



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 8TH, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
W. J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
106 S. JACOB ST. CHERRYVILLE, N.C. 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. Councilmembers Jill Puett, Gary Freeman, and Janice Hovis were present. Councilmember Abernethy was out of town and joined the meeting by phone. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Yansea Taylor, Public Works Director Chris J. King, Planning and Zoning Director Richard Elam, Fire Chief Jason Wofford, Downtown Director David Day, and Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker were also present. Lincoln Times News and Wise News was present for media coverage.

INVOCATION: JOHN ROGHELIA, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH:

Youth Pastor John Roghelia gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 11, 2024
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MARCH 26, 2024

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Several weeks ago, City Manager Dalton and I met with the new Historical Museum board. Chairman Pete Craft opened the meeting by introducing all in attendance. Board members

Malcolm Parker, Diane White, Judy Bingham, City Liaison to the museum Janice Hovis, museum volunteers Al Putnam and Lorie Pruett. Chairman Craft informed those present that the locks had been changed and installed. Keys will be given to the City Fire Department, the city clerk, and others to be determined by the board. The meeting was very informative and plans are in progress for the museum to have extended hours of operation.

In recreation news, the Dixie Youth Softball had its opening day on March 24th and the city's little league will open its 2024 season this Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with an increase in the number of teams and participants. This program has been in existence in Cherryville for over 70 years and this is a great opportunity to get our program back to its banner years.

Several other comments concerning the city's recreation are the awaiting of county permits for our new gym and splash pad construction. When will our county issue these permits are still unknown.

Thanks go out from our city to Bryan Farris and Farris Fabricators for the great work they did on our new sign that has been installed in front of our local police department. I urge all our citizens to drive by, especially at night to observe this new lighted sign. Again, the city wishes to say thanks to Farris Fabricators for their continued support of our city.

City Finance Director Dixie Wall and City Manager Dalton have worked tirelessly for the past several weeks in preparing a draft of the city's proposed budget for the coming year. Copies of the draft were distributed to all council members and a budget work session has been scheduled for April 30th following the city's regular work session.

This past Wednesday all council members, the city manager and I attended a State & Town Dinner held in Hickory NC. This is the first time in over 10 years that this council has attended an event outside of Gaston County. This demonstrated how frugal your council has been with city funds. This meeting gave your council members and city manager a chance to meet one on one with our local state representative, our Senator Ted Alexander, and various state and local officials throughout our great state.

Mayor Beam asked City Clerk Paige H. Green to stand as he read the following proclamation:



Proclamation

*55th ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK
May 5 - May 11, 2024*

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

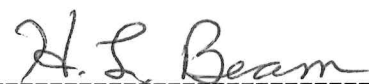
Whereas, The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.

Whereas, Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Henry Lee Beam, III, Mayor of Cherryville, do recognize the week of May 5 through May 11, 2024, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Paige H. Green and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Dated this 8 day of April, 2024.



H.L. Beam, Mayor

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 at the meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF POLICE SERGEANT JOSH COLVARD RE: ADVANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATE, MAYOR BEAM & CHIEF BRANDON HUNSUCKER:

Mayor Beam read the following:

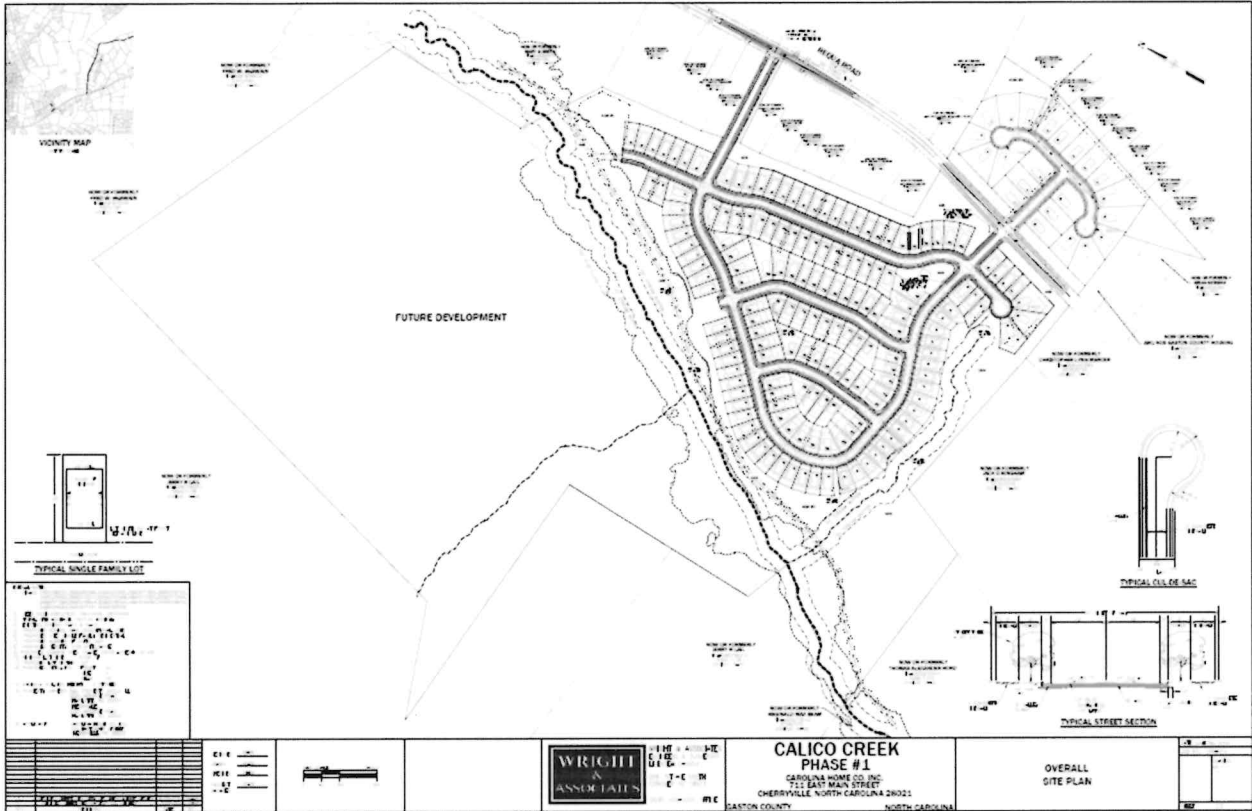
The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission recently met in regular session and accepted the nominations of those candidates qualified to receive the Law Enforcement Officers' Advanced Certificate and the Criminal Justice Officers' Advanced Certificate. After examination of your credentials, the Commission unanimously approved issuance of the Advanced Certificate to you. Congratulations on this great achievement!

The Advanced Certificate award provides recognition of the competence and achievements of eligible officers across the state. This award requires substantive professional experience, many hours of additional training, and often a higher level of formal education. To meet these requirements is a feat worthy of commendation. Your dedication to your chosen profession is evidenced in the fact that you are one of a very select group of officers to receive this honor. It is with great pride that I offer you congratulations on the attainment of this most significant award. Congratulations again, and I look forward to witnessing your continued success.

Chief Hunsucker presented Sgt. Josh Colvard with his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and thanked him for his service.

CONSIDERATION OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL RE: CALICO CREEK SUBDIVISION, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR RICHARD ELAM:

Planning and Zoning Director Richard Elam asked for consideration to approve the final plat for Calico Creek Subdivision phase one. Below is a copy of the plat:



Mr. Elam shared that Taylor Brower and Mr. Tim Sheeny of Meritage Homes, were present to answer any questions.

Councilmember Hovis asked if there are any plans in the future or other phases, for an ingress or egress into the development?

Mr. Tim Sheeny, VP for Land Development for Meritage Homes, approached the podium and shared that there will be a secondary entrance off of Requa Rd., further on down Requa Rd in the second phase. He also shared that the subdivision will be developed in three phases.

Councilmember Hovis, "So there are no plans to go back to Black Rd."

Mr. Sheeny, "No, everything is off of Requa Rd."

Councilmember Hovis asked if anyone had been in touch with North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

Mr. Dalton, "Yes, NCDOT did a traffic study, and put out traffic counters all throughout town, some of the things they come up with, is that a lot of people will turn left on Requa Rd., and go around Tot Dellinger Rd., to get to Walmart or that area of town. The condition of Requa Rd., some of that is ours and it was paved maybe eight years ago maybe. We will have to evaluate that as time goes, because there is going to be a lot of additional traffic on that road. As far as the traffic count, I know they put up at least seven places where they monitor traffic to get a count of how many cars go up and down the road on a given day.

CONSIDERATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE & SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR RICHARD ELAM:

Planning and Zoning Director Richard Elam asked for consideration to set a date, for a public hearing regarding amendments to the zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance. Below is a list of sections that are being proposed for amending:

1. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW PERMITTED USE (BOUTIQUE) TO SECTION 7.7.1 PERMITTED USES
2. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO AMENDING SECTIONS OF 6.5 CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT
3. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO AMENDING SECTION 5.4.1(a) IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AS RELATES TO FENCES
4. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO ADDING SECTION 11 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS) BACK INTO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE
5. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO AMENDING SECTION 5.10 NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS
6. RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO AMENDING SECTION 4 FINAL PLAT

Councilmember Hovis made a motion to set a date for May 13, 2024, for a public hearing regarding the zoning ordinance and subdivision ordinance proposed amendments.

Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Dalton shared that we were made aware of a moisture problem at the museum some time back, and last week new gutters and down spouts were installed across the back of the building to help with this issue.

We are waiting on a permit from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for the gym. Once we get the DEQ permit, Gaston County will issue their permit. We can then start on the new gym.

We are waiting on plans from the engineer for the splash pad, to move forward with getting that permit.

Mayor Beam encouraged everyone to go by the John L. "Buck" Fraley Field and see all the work that has been done.

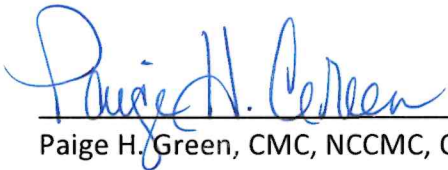
Mayor Beam also reminded everyone that the Cherry Blossom Festival will be April 19 and 20.

Councilmember Freeman thanked public works and the electric department, for changing a bulb in an area light, in the teacher's parking lot at East Elementary School.

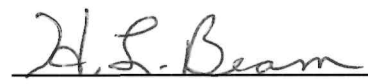
ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hovis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Adopted this 13 day of May 2024.



Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk



H.L. Beam, Mayor



