



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 25, 2025 @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. Councilmembers Gary Freeman, Jon Abernethy, Jill Puett, and Janice Hovis were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Paige H. Green, Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker, Asst. Fire Chief Colby Heffner, Planning & Zoning Director Richard Elam, and Finance Director Dixie Wall were also present. City Attorney Yansea Taylor was absent. Lincoln Times News, and Wise News Network were present for media coverage.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION:

AGENDA APPROVAL:

City Clerk Paige Green asked for an amendment to the work session agenda. She asked that other business and adjournment be added as the last two items.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to amend the agenda and add other business and adjournment to the agenda. Councilmember Puett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE CEMETERY POLICY, CITY MANAGER BRIAN DALTON:

City Manager Dalton shared that the cemetery committee met last week to discuss the recent clean off at the cemetery. The currently cemetery policy reads as follows:

***12-16-** The City's authorized representative shall remove all fresh flowers, permanent arrangements and decorations whenever, in his, her or their opinion, it may be necessary or proper to do so. Under the present policy, fresh flowers will be removed in one week. All permanent arrangements will be allowed to remain on graves for six weeks, unless they deteriorate prior to this period.*

Mr. Dalton asked council to consider changing the policy to read as follows:

***12-16-** The City will remove flowers two (2) weeks prior to Thanksgiving and (6) weeks prior to Easter. On these days per year, any and all flowers will be removed to completely clean the cemetery.*

The city asks that you remove any flowers prior to these days that you wish to keep. The flowers can then be placed back in the proper vase after clean off. Fresh flowers that are typically placed on the ground after a burial will be removed two (2) weeks after the burial.

Councilmember Hovis shared that the cemetery has never had a complete clean off and communication to the citizens will be critical. After some discussion, Councilmember Freeman made a motion to approve the recommended amendment to the cemetery policy, from the cemetery committee. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CONSIDERATION OF RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS, PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR ELAM:

Mr. Elam approached the podium to ask for consideration to re-appoint Ed Yount, Frank Morehead, and Reid Huss to the planning board and the board of adjustments.

Councilmember Puett made a motion to re-appoint Ed Yount, Frank Morehead, and Reid Huss to the planning board and board of adjustments. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Puett asked if the post under the new Edwards Park sign could be painted, and she also shared that the swings are gone and the kids have nothing to play on. Mr. Dalton responded that he would get the post painted and check on the swings.

Councilmember Puett shared that Home Folks had pointed out an issue in the back alley. When their deliveries come in the truck parks in the designated parking area, and the water meters are close to that area. The pavement is caving in and the water meters are tilted some. Mr. Dalton responded that staff would go look at the area.

Mr. Dalton shared that some small renovations will be taking place at the community building, and the rescue squad building. At the community building, the over-hang/gable of the building will be painted, the shutters and the awnings will be removed, the handrails will be painted, four trees out front will be removed, the building will be pressure washed, and landscaping lights will be installed. At the rescue squad building, the awnings will be removed, building pressure washed, windows will be repainted, and the trim will be brown.

Mr. Dalton shared a copy of the draft proposed budget for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Puett made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm.

Adopted this 14 day of April 2025.

H.L. Beam

H.L. Beam, Mayor

Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

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