

A special called meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on Wednesday April 24, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. at the Town of Murphy City Hall building. The purpose of the meeting was to approve a Resolution to apply for state assistance to replace the sewer line at 123 Woodland Drive, to discuss and possibly approve a plan to construct downtown public restrooms, and applying to the Main Street Program.

Town Manager: Chad Simons

Mayor: Rick Ramsey

Council: Barry McClure

Karen Watson Frank Dickey

Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

Resolution to Apply for State Assistance to Replace the Sewer Line Located at 123 Woodland Drive

The Town Manager explained how the Council needed to pass the Resolution to finalize their application for a state revolving loan fund to replace the failing sewer line at the U.S. Forest Service Property.

Mayor Ramsey arrived to the meeting at about 8:49 a.m.

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

Downtown Public Restrooms

Town Manager Chad Simons presented a drawing of downtown restrooms for the Council to consider. Mr. Simons said the estimated construction costs would be about \$45,000, but he advised the Council to allow room for potential modifications with a budget amendment of \$60,000. Mr. Simons said they were advertising for bids on the Town website.

Gail Stansell said she believes restrooms will be a great asset for downtown. Mr. Simons said this was discussed in November at the Council's special meeting.

Barbara Hughes asked who would be responsible for cleaning the restrooms. Town Manager Chad Simons said the maintenance staff and administration would ensure the restrooms will be cleaned on a daily basis. Mr. Simons also said security cameras would be installed, and that the maintenance crew and administration would unlock the restrooms daily while the police department would lock them at night.

Frank Dickey said drains for cleaning were not shown on the drawing and they needed to be part of the plan. Mr. Dickey said without drains it will be awfully difficult to clean the restrooms. Mr. Simons said Mayor Ramsey and himself would look into the matter and ensure they would be included in any bid.

Mr. Dickey also said he would like to see an additional stall for the men's restroom. The Council discussed this at length and decided to go with the original plan.

Mr. Simons said construction could start in May and hopefully be completed by July 1.

Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by Watson to appropriate \$60,000 from fund balance into Special Projects to construct downtown public restrooms, with one change to the original drawing being the installation of floor drains in each restroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Main Street Program Discussion:

Mayor Ramsey discussed the Main Street Program with the Council. The consensus of the Council was to move forward on an application to participate in the program.

Adjourn:

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by McClure to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously

Clerk: Signed Chad Simons

Mayor: Signed David Rick Ramsey