

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

**Town Manager:** Chad Simons

**Attorney:** Mack Cowan

**Mayor:** Rick Ramsey

**Council:** Barry McClure Frank Dickey

Karen Watson Gail Stansell

Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

**Cherokee Scout and WKRK was present**

Mayor Ramsey led the Town Council with the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Public Comment**

No person spoke during the public comment period.

### **Approval of the minutes**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stansell to approve the July 8, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Water and Sewer & Tax releases & Refunds**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to approve the water and sewer adjustments of \$455.47. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Truck Trailer Length Restriction Discussion and Questions - Paul Ferdenzie**

Mr. Paul Ferdenzie said an article in the local newspaper caught his attention regarding the potential ban of delivery trucks on several streets in town, and he said he did not understand the logic behind it. Mr. Ferdenzie said it was hard enough to do business in town without having to deal with certain restrictions, and did not understand why trailers would be banned on Willow Street.

Mr. Ferdenzie also said the Town's water and sewer system development fees were very expensive, causing him to not do certain housing projects as a result.

Frank Dickey commented that Mr. Ferdenzie contacted him and made some valid points, and Mr. Dickey felt like the Council should impose a trailer restriction for North Church street only.

Town Attorney Mack Cowan informed the Council that a tractor trailer went down N. Church Street several weeks ago, backing up traffic at the intersection of N. Church Street and Willow Street when the trailer could not make the turn. Mr. Cowan said he really could not find any specific specifications.

**Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Smith to adopt the 35 ft. trailer restriction for North Church Street only. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Ordinance is attached.**

## **Discussion on Proposed Amendment to Water Supply and Distribution Ordinance**

Town Manager Chad Simons stated that the proposed amendment would give the Town flexibility to waive the requirement for multi-family residential complexes to have separate connections for each unit. Mr. Simons said that there are positives and negatives associated with the potential change. Mr. Simons said while the move could reduce costs in the short-term with one master meter, and that the Town would not be responsible for 75 meters and taps, the downside would be that non-payment of one or a few customers could result in the severance of every customer's water connection.

Noland Smith stated that a developer would have to weigh the cost and benefits of it, and that he may decide to go with individual meters instead of one master meter instead.

Frank Dickey said the change would just allow the Town to consider waiving the requirement for each future development, and that would require approval by the Council with each multi-family complex. Mr. Simons said that was correct, the amendment would not change the ordinance entirely, but simply give the Town the option to negotiate with a potential developer.

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Dickey to approve the proposed amendment to the Water Supply and Distribution Ordinance which will allow the Council to waive a requirement for newly constructed residential building or structure designed or intended for occupancy by multiple families to not have separate connections for each unit. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the amendment is attached.**

## **Monthly Reports**

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

## **Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Hughes to enter closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11: To Consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by McClure to enter back into open session at approximately 5:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by Smith to approve the amendment(s) to the Town Manager's employment contract with the Town of Murphy. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Adjourn**

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