

**A special meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on November 27 at 5:00 pm in the Town of Murphy Public Library. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget implementation, and goals and priorities for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The following were present:**

**Town Manager:** Chad Simons

**Mayor:** Rick Ramsey

**Council:** Barry McClure Frank Dickey  
Karen Watson Gail Stansell  
Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

The Town Council discussed the need to look into making the Depot building a year-round facility, expanding street lights to Konehete Park and McDonald's, and constructing public bathrooms in downtown. The Town also discussed auctioning off certain properties to create room for new residential home construction and expanding the tax base.

Other matters discussed were the need for a track hoe for the maintenance department, a full-time investigator at the police department, another employee in maintenance, and the renewal of the fire protection contract with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Barbara Hughes recommended for Town Manager Chad Simons to contact county EMS to notify more people in the event of road closures.

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Hughes to adjourn the special meeting at about 5:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**