

The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on March 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

Town Manager: Chad Simons
Attorney: Mack Cowan

Council: Barry McClure, Frank Dickey
Keisha Dockery, Gail Stansell
Charlene Smith, Barbara Hughes
Mayor Tim Radford

Mayor Tim Radford led the town with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to make Temporary Shelters subject to special use

Mayor Radford opened the public hearing at 5:01 p.m.

No person spoke out during the public hearing.

Motion was made by Hughes to close the public hearing at 5:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Stansell to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by Smith to approve the February 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the Feb 24, 2023 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Tax Releases

None.

Report of Uncollected Taxes

Town Manager Chad Simons presented the report of uncollected taxes for the current year, and asked for permission to proceed with advertising in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 105-369.

Motion was made by McClure to approve the report of uncollected taxes and to grant permission to tax collector to proceed with advertising in accordance with NCGS 105-369. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

Motion was made by Smith to approve the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to make temporary emergency shelters subject to special use. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the ordinance is published online at townofmurphync.com and in the minute book.

Property Surplus

Town Manager Chad Simons presented three capital items as surplus requests – stating the Council desired to eliminate what we no longer use and what is no longer reliable. Mr. Simons said a 2006 F-150 with 180,000 miles, a 2013 3500 with 68,000 miles and a single axle dump truck with 274,000 miles needed to be listed as surplus items on govdeals.

Motion was made by Stansell to approve of placing the three capital items on govdeals to surplus. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Authorizing Town Manager to file LGC application and pursue installment loan financing for downtown waterline project

Motion was made by Dickey to approve the Resolution as presented, giving Town Manager authority to file LGC application and pursue installment loan financing for downtown waterline project.

Set Public Hearing for Installment Loan Financing

The Town Council agreed to proceed with a special hearing on the installment loan financing on March 27 at 9 am at city hall.

Cherokee County Museum Contract

Town Manager Chad Simons informed the Council that the museum contract expired in 2020, and a new one needed to be approved. Town Attorney Mack Cowan said the North Carolina General Statutes require for towns to advertise in the newspaper regarding leases – and that he needed permission from the Town Council to proceed.

Motion was made by Stansell to authorize the Town Attorney to proceed with advertising the lease agreement with Cherokee County Historical Museum. Motion carried unanimously.

Christmas Decoration Budget

Town Manager Chad Simons said the consensus was the cascading snowflakes for future Christmas Decorations. Mr. Simons said the Town would save thousands of dollars by purchasing the decorations now. Mr. Simons said that while costs are important, the decorations will serve Murphy for the next 25 years.

Motion was made by McClure to appropriate \$33,000 in fund balance and to increase the streets (10-560-33) line item by \$33,000 for future Christmas Decorations. Motion carried unanimously.

Uniform Guidance Policies

Town Manager Chad Simons presented uniform guidance policies required for the Town to adopt and adhere to in order to be eligible for the Rural Transformation Grant Street funds. The policies include records retention, anti-discrimination, cost use, and eligible use. Mr. Simons stated he used the UNC School of Government as a guide in drafting the policies.

Motion was made by Hughes to adopt the Uniform Guidance Policies as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Motion was made by Smith to approve the monthly reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

No discussion.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Hughes to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.