

**The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was held on March 6, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall building with the following present:**

**Clerk:** Anna A. Payne

**Cherokee Scout:** Matthew Osborne

**Mayor:**

**Council:**

**William N. Hughes**

Frank Dickey David Hilton

Barry McClure Sandy Sumpter

Karen Watson

Mayor Hughes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. David Hilton made the motion to approve the minutes of the meetings. Karen Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Frank Dickey, made the motion to approve water and sewer releases totaling \$2,548.67. Motion carried.

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Frank Dickey, made the motion to approve the following 2016 tax releases Motion carried.

#355 - Keith C. Celebreeze penalty not due \$2.54

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Frank Dickey, made the motion to approve the following 2016 tax refund in the amount of \$63.84. Motion carried.

#764 Moriah R. Archambault -overpayment of \$63.84

Bill Forsyth, Chairman of Murphy Electric Power Board, requested Hayden Rogers be named to fill the vacant seat created by the death of member John Carringer. Mr. Carringer's term would expire in February 2019. Karen Watson, duly seconded by Sandy Sumpter, made the motion to approve the request. Motion carried.

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Sandy Sumpter, made the motion to approve the reappointment of Bill Forsyth to another 6 year term on the Murphy Power Board. Mr. Forsyth's term would have expired in April of 2017. His new term will expire April of 2023. Motion carried.

Eddie Sylvester was present to update the Council on the Piney Knob Trail System. Five miles of the trail had been constructed. The original grant was for six miles of trail. He would soon be finished with the current grant.

Reed Caldwell had requested approval to submit a 2017 RTP grant pre-application for the trail in the amount of \$100,000. He noted that he had secured \$10,000 from the Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority. He also noted that they would be responsible for raising the 25% match for the grant. David Hilton, duly seconded by Sandy Sumpter, made the motion for Mr. Caldwell to prepare the grant pre-application with the understanding the Town would not be responsible for any matching funds. Motion carried.

Migdalia Jolleffe was present to request that a new group of vendors be allowed to operate the Farmers Market. Jeremiah Smith had informed the group that he was no longer going to participate in the market. They were going to get liability insurance for the group. David Hilton requested that the Town be added as an additional party to the insurance. They would operate from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturdays from April to the last Saturday in October. They were not going to charge but \$5.00 per space in order to raise money for insurance and other necessities. David Hilton made the motion to approve the group running the market on Saturdays (excluding April 29). Barry McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ben Pierce requested the town add a speed bump between the Hackney Building and the Gibson building. Barry McClure made the motion to add the speed bump. Frank Dickey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ben Pierce requested permission to paint the wall near the Gibson building. He thought the pewter gray would be a good choice of colors. Barry McClure made the motion to approve his painting the wall.. Karen Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager Payne requested permission to approve a contract with the NC Rural Water Association in the amount of \$150,000 contingent upon the lack of restrictions from grant. Frank Dickey made the motion to approve the request. David Hilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION**

Meridith Jorgensen, Executive Director of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce presented information on the solar eclipse that was to take place on August 21, 2017.

Bruno Coltri, Jr. was present to voice his concerns about Veteran's issues and the lack of car washes in town.

There being no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. was made by David Hilton and duly seconded by Barry McClure. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Clerk

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Mayor