

**Town of Mount Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall – Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, August 2, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt
Commissioner Rick Burleyson-*Absent*
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Town Administrator Adrian Cox
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt

Also Present: John Murdock, James Senecal, Sharon Senecal, Ray Furr, Samantha Moose, Rev. Tom Foley, Troy Barnhardt, Mike Metcalf

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Tom Foley the new pastor at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Pleasant Church led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke in the public forum.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Barringer asked that an addition to new business be added to the agenda. He wanted to discuss the appointment to the WSACC Board. With this addition added, *Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (3-0)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISIONS

There was no public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

There were two items on the consent agenda. The minutes of the June 28, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and the July 7, 2010 minutes of the Special Called Meeting. *Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (3-0)*

REPORTS

- (1) Police –Written
- (2) Fire Chief- Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt reported that the Fire Department had responded to over 550 calls so far this year. The fire hydrants have been flowed and the Fire Chief is working with Town Administrator Adrian Cox on renovating the fire station.
- (3) Town Administrator-Town Administrator Adrian Cox presented a draft brochure to go over for corrections. He reported that with the phase out of courtesy calls the Town would have about 50 water cut off for the month of August. There were questions about the entrance at Moose Drug and Buddy's not being widened enough. Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he had problems with the language on the brochure about limbs. Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that this was only a draft, any changes that need to be made can be submitted to him and he will bring it back at the next meeting.
- (4) Finance-No report
- (5) Public Works-Written
- (6) Planning/Code Enforcement-Commissioner Eberhardt had a question about Mobile Home Parks. Planning and Zoning Chairman John Murdock asked if he could address this question. He stated that this would be in the ETJ area and the mobile homes would be on individual lots not in Mobile Home Parks.

John Murdock stated that this will also allow an individual to upgrade where they were not allowed to upgrade before.

(7) Town Attorney- No report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Uniform Rental

During the development of the 2010-2011 Budget, the Board discussed the renting of uniforms for public works. This would provide staff with an identifiable uniform that would be cleaned by the rental company. During these discussions, the maintenance crew had voiced a preference for cotton shirts. The Board budgeted \$2,500.00 for renting uniforms, which could be supplemented with boot and coat allowances.

Commissioner Eberhardt asked if they could get samples of the uniforms and check them out. Commissions Barringer and Chapman agreed.

It was the consensus of the Board to bring this item back at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Banking Services

The Town sent out Request for Banking Proposal (RFP) to the three local banks in Mt. Pleasant. The following is the responses that were received:

First Bank proposed a nonbearing free commercial account for the General, Water and Sewer, Powell and Payroll account. Free checking accounts could be used for operating accounts with large number of transactions, while keeping reserves in a Public Funds Account. An analysis shows the impact of utilizing the free accounts as proposed by First Bank, while maintaining reserve checking accounts for Water and Sewer. The analysis also shows the impact of breaking out an additional Public Funds Reserve account for General. This proposal provides the greatest yield because there are no charges assessed to the Town's operating accounts, while allowing accounts with low activity to earn interest.

Cabarrus Bank proposed a mix of free accounts and interest bearing checking accounts. The proposal has a simple fee structure for public funds, with low interest earning rates. This account would generate earnings during months when the Town has the highest balances, but would not be profitable over the entire year.

Fifth Third proposed public funds account for all Town accounts, in which the entire Town's operating accounts would earn interest. Fifth Third evaluate the accounts as a composite. Therefore the charges that are assessed on operating accounts with high activity, would be netted against the ECR of all account combined. During some

months the Town may earn interest on the account. However, on average, the Town would incur charges while earning no interest.

To gain the greatest benefit of free checking accounts matched with public funds accounts, the Town should keep few checking accounts with minimum balances necessary for operation for operations. Therefore, it is in the Town's best interest to consolidate accounts so that interest can be earned on fund balance, and to simplify accounting. Once accounts are consolidated, greater interest earnings might be achieved by investing in certificates of deposits, or other investments.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to move the Town of Mt. Pleasant's banking services to First Bank and to authorize the Finance Officer to enter into the proposed 3-year contract. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (3-0)

2. Fire Department Roster

The Mt. Pleasant Board of Commissioners directed the Fire Department not to exceed 40 members on the roster. However, some of the members listed on the NC State Fire Association roster do not actively fight fires. These members contribute to the department in other ways and are covered by the benefit fund for accident or death.

Limiting the roster to 40 members is an effective policy to controlled growth and operating cost of the department. However, if the intent of this policy is to allow the Fire Department to have 40 members available to actively fight fires, then a distinction should be made between active and supporting members. Staff could provide a biannual report of the department roster that specifies the 40 fire fighter that actively fight fires and the supporting members.

Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt stated that the 40 member cap was put on before the Fire Department started having paid staff. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt stated that the 40 member roster should not include those members that are retired or part-time.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to allow the Fire Department to exceed the 40 member roster so that the roster would have 40 active firefighters on it. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (3-0)

3. Appointment to the WSACC Board

Commissioner Barringer stated that someone had asked him since Troy Barnhardt had resigned as Mayor if he would be replaced on the WSACC Board.

Troy Barnhardt had just been appointed to a 3-year term on the WSACC Board on June 7, 2010 and that he was doing a good job for the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Barringer stated that he had missed that meeting and was not aware of that appointment.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Eudy stated that his new e-mail address was mayoreudy@windstream.net. He also stated that he has had several meetings with Town Administrator Adrian Cox.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Barringer stated that he has had a request for more police presence in the Reidsville Community.

Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he has had a request for a street light on Wade Street.

Commissioner Chapman has had construction questions about the Downtown area.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, *Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor.*
(3-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, August 30, 2010 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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