

**The regular meeting of the Murphy Town Council was held on June 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.**

Town Manager: Chad Simons  
Attorney: Mack Cowan

Mayor: Rick Ramsey  
Council: Barry McClure Frank Dickey  
Karen Watson Gail Stansell  
Barbara Hughes Noland Smith

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Hearing on Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance**

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing on Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance. No person spoke during the hearing.

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Watson to close the public hearing at 5:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Hearing on Amendments to Zoning Ordinance**

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing on amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. No person spoke during the public hearing.

**Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by McClure to close the public hearing at 5:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Hearing on 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget Proposal**

Mayor Ramsey opened the public hearing on the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget proposal. No person spoke during the public hearing.

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Watson to close the public hearing at 5:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Smith to approve the May 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Tax Releases and Water and Sewer Adjustments**

None

### **Proclamation to make Friday, June 11 Murphy Bulldog Day**

Mayor Ramsey and the Town Council congratulated Murphy High School's girls' basketball and football teams for winning state titles. Mayor Ramsey read a proclamation making Friday June 11 Murphy Bulldog Day. A copy of the proclamation is attached in the minute book.

### **Vote on Amendments to Subdivision Ordinance**

**Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by McClure to approve the amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance as presented. A copy of the amendments are attached in the minute book and are posted online at townofmurphync.com.**

### **Central Street name change request**

**Motion was made by Dickey, seconded by Watson to rename Central Street, from the Courthouse to the Valley River Intersection, Bill Hughes Avenue in honor of former Mayor Bill Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Murphy Housing Authority**

Murphy Housing Director Lea Scroggs presented the collection loss, budget adjustments and new budget to the Town Council.

**Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Hughes, to approve the collection loss of \$386.88 for Murphy Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell, to approve the 2020-2021 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the budget adjustment is attached in the minute book.**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Hughes, to approve the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the budget is attached in the minute book.**

### **Alley Street Request – Keisha Dockery**

Keisha Dockery requested for the Town Council to consider closing the alleyway between Urban Salon and Black&White Market and turning it into a pedestrian breezeway. Mrs. Dockery stated it would create a nice public space downtown, and decrease the number of cars and pedestrian on the sidewalk to access the alleyway. Mrs. Dockery also said it would invite a nice recreation area as well, providing seating and tables.

Mayor Ramsey expressed concerns about making the alleyway compliant with the American with Disabilities Act. Mayor Ramsey said it is a good idea.

Mr. Frank Dickey stated that it has been a problem street his entire life, and said it was a good idea but stated they could run into alcohol problems.

Ms. Gail Walker Stansell said it was a great idea, and that she would be the first person to purchase and install a bench in honor of Walker Garage.

Town Manager Chad Simons asked the Council to delay voting on the matter until next month so the Town Attorney could explore any legal problems, and to provide time for him to ensure the town did not need anything from NCDOT.

### **Arts Council Funding Request – David Vowell**

David Vowell requested for the Town to reimburse the Arts Council \$1800 for rent expenses. Mr. Vowell also asked the Council to adopt a Resolution presented that would enable the Arts Council to receive additional funding, specifically American Rescue Act funding.

Mr. Frank Dickey asked if their organization was audited by a Certified Professional Accountant, and if they had their non-profit credentials.

Mr. Vowell responded that they are not audited, but do possess their non-profit status.

Mr. Dickey asked who funded the first Friday art walk. Mr. Vowell said that was the Valley River Arts Guild.

**Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by McClure, to approve the Resolution presented by the Cherokee County Arts Council. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached.**

### **Amendments to Zoning to comply with NCGS Chapter 160D**

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stansell to approve the amendments as presented. A copy of the minutes are attached in the minute book and are available at [townofmurphync.com](http://townofmurphync.com)**

### **Resolution to accept American Rescue Act Funds**

Town Manager Chad Simons said the resolution would ensure the town meets all of the guidelines to receive the American Rescue Act funding.

**Motion was made by Stansell, seconded by Smith to approve the Resolution accepting American Rescue Act Funds. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached in the minute book.**

### **Amendment to Cost Recovery Fee Ordinance Schedule**

Town Manager Chad Simons stated the schedule does not account for force mains, and there is a huge difference between a two inch tap for a force main and two inch tap for gravity sewer. Mr. Simons said the Public Works Director brought the issue to his attention.

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Dickey, to approve the amendment to the Cost Recovery Fee Ordinance Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the amendment is attached in the minute book and posted online at [townofmurphync.com](http://townofmurphync.com).**

### **Resolution to set Public Auction to sell two tracts at Tangelwood**

Town Manager Chad Simons stated both tracts are now surveyed and are ready to sell.

**Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Watson, to approve the Resolution to set Public Auction to sell two tracts at Tangelwood. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached in the minute book.**

**Monthly Reports**

**Motion was made by McClure, seconded by Stansell to approve the monthly reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of the reports are attached in the minute book.**

**Discussion**

Mayor Ramsey congratulated the Town of Murphy Fire Department for reducing the city limit insurance rating from a class four to a class three, and reducing Murphy Rural from a class five to a class four.

**Adjourn**

**Motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.**

Clerk: Signed Chad Simons

Mayor: Signed David Rick Ramsey