

**The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on March 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. 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** - Matt Osborne

**Mayor Ramsey led the Town with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

### **Public Comment**

No person spoke during the public comment period.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Hughes to approve the water and sewer adjustments of \$833.37. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Hill Street Properties Auction - Town Attorney Mack Cowan**

Town Attorney Mack Cowan informed the Council about the Feb. 21, 2019 auction for the Hill Street properties. Mr. Cowan said four people were interested in bidding, but only one person submitted a bid. Mr. John Snow III submitted a bid of \$2,500. Mr. Cowan said it was up to the Council to either accept or reject the bid. Mr. Cowan also said the Council could make a decision within thirty days.

Noland Smith commented that he wouldn't have submitted an offer in that amount. Barry McClure asked Town Manager Chad Simons what his recommendation is. Mr. Simons said he was pleased that people showed up.

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stansell to accept the \$2,500 bid submitted by John Snow III for the Hill Street Properties. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Spring Festival Planning Street Closure Request - Murphy Business Association**

Wayne Peacock informed the Council that they are requesting a street closure on May 4, 2019 for the Spring Festival from Tennessee Street Intersection to Depot Street, from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Mr. Peacock explained that this is the same request as last year. Mr. Peacock said they would have a rain date on May 5.

Frank Dickey asked about churches on the alternate date. Mr. Peacock said they would do something similar to the Christmas Parade. Mr. Peacock said the hours would have to change. Town Manager Chad Simons recommended a second motion for a May 5, 2019 street closure from 1 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to approve the closure of the Tennessee Street Intersection to Depot Street from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. on May 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

Barry McClure complimented the Business Association for their advertising and hard work in organizing the festival.

Karen Watson asked if they were still going to have a car show. Mr. Peacock said that they would.

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to approve the closure of Tennessee Street Intersection to Depot Street from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. on May 5, 2019 in the event of rain. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **Brenda Mahoney - Veteran's Parade Request**

Brenda Mahoney informed the Council that they wanted to have a Veteran's Day Parade and program on Saturday November 9, 2019. Mrs. Mahoney said their request would be for a parade from L&N Depot to Konehete Park that would begin at 11 a.m. Mrs. Mahoney said they then wanted to have an event program at Konehete Park Saturday afternoon, featuring several bands. Mrs. Mahoney said the program would end at 4 p.m. Mrs. Mahoney submitted an emergency medical plan for the event as well. Mrs. Mahoney said they wanted a rain date for Sunday November 10, 2019 for the same time. Mrs. Mahoney said she believes this would be a great thing for the community, especially after she witnessed how the community came together for SGT. Chris Lockett's memorial.

Mayor Ramsey said this event would be a great thing for the community and local veterans. Mayor Ramsey thanked Mrs. Mahoney for doing her due diligence months in advance.

Mayor Ramsey asked if she has required liability insurance. Mrs. Mahoney responded that she was in the process of acquiring it.

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

#### **ABC Resolution Designation Official - Town Manager Chad Simons**

Town Manager Chad Simons said the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission requested this resolution for their records. The resolution would officially designate Police Chief Justin Jacobs as the public official approving ABC permits, which are duties he has performed since 2006.

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by McClure to approve the ABC Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Monthly Reports**

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

### **Report of Uncollected Taxes**

Tax Collector P.J. Siler submitted the report of uncollected taxes to the Council. Mrs. Siler said they have collected 89.95% through February.

### **Discussion**

Mayor Ramsey informed the Council about the successful Boy Scouts fundraising event for Cherokee County. Mayor Ramsey said they exceeded their goal.

Gail Stansell said the Council should consider a proclamation next month to proclaim May 1, 2019 "spiff up the Town day." Mayor Ramsey said that would be a great idea.

Karen Watson updated the Council on the latest improvements to the new playground at Konehete Park. Mrs. Watson said the Power Board this morning got up the netting. Mrs. Watson said it made it much safer, and that the handicapped swing will be installed as Winter ends.

### **Adjourn**

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