

The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on January 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

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

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

Mayor Radford opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment

None

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 December 4, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Recovery Fee and Tap Fee Amendments

Town Manager Chad Simons presented the cost recovery fee ordinance, which uses the recently adopted System Development Fee study presented to the Town Council the previous month. Mr. Simons said the fees would be more equitable by using the state's administrative code to calculate capacity charges.

Motion was made by McClure to approve the Cost Recovery Fee Ordinance Amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Amendment is attached in the minute book and published in the online code of ordinances at townofmurphync.com.

Mr. Simons also presented new tap fee charges for water/sewer taps. Mr. Simons said the changes align well with what the town is doing with system development fees, and allows the Town to capture the full cost of water/sewer materials.

Motion was made by McClure to approve the tap fee changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bank Account for Fire Contribution and Fire Contribution Fund/Shop with a Cop Fund

Town Manager Chad Simons said there was a need to create a separate bank account for fire contributions and a fire contribution fund in the town's accounting system. Mr. Simons said the town received over \$47,000 donation from the estate of Mr. Troy Fleming in 2009, and better efforts were needed to ensure Mr. Fleming's wishes are honored. Mr. Simons also requested that he be put onto the Shop with a Cop bank account and to possibly create a "Shop with a Cop" fund for the Murphy Police Department.

Motion was made by Stansell to create separate accounting funds for Shop with a Cop and Fire Contributions, and to create a separate bank account for Fire Contributions. Motion carried unanimously.

Fort Butler Grant Budget Amendment and Feasibility Services Agreement

Town Manager Chad Simons informed the Council about receiving \$55,000 from Dogwood Health to perform a feasibility study into developing housing on the town's 18 acre property on Fort Butler. Mr. Simons said the study could be completed before July 2024. Mr. Simons asked the Council to approve the service agreement with McGill Associates and a budget amendment to increase economic development revenue by \$55,000 in the General Fund and to increase 10-420-04 professional services expense account by \$55,000 to account for the spending and revenue.

Motion was made by Chastain to approve the service agreement with McGill Associates and approve the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports

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

Adjourn

Motion was made by McClure to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

