



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
W. J. ALLRAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
106 S. JACOB ST. CHERRYVILLE, N.C. 28021**

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the meeting to order at the community building in the W.J. Allran Council Chambers. Councilmember's Jill Puett, Gary Freeman, Malcolm Parker, and Jon Abernethy were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Planning & Zoning Director Alex Blackburn, Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy, Downtown Director David Day, and Finance Director Dixie Wall, Fire Chief Jason Wofford, and Police Chief Cam Jenks were also present. Michael Powell was present for media coverage.

INVOCATION: PASTOR KEITH HUSS, MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH:

Pastor Keith Huss gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Mayor Beam asked that the agenda be amended to add another agenda item under number six, so a proclamation from Governor Roy Cooper's office can be read for electrical Line worker Appreciation Day.

Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the amendment to the agenda to add Roy Cooper's Proclamation and then approve the agenda. Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Freeman asked that a statement at the bottom of page four be changed. Councilmember Freeman said he did not say police officers were not friendly a citizens did. Councilmember Puett made a motion to approve the minutes with the change to the March 14,

2022 minutes and the June 8, 2020 revised minutes. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

“This past month I was honored to attend and speak at four different ribbon cuttings for our city's Chamber of Commerce. They were in the following order: Tony T's Grill on Wheels, Turner's Animal Hospital, Frank Zyvas Professional Photography, and the last was for the new location of our local YMCA. Exceptionally large crowds were on hand for all of these ribbon cuttings and we welcome all of these businesses and their new locations.

On March 21, I attended the local meeting of the CCDC held at the conference room of Beam Construction. A very productive meeting was held and future results of this meeting will hopefully soon be realized.

On March 28, I was invited to attend and speak at the second grade classes at East School in Cherryville. Principal Hovis and my daughter Ashley Long escorted me to each of the classes and my attendance was well received as I spoke to each class and allowed the students to ask questions in regards to our city.

This past Sunday, the city held its annual budget meeting in the training room at the city's beautiful Fire Department. Our City Manager Brian Dalton and City Finance Director Dixie Wall had worked long hours on preparing this budget for the city's coming year. Many long hours were spent on discussing the budget, we will be bringing the budget to our citizens for discussion, and approval of the budget will be made this June. Thanks go out to City Manager Dalton and Finance Director Wall for all their tireless work on this year's budget.

This concludes the Mayor's Comments and we will now go to the next item on tonight's agenda.”

PROCLAMATION RE: LINEWORKER APPRECIATION DAY:

Councilmember Abernethy read the following proclamation from Governor Roy Cooper's office:



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the second Monday of April is designated as Lineworker Appreciation Day in recognition of North Carolina's electric utility lineworkers who selflessly build, maintain, and repair the infrastructure that powers our state; and

WHEREAS, lineworkers are often among the first responders during storms and other catastrophic events, working in dangerous conditions often far from their families to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes; and

WHEREAS, lineworkers work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines to keep electricity flowing 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, putting their lives on the line to provide power that is on more than 99.95% of the time for the average North Carolina customer, and

WHEREAS, on this day, we recognize the brave men and women in the electric utility profession who combine their tireless work ethic with the knowledge necessary to provide dependable electricity to families and businesses throughout our state amidst ongoing changes to energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina lineworkers, part of a long-standing personal, family, and professional tradition, are devoted to service, and deserve our respect and appreciation on this and all days;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2022, as "LINWORKER APPRECIATION DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

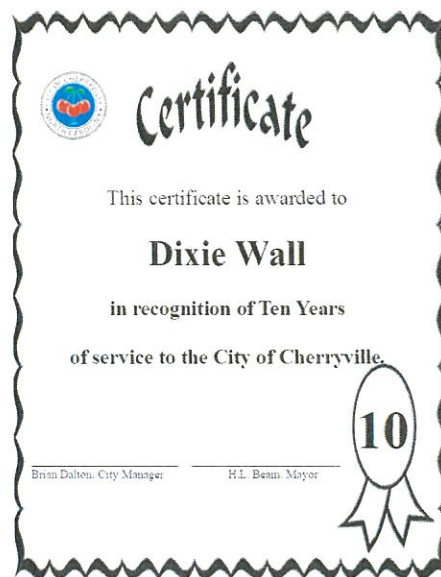
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty- two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.

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):

None.

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

Mayor Beam recognized the following employee for her years of service:



CONSIDERATION TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RE: REZONING REQUEST FOR 4233 OLD LINCOLNTON RD. CROUSE, NC 28033 (GIS PARCEL #300506) PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR ALEX BLACKBURN:

Planning & Zoning Director Alex Blackburn approached the podium to ask for consideration to set a date for a public hearing regarding the rezoning of 4233 Old Lincolnton Rd. Crouse, NC

28033. Mr. Blackburn explained that the owners of the property have filled out the application for the rezoning, it was presented to the planning board, and it is now ready for the council's consideration.

Councilmember Parker made a motion to set a public hearing date for May 9, 2022 for the rezoning of 4233 Old Lincolnton Rd. Crouse, NC 28033. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF CITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CITY MANAGER BRIAN DALTON:

City Manager Brian Dalton went over the financial statement.

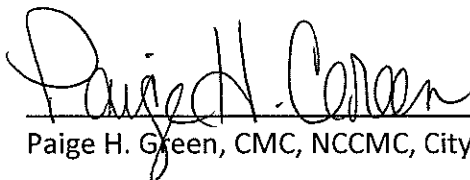
OTHER BUSINESS:


Councilmember Freeman asked about the sinkhole at Jerry Sanders. City Manager Dalton shared that Paul Czeer is still waiting on materials.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Parker seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Adopted this 9 day of May 2022.


Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk


H.L. Beam, Mayor

