

The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on December 2, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the City Hall building with the following present:

Town Manager: Chad Simons

Attorney: Mack Cowan

Council: Rick Ramsey, Frank Dickey
Barry McClure Karen Watson
Gail Stansell
Barbara Hughes

Cherokee Scout and WKRK were present

Mayor Ramsey led the Council with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Stansell to approve the November 4, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Water & Sewer & Tax Releases & Refunds

Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Watson to approve the water and sewer adjustments of \$1847.51. Motion carried unanimously.

Appalachian Driving – Street Closure Request for Car Show

Mr. Mitch Nimey asked for a partial street closure request for a car show in June. Mr. Nimey requested for a two hour street closure from McClelland to Depot Street. Mr. Nimey stated that they expected 300 cars this year, compared to about 80 last year. Mr. Nimey said it would make the event the third largest Porsche car show in the country.

Mayor Ramsey asked them about the layout for parking, hoping the Town could accommodate as many cars as possible. Mr. Nimey said they would work with the police chief and local businesses to ensure proper routes are taken to get as many cars into town as possible, safely.

Ms. Stansell asked if they would need the street closed from the red light down to Depot Street. Mr. Nimey said they did not want to block too much of the road, stating that some people on social media were irritated last year with the street closure.

Mr. Nimey said it would take place June 13, 2020. Town Manager Chad Simons thanked Appalachian Driving for making the request so far in advance, but asked them to closely work with our Police Chief when planning the event.

Motion made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to grant the street closure request for Saturday, June 13, 2020 on Tennessee Street, from Depot Street to McClelland Streets from 4-6 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

NCDOT Utility Preliminary Engineering Agreement

Town Manager Chad Simons said this agreement was standard, as towns with populations with less than 10,000 people do not have to pay any of the costs associated with relocating utilities when the NCDOT conducts a road repair. Mr. Simons said Town Attorney Mack Cowan reviewed the contract, and that the agreement would work just like the U.S. 64 utility relocation contract. The NCDOT would pay the Town and the Town would pay the engineering firm for the design work.

Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by Watson to approve the NCDOT Utility Preliminary Engineering Agreement for HWY 141, State Project BR 0011. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the engineering agreement is attached in the minute book.

RFQ Valley River Water Main Crossing

Town Manager Chad Simons stated that it was for information only, but he did want the Town to look into replacing a water main crossing behind Hughes electric, a crossing that would enable the Town to feed Texana water tank in the event of a main break on Regal Street/Pleasant Valley Road. Mr. Simons said the Town had to kill the crossing several years ago due to a leak. Mr. Simons said that he wanted the Council to consider the project for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Request for Bids – Mini Pumper

Town Manager Chad Simons reminded the Council of the action taken in July, transferring the Town of Murphy ABC right-of-way payment of \$129,000 into a capital reserve account to help purchase another mini-pumper outright; thereby eliminating the need to finance it. Mr. Simons said they are getting a 2007 Sutphen next summer, and this will leave the Town with one apparatus in need of replacement. Mr. Simons said Mr. Cowan did review the bid advertisement and specifications.

Fire Chief Al Lovingood said the specifications took about six months to develop, and that he was asking for the Council's blessing to proceed with the bid advertisement. Mr. Lovingood said they were doing things somewhat differently by adding a pre-bid conference, which should help manufacturers given the sophistication of the truck specifications. Mr. Lovingood said the truck will replace a 1981 apparatus.

Ms. Stansell asked how many manufacturers the department expected. Mr. Lovingood said it all depends on the economy. Mr. Lovingood said the process will take several months to complete.

Town Manager Chad Simons noted that the Council would need to approve the bid after the Town opens them in late January.

Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to proceed with the bid procedures for a new mini-pumper for the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Hughes to approve the monthly reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

Town Manager Chad Simons noted that the pre-construction conference for the Hiwassee River Sewer Repair Project would be the following week.

Mayor Ramsey updated the Council on the Christmas Parade.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by McClure to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.