

The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on November 2, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Murphy Fire Dept.

Town Manager: Chad Simons
Attorney: Mack Cowan

Mayor: Rick Ramsey
Council: Barry McClure Frank Dickey
Karen Watson Gail Stansell
Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

WKRR was present

Mayor Ramsey led the Council with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ramsey recognized a group of volunteers who helped refurbish the Town of Murphy Caboose.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Smith to approve the October 5, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer & Tax Releases & Refunds

Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Stansell to approve the tax releases as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Worthern Jr. - \$62.93

Wal-Mart - \$4,182.50, 4 separate accounts

Proposed Amendment to Water Supply and Distribution Ordinance requiring new accounts for water service in a building which has more water meters than electric power meters to be in the name of the owner of the building:

Town Manager Chad Simons stated that after receiving feedback from last month's discussion, he worked with Town Attorney Mack Cowan to present a draft ordinance requiring shared meter accounts to stay in the landlord's name.

Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to approve the amendment to the water supply and distribution ordinance requiring new accounts for water service in a building which has more water meters than electric power meters to be in the name of the owner of the building. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the amendment is attached in the minute book.

Proposed Amendment to prohibit hunting and shooting with bow and arrow, crossbow in the Town of Murphy

Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by McClure, to adopt the proposed amendment to prohibit hunting and shooting with bow and arrow, crossbow in the Town of Murphy. Motion carried

unanimously. A copy of the amendment is attached in the minute book.

Budget Amendment – \$25,000 GCC Crime Grant for Police Laptops and Body Cameras

Town Manager Chad Simons said the town was officially awarded close to \$25,000 for body cameras and police laptops in their Governor’s Crime Commission Grant application submitted last fall. Mr. Simons said he did not know when the funds would be released, but informed the Council that the town would have to make a budget amendment regardless due to the fact that the grant monies are reimbursed.

Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by McClure, to appropriate \$25,000 from General Fund Balance to Police Capital Outlay for Police Bode Cameras and patrol laptops. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Christmas Bonus for Personnel

Town Manager Chad Simons explained that he did not propose a cost of living increase in the current fiscal year due to Covid-19 concerns. Mr. Simons said the proposed Christmas Bonus would be based on longevity, and would help show appreciation for the town’s workforce. Mr. Simons said the costs are about \$11,500 in the General Fund and \$5500 in the Enterprise Fund.

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by McClure to approve the proposed Christmas Bonus as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to approve the monthly reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

No discussion

Adjourn

Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Stansell to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk: Signed Chad Simons

Mayor: Signed David Rick Ramsey

