

A special called meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on March 2, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Town of Murphy Public Library. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss goals, issues, and priorities for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Town Manager: Chad Simons

Mayor: Rick Ramsey

Council: Barry McClure

Karen Watson Gail Stansell

Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

Mayor Rick Ramsey and the Murphy Town Council discussed various issues regarding strategies for small towns and rural communities, including upcoming projects that will impact the Town. The Council also discussed grant opportunities to include the Community Development Block Grant, the Appalachian Regional Commission, Golden Leaf, and the need for a long range plan.

Town Manager Chad Simons discussed the inventory of the Town's infrastructure, and discussed strategies to fund water and sewer projects moving forward. Mr. Simons also updated the status of the Regal water and sewer project.

The Council asked Town Manager Chad Simons about the proposed sidewalk ordinance regulating the display of goods for the upcoming meeting. Mr. Simons said the proposed amendment was a police power ordinance, and not subject to zoning regulations. Town Attorney Mack Cowan was invited to the meeting to discuss the ordinance in more detail, and explained to the Council why he believes such an ordinance was needed. Council Member Gail Stansell stated she would measure the width of sidewalks over the weekend, and discuss her findings at the Town's regular meeting on March 5, 2018.

Noland Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m., seconded by Barry McClure.
Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Clerk: Signed Chad Simons

Mayor: Signed David Rick Ramsey