

**The special called meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on February 24, 2020 at 9:00 am in the City Hall building with the following present:**

**Town Manager:** Chad Simons

**Mayor:** Rick Ramsey

**Council:** Barry McClure Frank Dickey

Karen Watson

Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

**Public Hearing to amend the CDBG 16-1-2921 Regal Street Water and Sewer Improvements**

Town Manager Chad Simons informed the Council that the public hearing is required in order to legally amend the Community Development Block Grant Regal Street Project budget, and use the remaining funds for a bar screen at the Cherokee County Detention Center. Mr. Simons stated that the bar screen is included in the State Resolving Loan Fund Project for the Hiwassee River Sewer Repair, and the fact that they can get the bar screen through the CBDG project is much better for the Town. Mr. Simons said the CBDG grant is a 100 percent grant, and the Hiwassee River Sewer repair project is funded through a loan with a modest interest rate.

Town Manager Chad Simons read the following below:

TOWN OF MURPHY  
5 WOFFORD STREET, MURPHY, NORTH CAROLINA  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020  
9:00 A.M.

TO AMEND THE CDBG 16-I-2921  
REGAL STREET WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments about the amendment for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant 16-I-2921 for Regal Street Water and Sewer Improvements. The Town of Murphy has remaining funds and has a need for additional work in the Regal Street area.

The work is located on Regal Street at the Detention Center for a complete and fully functional Manual Bar Screen Assembly, and shall include furnishing all equipment, materials, labor and other appurtenances necessary to prevent clogging of the sewer line for Regal Street. If remaining funds allow, a second Manual Bar Screen Assembly may also be included for the Connahetta Pump Station, which also serves the Regal Street sewer line.

Currently, the total remaining funds are approximately \$185,000.00. The remaining sewer improvement funds are approximately \$173,600.00 for engineering, service delivery and construction costs.

The project will address some of the same issues as the original grant, and is expected to extend the project time until June 30, 2020 for the construction and grant close-out.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Chad Simons, at (828) 837-2510, or at the Murphy City Hall, 5 Wofford Street, Murphy, NC for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Chad Simons, Town Manager, al (828) 837-2510 o en 5 Wofford Street, Murphy, NC, de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

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No persons spoke during the public hearing.

Mayor Rick Ramsey opened the special meeting

### **Hiwassee River Sewer Repair Update**

Town Manager Chad Simons updated the Town Council about the Hiwassee River Sewer Repair Project. Mr. Simons said the bore was complete and successful, and that the contractor planned to start their work on the TVA side next week.

Mr. Noland Smith asked where the project revision was actually located. Mr. Simons said it will start at the Forest Service walking trail, and run behind their buildings to the highway bank, where the bore will come out on the other side of the highway where Murphy First Baptist is located, running all the way to the Ice Plant lift station. Mr. Simons said the change eliminated three ninety degree turns, and the line will have four times more fall instead of minimum grade on the river bank. Mr. Simons said the Town is following the same path on the original design from 1997. Mr. Simons reminded the Council that this sewer line has been replaced 5 times in the past eighty years; once in 1940, 1967, 1984, and once more in 1997. Mr. Simons stated that this plan will ensure the sewer main remains viable well into the future.

Mr. Dickey asked when the paving will commence on King Street. Mr. Simons said the North Carolina Department of Transportation will hopefully pave it in the next few weeks, but reminded the Council that work was the result of the U.S. 64 Road widening, and not part of the Hiwassee River Sewer Repair. Mr. Simons said the NCDOT is paying for all of the work as well.

### **Letter of Conditions Resolution for Appalachian Regional Commission Grant**

Pam Hysong and Michael Ledford with the United States Department of Agriculture explained that they were administering the Appalachian Regional Commission Grant for the Hiwassee River Sewer Repair Project. Ms. Hysong stated that ARC requires grant recipients to adhere to certain guidelines before grant monies are disbursed. Ms. Hysong said the letter of conditions resolution needed to be passed in order for the Town to meet the guidelines.

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Dickey to approve the Letter of Conditions Resolution for the Appalachian Regional Commission Grant project as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Dickey to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

