

## **HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN CHERRYVILLE AND WHY?**

I have lived in Cherryville all my life. I have always liked the small town feel and have not regretted staying here. My work has also been a big factor in me living here. I feel that our town is one that people like to live here, raise their families and our schools are the best. When meeting new people that have moved here from the Charlotte area, I ask why they picked Cherryville and the answers are the same. Those with children prefer our schools and we have those that look at the low crime rate. We have a town to be proud of and many things going on to make it a difference.

## **WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?**

I have worked in banking in my early working years. In 1984 I went to work for Carolina Freight Carriers and when ABF Freight Carriers bought Carolina Freight, I continued working for them for 14 years. I retired in 2009 and then started working part time for Houser Drug Company. I am currently working toward retiring again.

## **WHY DID YOU RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL?**

My mom spent 16 years as the first council woman. I heard her dealing with so many issues with the City, but she loved what she did and felt it made a difference. She too was a lifelong resident of Cherryville. When she was home dealing with cancer, she asked me to run for City Council and we discussed the needs of the town one being our infrastructure. I had talked with folks that had moved away because they felt there was no vision for things that needed to be done in our town. I wanted to work on things that could grow our town, make life better for years to come for our residents.

## **WHAT NEIGHBORHOOD (DISTRICT) DO YOU LIVE IN?**

I live in the Delview area of Cherryville.

## **WHAT'S THE MOST COURAGEOUS THING YOU'VE DONE IN YOUR LIFE?**

I guess that would be when I decided I wanted to be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). I handled murders, suicides, lots of traumas, and deaths. I was amazed at times at how you learn to deal with horrific scenes and move on to the next call. At the end of the day knowing that you had helped your fellow man and made someone's life better. I did this as a volunteer for 27 years while working my regular job.

## **WHAT ACCOMPLISHMENT MAKES YOU THE PROUDEST?**

While on the Council, being part of the Main Street group from the beginning and seeing where we were to where we are today. When you hear so much negative from those that moved away that we have no vision and now hearing them say that they would not mind moving back to Cherryville with what they see happening in our town and, the water and sewer infrastructure plan that was needed from the time I got on the board and now, we have a plan, and it is being put in place.

## **WHAT DO YOU MOST WANT THE CITIZENS OF CHERRYVILLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?**

I enjoy what I am doing on this Council. I want Cherryville to grow and that my decisions are based on what is going to help this town and community to thrive. I have always loved Cherryville and want to make a difference! I want folks to want to live here and raise their families. I love to hear from our citizens that they like what we are doing with the future in mind.