove Rd., and across the street from the 150 acres of ETJ that you have been asked to relinquish. This here is a public hearing. I believe the purpose of a public hearing is to hear from the public. This is our third meeting I have been to everyone. I haven't heard a single person in favor of relinquishing the ETJ. Not a single one, but if we were to ask tonight who is against it, I believe everyone in the over flow and everyone over here would say they are against it. So my question to you as the govern body is, are you going to listen to the citizens? Or has the decision already been made behind close doors? What is the purpose of zoning to start with? Who come up with the audacity that the government could tell a homeowner what they could and could not do on their own property? Well we came up with the idea of zoning to protect our property from something being build next to us that would destroy either our quality of living or would destroy the value of our property. You have the ETJ for that purpose, to protect us. If you relinquish that, what you are saying to the people surrounding that, if that you do not care about the value of their property and what takes place there. I am just wondering if we would have to have three public hearing council meetings to relinquish the ETJ, where they going to build a lithium hydroxide chemical plant, if it were going to build across the street from First United Methodist Church or First Baptist Church or in your neighborhood, would it take three meeting to decide? I don't think so. Mr. Blackburn mentioned early that Cramerton and Belmont have an agreement, if one releases the ETJ, the other one will get it, and the purpose for that he said, was to control what takes place on that property. So, if you give up the ETJ what you are saying is, you don't want any control of what happens there. Now if you maintain the ETJ, you can approve anything PL ask you to do, or you can disapprove, but if you give up the ETJ, you have no say at all. So I plead with you on behalf of the 1500 members at Anthony Grove Baptist Church that you protect our property, our school that has children in it, we have a preschool and a daycare that have over one hundred children in it. Would you release the ETJ for them to build a chemical plant across from Cherryville Elementary School? If you wouldn't, then why would you do it to our school? Thank you."

Councilmember Parker made a motion to exit public hearing. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mayor Beam, “At this time we will have discussion of our public hearing from our councilmember’s and it is open for discussion at this time.”

Councilmember Abernethy read the following letter:

“The City of Cherryville, upon a request for relinquishment submitted by Piedmont Lithium LLC, has spent a great deal of time and effort in researching both the pros and cons of such an action as it pertains to the five parcels totaling 137.15 acres located within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City. This matter was taken very seriously in order to arrive at the best possible decision for both the city and its citizens.

Throughout this process city staff and officials have met with Gaston County Officials, representatives of Piedmont Lithium, as well as many citizens of Cherryville, Gaston County and even individuals from across the country. We would like to thank everyone for their involvement and participation in this matter.

On August 6, 2021 the Gaston County Board of Commissioners entered a Moratorium regarding the County’s Unified Development Ordinance so that they may undertake the task of updating the ordinance to address the operations of a mine and possible developments of this magnitude and impact. In doing so, Gaston County secured guidance in addressing this use and to minimize impacts if allowed to progress. The county was able to adopt an ordinance as well as Special Use Permit requirements that would further govern such details as hours of operation, fencing and buffers of specific height and quality, setbacks from property lines, potential access points, lighting, landscaping, dust suppression and noise mitigation practices at the proposed site. Among the list of requirements is contained a schedule for “blasting” that would prevent such an occurrence from taking place outside of one hour after sunrise and one hour prior to sunset, nor shall it occur on Sundays, Christmas, Good Friday, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving and Fourth of July to also include all other relevant and applicable state, federal, and local permits.

At this time, the City of Cherryville does not have an ordinance that would address the proposed use in a manner such as Gaston County. If the subject parcels are not relinquished this would create two separate oversight jurisdictions for the same use that may not prove a seamless alignment. However, if the request is approved, then all parcels and projects would further abide by the guidelines of Gaston County.

The decision to relinquish the five parcels in the Cherryville ETJ is not a decision of approval or denial of the aforementioned project. It is rather simply a decision to put the most stringent requirements in place covering the entirety of the project (should it be approved by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in the future).

Piedmont Lithium and the previous owners of the five parcels requested this relinquishment with the knowledge of the existing ordinances and requirements they would have to meet. The company has been available to meet with staff and members of the City Council on individual

basis and has shown a willingness to co-operate in answering all questions and concerns proposed by all involved.

Furthermore, Senate Bill 675, Part 3, Section 1, is currently being addressed at the NC Legislature to revise General Statute 160D-201 and remove all ETJ authority from municipalities.

Based on all the above, the Cherryville City Council feels it is in the best interest of citizens and the City of Cherryville to relinquish these (5) parcels located in our ETJ to Gaston County.”

Councilmember Abernethy went on to say, “At this time I would like to make a motion to approve the relinquishment of the ETJ based on the fact that the request is appropriate and reasonable in the public interest based on the majority of the land for the proposed use being located within the zoning jurisdiction of Gaston County. This action is made to provide a single zoning authority for the proposed use to conform to. Furthermore, the adoption of this ordinance is deemed an amendment to the City of Cherryville Land Use Plan.”

Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CITY CONTRACT RE: APPROVAL OF ALCOHOL SALES FOR THIRD THURSDAY EVENTS, CITY MANAGER BRIAN DALTON:

Mayor Beam shared that Mary Beth Tackett, Program Coordinator for the city, has asked for consideration to amend the contract below for alcohol sales for third Thursdays events. The changes for consideration are highlighted below:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CONTRACT

COUNTY OF GASTON

THIS CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT made and entered into on this the 8th day of March 2019 by and between the **CHERRYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, a corporation existing and doing business under the laws of the State of North Carolina, party of the first part, (hereinafter referred to as CCOC), and the **CITY OF CHERRYVILLE**, a municipal corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, party of the second part, (hereinafter referred to as CITY);

WITNESSETH:

The parties to this Contract hereby recite and declare that:

- a. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Cherryville was so amended by the Cherryville City Council at its regular meeting on August 12, 1996 to allow the City to authorize and regulate the possession and consumption of malt beverages and unfortified wine on the public streets, alleys, and parking lots which have been temporarily closed to regular traffic for special events.

- b. The CCOC is a partner in the event known as Third Thursday, (hereinafter referred to as TT) which is staged downtown on Main Street at the Mini Park, during the afternoon and evening hours of the Third Thursday of each month April- November.
- c. At the request of the CCOC, the City Council agreed, subject to the provisions and conditions hereinafter set forth, to allow the CCOC to sell malt beverages and unfortified wine to the public and to supervise and monitor the consumption of said alcoholic beverages at and during the "TT" event on Main Street in Cherryville in 2023 and thereafter .

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the reasons and facts recited above, the mutual promises and covenants of the parties as herein set out and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which in hereby respectively acknowledge by the parties, the parties agree as follows:

I.

That in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth the CCOC is authorized to sell malt beverages and unfortified wine at its "TT" event in 2023 and thereafter .

II.

That all alcoholic beverages sold and served by the CCOC will be sold and consumed within the confines of the immediate "TT" area of the Cherryville Main Street Mini Park area, the design and location of which must be approved by the City. The CCOC agrees to obtain, pay for, and comply with all governmental permits and licenses necessary for the sale and consumption of the alcoholic beverages.

That CCOC agrees to provide at its expense capable and competent personnel to administer and monitor the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages for the duration of the event. The CCOC agrees that its personnel will exercise all due care and circumspection to refuse service or sell of alcoholic beverages to any minor or to any person who may appear to be under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance.

That CCOC will not sell or allow the consumption of any alcoholic beverages before 5:00 pm and no later than 8:00 pm during "TT" Events

III.

That CCOC hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the City and its employees harmless from any claims, causes of action, loss, or injury resulting from the sale of alcoholic beverages and subsequent consumption thereof by the public at the "TT" event. The CCOC agrees to defend the City against any such claims of loss or injury filed against the City.

IV.

That the City reserves the exclusive right to modify, cancel, and rescind this Contract at any time hereafter if, in its sole discretion, the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages at any "TT" event has resulted in problems that are detrimental to the health, welfare, or well-being of the City or its citizens.

V

That it is further understood and agreed by both parties that no promises or agreements not herein expressed have been made to or by either party hereto, and that this Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and that the terms and conditions of the Contract are contractual and not a mere recital.

VI.

That the Contract may be amended only by written instrument signed and executed by the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the party of the first part has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its duly-authorized officers and its seal to be hereunto affixed by authority of its Board of Directors, and the party of the second part has caused this instrument to be signed by its City Manager and attested by its City Clerk, the day and year first above written.

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the changes to the contract for alcohol sales. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING RE: FY 2023/2024 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Mayor Beam asked for a motion to set a date for a public hearing for FY 2023/2024 proposed budget.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to set the date of June 12, 2023 for a public hearing regarding the FY 2023/2024 proposed budget. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

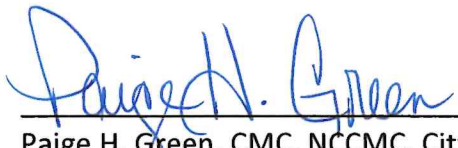
Mayor Beam asked about the golf cart parade for Memorial Day. Councilmember Jill Puett and manager Dalton will work together to finalize the plans for the parade.

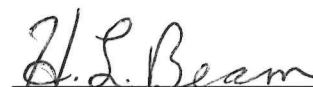
Mr. Dalton gave an update on Westgate Park sharing that the work has begun and the new basketball goals are in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Adopted this 12 day of June 2023.


Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk


H.L. Beam, Mayor

