

**The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on May 3, 2021 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

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Smith to approve the April 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Tax Releases and Water and Sewer Adjustments**

None

### **Water and Sewer 10 Year**

Steven Miller and Seth Robertson of Withers and Ravenel, along with Town Manager Chad Simons, presented a 10 year Capital Improvements Plan to the Town Council. They also presented a draft rate study for the Council to consider. Mr. Simons said the projects were prioritized by each respective department head in water and sewer, and later narrowed down to make it more practical to implement from a cost perspective.

A copy of the presentation is attached in the minute book.

### **Street Name Change Request**

Mr. Frank Dickey stated that he believed it was time to recognize former Mayor Bill Hughes for his decades of service to the town, and felt like the Council should rename Central Street in his honor. Mayor Rick Ramsey stated he and Mrs. Barbara Hughes would reach out to former Mayor Hughes and get his recommendation on what Central Street should be called.

**Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Smith to appoint Mrs. Barbara Hughes and Mayor Ramsey to seek out recommendations from the former Mayor on what to rename Central Street to in his honor. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Piney Knob Paving Request**

Mr. Frank Mason presented to the Council a paving request for Piney Knob Access Road. Mr. Mason thanked the Council for appropriating monies in the fall to pave some of the road, which enhanced it greatly. Mr. Mason said the Tourism Development Authority has once again agreed to appropriate \$21,600 to pave more of the road. Mr. Mason said that would leave about \$15,000 for the town to pick-up

in order to address the rest of the project. Mr. Mason stated that a culvert also needed to be repaired, and noted that this portion is more expensive to complete because more gravel was required.

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to appropriate \$17,000 from general fund balance to recreation for the Piney Knob Paving request. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Resolution to set Public Hearing for NCGS 160-D Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance**

Town Manager Chad Simons stated that the upcoming changes were a result of the state legislature changing land-use regulations to make them more uniform. Mr. Simons stated that a public hearing would be required before changes were enacted. Mr. Simons said the Council did not have a choice on the matter, and that they would need to approve the amendments if they wished to continue to enforce the land-use regulations on the books.

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Hughes to approve the Resolution to set a public hearing for Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached in the minute book.**

#### **Resolution to set Public Hearing for Amendments to Zoning Code**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Smith to approve the Resolution to set a public hearing for Amendments to the zoning code as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached.**

#### **Amendments to comply with NCGS Chapter 160D**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stansell to approve the amendments as presented. A copy of the minutes are attached in the minute book and are available online.**

#### **Town Manager Employment Contract Agreement**

Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stansell, to approve the amendment to the Town Manager's employment contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the contract is attached in the minute book.

#### **Discussion**

None

#### **Monthly Reports**

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

#### **Adjourn**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Hughes, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk: Signed Chad Simons

Mayor: Signed David Rick Ramsey

