

**CITY OF CHERRYVALE
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2015
7:00 PM**

Working for a better tomorrow... today.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Wright, Council President Wickham, Council Member Forman, Council Member Wagoner, Council Member King, City Administrator Goedken, City Clerk /Assistant City Administrator Chris Weiner, Cherryvale Housing Authority Director Diantha Jewett, Cherryvale Head Librarian April Read, Neil Phillips (Jared, Gilmore, & Phillips), Donna Celaya (Montgomery County Chronicle), Sharon Driskel, James Hogben and Shirley Ann Hogben.

INVOCATION

Council Member Wagoner led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present participated.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Chris Weiner took roll:

Mayor Wright – present; Council President Wickham – present; Council Member Forman – present; Council Member Wagoner – present; Council Member King – present.

A quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sharon Driskel – *Addressed her legal rights as a property owner and stated that she feels that if the City widens the street at the corner of Maple and Main, the street should be widened by taking property from the Jumpstart (west) side of the street rather than her property (east side). She claimed that both Public Works Director Wade Webber and City Clerk Chris Weiner told her husband, Glen Driskel, that the City was going to take twenty feet of their property in order to widen the street.*

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Mayor John Wright – *Indicated that if police dispatch is not being effectively managed through the Sheriff's office, that he would like the City to consider alternatives.*

Council Member Chad Wickham – *Said that he felt disrespect for the police and fire departments. He called the police department four times in one day and it was not answered by a Cherryvale officer any of the four times. Mentioned that he does not think the department is busy enough to warrant not responding to citizen complaints. He was extremely disappointed in the fire department because they sent a nuisance violation letter when they knew the resident had a recent death in the family. He indicated his feelings that nuisance violations are a waste time and resources that would be better*

spent elsewhere. He also mentioned that he called the fire department and requested that they notify and have a police officer call him and that he never received that call even nine days later.

Council Member Don King – Voiced his opposition to the suspension of issuing nuisance violations and mentioned that nuisances are an issue throughout town. Said that weeds and nuisance problems create a bad first impression for potential residents and that eliminating code enforcement would exacerbate that problem.

Council Member Randy Wagoner – Said he did not disagree with what had been previously said but that he doesn't want to slack off making the community a better place. He acknowledged that he felt the City could do a better job at handling its own properties. He wanted the Governing Body to keep in mind that people aren't perfect but we need to remember the police put their lives on the line to protect us and the community and that we shouldn't beat up on our own people. He said he appreciates what our police, fire, public works, and city hall staff does. He advocated that we could and need to be better as an organization and tasked City Administrator Goedken to encourage our city staff to be better.

Council Member Lew Forman, Jr. – Suggested that the City suspend issuing nuisance violations until the City cleans up its own property and responsibilities and another property owner in town, whose property has a significant amount of current nuisance issues, cleans up his property. He wanted to know when the property in question would be dealt with.

NEW BUSINESS

A. AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR FY2014

Presented by Neil Phillips, CPA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file the audit for FY2014 and authorize staff to sign the management representation letter.

Council Member Wagoner motioned to authorize city staff to sign the management representation letter, Council President Wickham seconded.

All votes aye.

B. PROPOSED ORDINANCE 15-4664: BOND REQUIRED REMOVAL

Presented by Travis Goedken, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take appropriate action.

Council Member Wagoner motioned to accept the proposed edits to Ordinance 15-4664, Council President Wickham seconded.

City Clerk Chris Weiner took the roll call vote:

Council Member Forman – aye; Council Member Wagoner – aye; Council President Wickham – aye; Council Member King – aye.

Motion passed 4-0.

C. HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT AT 501 E 3RD – HOWARD HESTER D/B/A S & H STRANDED MOTORIST AND SMALL ENGINE

Presented by Chris Weiner, City Clerk/Assistant City Administrator
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Do not issue Home Occupation Permit.

Council Member Wagoner motioned to go with the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to deny the home occupation permit and encouraged the proprietor to pursue other avenues, Council Member King seconded.

Mayor Wright mentioned that he knows the proprietor, Mr. Hester, and that he is a good character man who performs a service Cherryvale desperately needs. He does not want to lose his service in the community.

All votes aye.

D. B&L TRENCHING 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Presented by Travis Goedken, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Designate celebration as community event to allow people in Logan Park after curfew and waive rental fee.

Council Member Wagoner motioned to designate the B&L Trenching 4th of July celebration as a community event and to waive the municipal pool entrance fees on July 4th from 6-9 p.m., Council President Wickham seconded.

All votes aye.

E. USDA GRANT APPLICATION

Presented by Travis Goedken, City Administrator

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Authorize staff to apply for grant.

Council Member Wagoner motioned to authorize city staff to pursue a grant that would pay for well over half of a vehicle to supply the Cherryvale Police Department with resources to protect the lives of Cherryvale residents.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Presented by John Wright, Mayor

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the consent agenda as presented.

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| 1. Appropriations and Payroll Ord. No. 15-0605: | \$91,600.44 |
| a. Approval of Purchases over \$5,000 | |
| i. Community National Bank | \$6,246.47 |
| ii. Public Wholesale Water | \$24,333.33 |
| 2. Consideration of the minutes for June 1 st , 2015 Regular Meeting | |
| 3. Consideration of the minutes for June 4 th , 2015 Special Meeting | |

Council Member Wagoner motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented, Council Member Forman seconded.

All votes aye.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Legislative Update
2. July Men's Breakfast
3. Independence Recycling Forums

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Wickham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M., Council Member Forman seconded.

All votes aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher T. Weiner, City Clerk