



**REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING**

**TUESDAY MARCH 30, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**

**CHERRYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**411 E. CHURCH ST. CHERRYVILLE, N.C. 28021**

The Honorable Mayor H.L. Beam called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Councilmember's Malcolm Parker, Jill Puett, Gary Freeman and Jon Abernethy were present. City Manager Jeff Cash, City Clerk Paige H. Green, City Attorney Palmer Huffstetler Jr., Finance Director Dixie Wall, Police Chief Cam Jenks, Asst. Fire Chief Jason Wofford, Downtown Director David Day, and Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy were also present. Michael Powell was present for media coverage.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE FEDERAL PROJECTS FUNDING PROGRAM, CITY MANAGER JEFF CASH:**

City Manager Jeff Cash ask for consideration to approve the following resolution requesting federal assistance from the North Carolina delegation:



**CITY OF CHERRYVILLE RESOLUTION REQUESTING  
CONGRESSIONAL AID AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE NORTH  
CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cherryville, North Carolina is located in the Fifth Congressional District of North Carolina and is represented by the Honorable Virginia Foxx in the United States House of Representatives and the Honorable Richard Burr and Thom Tillis in the United States Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cherryville is home to over 6,000 North Carolinians and is a duly incorporated municipality supporting all governmental functions and services; and  
**WHEREAS**, the City of Cherryville is experiencing serious budget short-falls due to the effects of COVID-19, the rapid depreciation of aging infrastructure, and a lack of funding availability through alternate resources; and

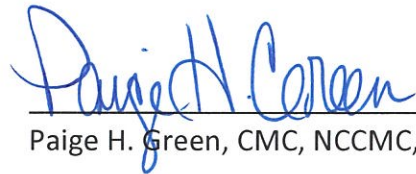
**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress recently authorized members of the United States House of Representatives to request funding for up to ten "Community Projects" within each member's district in the upcoming federal year budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council for Cherryville, North Carolina, meeting in a work session on the 30 day of March, 2021, respectfully and publicly request that the North Carolina Congressional Delegation consider advocating for one, all, or some of the following urgent needs in the form of a Community Project:

1. \$1,100,000.00 in funding for water systems improvements to the main thoroughfare on NC Highway 150 (Church Street).
2. \$980,000.00 in funding for replacement of sewer outfall that covers the central and west side of the City of Cherryville that is in critical need of replacement.
3. \$900,000.00 in funding for replacement of a deteriorating water line from downtown Cherryville to Peak Resources on East Main Street. Peak Resources is a nursing home/assisted living facility.
4. \$375,000.00 in funding to install a splash pad on land already owned by the City of Cherryville for recreation purposes to target children of age 10 and under.
5. \$300,000.00 in funding for a soccer and multipurpose field on land already owned by the City of Cherryville for recreational purposes to target children of age 11 and older.
6. \$650,000.00 in funding for upgrades for Cherryville City Hall to meet Federal ADA requirements. This building was built in 1956 and does not meet ADA standards.
7. \$500,000.00 in funding for upgrades to Cherryville Police Department to meet Federal ADA requirements. This building was built in the 1960's and does not meet ADA standards.
8. \$500,000.00 in funding for upgrades to the Cherryville Community Building to meet Federal ADA requirements. This building was built in the 1970's and does not meet ADA standards.
9. \$1,500,000.00 in funding for upgrades to Cherryville Historical Museum to the exterior physical brick work and to comply with ADA requirements.
10. \$450,000.00 in funding for upgrades to the Cherryville Historic Depot Museum to meet ADA requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the governing body for the City of Cherryville in a duly called work session of the City Council do hereby humbly and publicly request federal assistance for the aforementioned projects and pledge the City's full support in the submission thereof.

This resolution is effective upon its adoption this 30 day of March 2021.

  
Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

  
H.L. Beam, Mayor



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

**DISCUSSION OF MAIN STREET GRANTS, DOWNTOWN DIRECTOR DAVID DAY:**

Downtown Director David Day passed out a handout showing the Main Street Grants that have been paid out since 2014. Councilmember Abernethy expressed concern about the grants covering electrical work, plumbing, AC units, and painting. Downtown Director David Day shared that he has read minutes and any documentation that he can find on the Main Street Grant Program and he sees many holes that he and Steve Panton are working on.

After some discussion, the decision was made to table this agenda item until the April 12 meeting.

**DISCUSSION OF BID AWARD, CaJENN CONSTRUCTION & REHABILITATION SERVICES, INC., CITY MANAGER JEFF CASH:**

City Manager Jeff Cash shared a copy of the bids that were received by staff for the downtown sewer rehabilitation bond project. Mr. Aaron Frazier, of Frazier Engineering, recommends awarding CaJenn Construction and Rehabilitation Services, Inc., for the project. CaJenn Construction's bid was for \$794,281.00.

This will be on the April 12 agenda for approval.

**DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY APRIL 12, 2021 RE: WERT STREET, WEBB STREET, AND A PORTION OF HOWELL STREET CLOSINGS, CITY CLERK PAIGE GREEN:**

City Clerk Paige Green reminded every one of the April 12 public hearing regarding the closing of Wert Street, Webb Street, and a portion of Howell Street. Mrs. Green shared that on February 23, 2021 City Council adopted a resolution of intent. The legal ad will run four consecutive weeks in the Cherryville Eagle, March 17, March 24, March 31, and April 7. The signs have been posted stating the notice of a public hearing, and a copy of the resolution of

intent along with a map have been sent to all abutting property owners by certified mail. Mrs. Green shared that she has not heard from any property owners to date.

This will be on the April 12 agenda.

**DISCUSSION OF CITY'S FEE SCHEDULE, CITY CLERK PAIGE GREEN:**

City Clerk Paige Green shared a copy of city fee schedule that staff feels needs an update. The fees will be on the April 12 agenda for council's approval.

**UPDATE ON DOG PARK AT WEST GATE PARK, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BRANDON**

**ABERNATHY:**

City Manager Jeff Cash shared that Brandon Abernathy has asked Recil Wright, the city's engineer, to look at West Gate Park and draw up some plans.

**DISCUSSION OF ENHANCEMENTS TO AARON MOSS PARK, MAYOR H.L. BEAM:**

Mayor Beam shared that Dr. Floyd Wright has approached him about putting horseshoe pits at Aaron Moss Park. Dr. Wright has recommended putting the horseshoe pits behind the scoreboard and removing the batting cage that has fell.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Beam presented the Cherryville Fire Department with the SHARP award. The fire department has continued to maintain status of this award. North Carolina has 567 cities and only four of those were awarded the SHARP award. Cherryville is proud to be one of them.

Councilmember Parker shared that he has been asking for repairs to a sidewalk on Styers Street for over five years and he has been told that the repairs would be made. Councilmember Parker is concerned about someone getting hurt.

Public Works Director Brandon Abernathy responded saying that a catch basin behind the sidewalk is full of silt and the catch basin is not in the right-of-way.

Councilmember Freeman shared that he would like to see Julius Earwood honored for his years of service to Little League. City Clerk Paige Green will send Councilmember Freeman an application to make the request official.

Councilmember Freeman made a motion to name little league field "C" after Mr. Julius Earwood. Councilmember Abernathy seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Councilmember Parker also shared that Mr. Richard Sanders of 406 W. First Street has had to replace a hot water heater because of the storm water that stands in his yard. Councilmember Parker shared that Mr. Sanders would not have a water issue if the storm drain and sidewalk were repaired. Councilmember Parker says he has been getting the same answer from staff for five years and nothing is ever done about this issue. City Manager Cash shared that Public

Works Director Brandon Abernathy will be in touch with Councilmember Parker tomorrow concerning the issue.

Councilmember Puett shared that she would like Brandon Abernathy to ride with her to look at a property on Queens Rd. The property has been affect by storm water and she would like to see if something could be done to help the property owners.

City Manager Jeff Cash handed out a proposed city policy for Main Street business's to get on the new water line on Main Street. The policy reads as follows:

**To: Cherryville City Council and Mayor H.L. Beam**

**Reference: Merchant's incentive Grant for Main Street Water Lines**

**Date: March 30, 2021**

The following incentive is going too offer to the 16 identified owners on Cherryville's Main Street due to the moving of the water lines that City Council and City Staff approved in the revitalization process.

Merchants

As you are aware, the City of Cherryville is revitalizing the Main Street sections of the city beginning in the summer of 2021. One of the major projects of this revitalization is new water lines. In the construction, the water mains will be moved to the back of the buildings on Main Street. As of now, some of you have water service from the front of the buildings out to Main Street. Each owner effected must install a new stub or connection point for your building in the rear part of the building. This grant is only to assist those owners effected and only the cost of the new connection to the new water service. Not complete building plumbing repairs

The City is aware of this requirement and we are offering the following one-time Grant to those effected buildings.

1. Each effected owner must apply for this up to \$2500.00 incentive assistant grant and the form must be turned into the Main Street Director.
2. A grant must be filled out per building.
3. The Public Works director has compiled a list of those business effected. (See Attached)
4. Each owner must submit for the proper permits and approval though Gaston County Building Inspections.
5. Copies of those permits must be included with the Grant application
6. The water taps for the buildings will be in the rear part of the buildings after the construction/revitalization is complete.

7. Once the construction/revitalization is complete, it is projected the front street side water source will be disconnected and no service will be available after a reasonable amount of time.
8. Once the city's new waterlines are approved by the proper officials, and operable, you will have up to 60 days to have this new connection to your building complete and inspected to receive the up to \$2500.00 grant. The specific dates will be advised once the construction of the water lines has begun.
9. Each owner can stub new water service out the back at any time during the city's construction/revitalization of main street.
10. The city has a list of plumbers, but we cannot recommend.
11. The city will pay up to \$2500.00 per building.
  - a. If you work/bill from the authorized plumber is \$500, your building will only receive the cost of the connection (\$500) not the entire \$2500.00.
12. A copy of the approved documents from the Gaston County inspector, a copy of the receipt/invoice from the plumber must be attached to receive this one-time grant.
13. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Manager, Downtown Director or City Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Parker made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting. Councilmember Freeman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Adopted the 12 day of April 2021.

  
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Paige H. Green, CMC, NCCMC, City Clerk

  
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H.L. Beam, Mayor

