


VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilmember Freeman, seconded by Councilmember Hovis. Meeting adjourned.

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H.L. Beam, Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Beth Tackett", written over a horizontal line.

Mary Beth Tackett, City Clerk

(SEAL)

V. Declare Property Surplus

Public Works Director Chris King presented a list of equipment and vehicles to be declared surplus including:

- 2000 Ford F-150 (inoperable)
- Dresser Loader (late 1980s–early 1990s, still runs)
- Sewer Jet Machine (unused for 20 years, inoperable)
- John Deere Gator (inoperable, gas engine, manual dump)
- 2000 GMC Bucket Truck (operable but outdated, last used Jan. 2023)

Discussion followed regarding auction procedures via Gov-Deals.

Councilmember Hovis made a motion to approve all items as surplus

Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

VI. Other Business

Road Improvements:

- Council discussed progress on the new turn lane at Cherry St. and Hwy 150.
- Additional improvements at Mountain St. and Hwy 150 should follow, with concerns noted for Delview Rd. and Hwy 150.

- Street Paving:

- City staff reported that paving bids will be advertised within two weeks.
- Patchwork has been completed near Ferris Fab, with more scheduled weather permitting.

- Infrastructure Projects:

- A new force main will be installed from Ballard Lift Station to Old Post due to aging conditions.
- Work with DOT may allow replacement of water lines under sidewalks rather than under Hwy 150, potentially resulting in new sidewalks and roadway paving in phases.

- Conference Report:

- Councilmember Hovis shared updates from the ElectriCities Annual Conference, highlighting a joint session with Duke Energy leadership.
- Nuclear energy was emphasized as critical for meeting future power demands, especially with upcoming data centers in western NC.
- Catawba Nuclear Station was recognized as the most efficiently run facility in the nation



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 26, 2025 @5:30 PM
CHERRYVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING
W.J. ALLRAN JR. COUNCIL CHAMBERS
106 S. JACOB STREET CHERRYVILLE, NC 28021**

I. Call to Order

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Gary Freeman, Jon Abernethy, and Janice Hovis were present. City Manager Brian Dalton, City Clerk Mary Beth Tackett, Police Chief Brandon Hunsucker, Public Works Director Chris J. King, and Finance Director Dixie Wall were also present. Lincoln Times News and Wise News was present for media coverage.

II. Agenda Approval

Councilmember Hovis made a motion to approve the agenda as written

Councilmember Abernethy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

III. Consideration of Policies for Federal (ARPA/CSLFRF) Funding

City Manager Brian Dalton presented information regarding federal funding requirements. The policies cover procurement thresholds, conflict-of-interest rules, and compliance for projects funded with ARPA and federal grants (such as the \$3 million Cleveland County water interconnect grant and the \$300,000 AIA study).

- Federal procurement requires sealed bids for projects over \$250,000 (compared to the City's \$500,000 threshold).
- Policies apply only to projects using federal funds.
- ARPA funds previously received were allocated toward salaries under the federal final rule.

Councilmember Abernethy made a motion to adopt all policies for handling federal funds.

Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.