

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was held on April 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall building with the following present:

Clerk: Anna A. Payne

Attorney: Ronald M. Cowan

Cherokee Scout: Matthew Osborne

Mayor: **William N. Hughes**

Council: 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. Barry McClure seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Barry McClure, duly seconded by Sandy Sumpter, made the motion to approve water and sewer releases totaling \$1,331.25. Motion carried.

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

#2541 - Washing Systems per county not in Cherokee County - amt \$65.10 -Int \$2.28 Total \$67.38 - valuation \$15,500

Lea Graham, Director of Murphy Housing Authority, presented the "Smoke Free Rule" for public housing effective date 2/3/2017. David Hilton made the motion to adopt the "Smoke Free Rule" and include electronic cigarettes. Karen Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Zoning Board of the Town of Murphy sent the Town Council the following change to the Zoning Ordinance. The Board requested a height change from 35 feet to a maximum of 50 feet. A Public Hearing would need to be held. Sandy Sumpter, duly seconded by Karen Watson made a motion to approve the following resolution. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Adjustment has recommended to the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, that the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 153 of the Code of Murphy, North Carolina, be amended as follows:

That Section 153.060(H) of the Code of Murphy, North Carolina, be amended to increase the height limit for signs to 50 feet.

WHEREAS, Chapter 153 of the Code of Murphy, North Carolina, provides that before enacting any amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 153 of the Code of Murphy, North Carolina, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy shall hold a public hearing and further provides that notice of such public hearing shall be given once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Murphy, the notice to be published the first time not less than ten days nor more than 25 days before the date fixed for the public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, State of North Carolina;

1. That the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, shall hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 153 of the Code of Murphy, North Carolina, on Monday, April 3, 2017, in the Annex to the Murphy Electric Power Board Building, 5 Wofford Street, Murphy, North Carolina.

2. That the Town Clerk of the Town of Murphy be and she is hereby directed to give notice of said public hearing once a week for two successive calendar weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, with the notice to be published the first time not less than ten days nor more than 25 days before the date fixed for the public hearing.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy, North Carolina, at a regular meeting on the 3rd day of April, 2017.

Frank Dickey (signed) David Hilton (signed) Barry McClure (signed)
Sandy Sumpter (signed) Karen Watson (signed)

DISCUSSION

Roger Swanson was present to voice his concerns about the new Piney Knob Bike Trail System. He was upset because he couldn't ride horses on the trail. The Council explained that safety was a major concern and horses and bicycles could not be on the same trail. The trail was built using over \$200,000 in grant money. This money was to be used exclusively for a bike and hiking trail. Eddie Sylvester was present to answer any questions. Also, Sara Posey from Main Spring was present to address an concerns. She noted that Clean Water Trust was very happy with the way things were going on the trail.

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:

Clerk

Mayor