

The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on December 4, 2023 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

Town Manager: Chad Simons
Attorney: Mack Cowan
Police Chief Tim Lominac

Mayor Tim Radford
Council: Barry McClure, Frank Dickey
Charlene Smith, Gail Walker Stansell
Cindy Chastain

Mayor Radford opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing

Mayor Radford opened the public hearing for the Town's System Development Fee Study.

Dale Schepers, with McGill Associates, detailed the report and explained the rationale and methodology behind calculating system development fees.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion was made by McClure to approve the November 7, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cycle NC Agreement

Downtown Development Director Laura Lachance presented Cycle NC's proposed agreement with the Town of Murphy to hold their event in Murphy for August 2024. Mrs. Lachance said the organization has been to Murphy before, and will likely bring over 200 riders. The riders will camp at Konehete Park and requested to camp at the Rock Gym. Town Manager Chad Simons said the organization will name the Town and Cherokee County as additional insured, as requested.

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

Amendment to Animals Ordinance prohibiting dogs, cats and other domestic animals from entering or being on the premises of Sunset Cemetery.

Town Attorney Mack Cowan explained the need for a second reading of the proposed amendment because it carried criminal penalties. **Motion was made by McClure to approve the proposed amendment as presented. A copy of the Ordinance amendment is attached in the minute book and can be found online at www.townofmurphync.com**

SDF Study Approval

Motion was made by Dickey to approve the SDF Draft Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the report is attached in the minute book and can be found online at www.townofmurphync.com

Historic Preservation Resolution

Downtown Development Director Laura Lachance said Main Street America strongly encourages their members to adopt resolutions which explicitly endorse historic preservation. Town Manager Chad Simons said they could look at doing so in the future, but this would at least be a nice first step.

Motion was made by Stansell to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached in the minute book.

Monthly Reports

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

Discussion

Town Attorney informed the Council about opting to pursue unpaid taxes and impose a lien for 126 and 136 Regal Street, due to the inability to locate the heirs of the properties. Mr. Cowan said this would be safer and more conservative for the Town.

Motion was made by McClure to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.