

**Town of Mount Pleasant
Town Board Meeting
Commissioner's Meeting Room
January 3, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Scott Barringer, Maura Eberhardt, Michael Metcalf,
Rick Burleyson, Warren Chapman

Staff Present: Mayor Del Eudy, Town Administrator Adrian Cox,
Attorney Christy Wilhelm, Joy Eudy

Visitors: Public Works Director Dave Fargo, Fire Chief Chris
Honeycutt, Samantha Moose-EDC, John Cox, Deb Carter,
Anna Lu Wilson, Ryan McDaniels.

Call to Order: Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Mayor Eudy gave the Invocation.

Pledge to Allegiance: Mayor Eudy led the audience in the pledge to the flag.

Public Forum: Mayor Eudy opened the Public Forum and asked if anyone wanted to speak. With no one wanting to speak Mayor Eudy closed the Public Forum.

Approve Agenda: Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt made a motion to approve the agenda.
Commissioner Mike Metcalf seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

Presentations-Cabarrus County Economic Development Commission:

John Cox of the Economic Development Commission explained about the EDC and the job situation. He said it would be a couple more years down the road before we see a lot of improvement. John Cox said North Carolina was hit hard with job situations. John Cox said the EDC has about 30 projects going on now. He stated that Carolina USA is very interest in the Phillip Morris building.

Ryan McDaniels stated that Real Estate is their biggest driver. He stated that you need to look for property and also need a price before you can put anything on data base. Ryan McDaniels stated that all services are free. He stated he had visited Mount Pleasant and there are several sites available in Mount Pleasant. He said there were 3 active projects going on now.

Samantha Moose asked what direction you would like for Mt. Pleasant to go. She said the EDC also uses data base and contacts they have visited in Mt. Pleasant and the EDC is listed in the book.

Anna Wilson said the EDC has a website and a weekly news letter. She stated this year's focus is outdoor quality.

John Cox said in 2009 into 2010 he traveled 3000 miles. He said it is important North Carolina gets their message out to other sites. He stated that our Administrator Adrian Cox is on their committee.

Commissioner Burleyson stated the economy is down. What can we in Mt. Pleasant do to make it more attractive to businesses as the economy turns around? John Cox answered with a question, what does Mt. Pleasant have to offer; ten acres of land with water and sewer available, schools and major highways. These are some of the things businesses will look at.

Mayor Eudy asked if there were any more questions. With no other questions he thanked the EDC group for coming and doing their presentation.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

Reports:

Police Report: As written

Town Administrator Adrian Cox gave an oral report and each Commissioner had a copy. Commissioner Eberhardt asked about the ABC Board. Adrian Cox said he is working with the board on their reports. Commissioner Barringer asked if any of the planning/code enforcements had been closed out.

Public Works: As written.

Planning/Code Enforcement: As written.

Attorney: Christy Wilhelm said she would not be at the February meeting, because she is going on a cruise. Christy Wilhelm asked the Commissioners if they wanted her to attend every meeting or just when something came up that they would need her. The Commissioners stated they would like for her to be at every meeting.

Old Business: Draft Legislative Agenda

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated this agenda serves as the Board's official stance on several legislative issues. The Legislative Agenda is not only sent to State and Federal Representatives, but is utilized by other organizations in developing their own legislative priorities. Adrian Cox stated following adoption, copies of the agenda will be sent to Mount Pleasants' State and Federal delegation.

With no discussion, Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to adopt the Draft Legislative Agenda. Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to adopt the Draft Legislative Agenda. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

Second item under Old Business was the Events Coordination Bylaws. Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that staff presented the draft bylaws to the Events Coordinating Committee at the November meeting. The members appointed Troy Barnhardt to serve as the committee's chair person. The committee did not request any changes to the draft bylaws.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to adopt the Events Coordinating Bylaws. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adopt the bylaws. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

New Business:

A: Budget Transfer Water and Sewer:

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that the North 49 Sewer Extension Project is expected to be closed out at the end of the year. The Town's auditor has recommended a transfer in the current year budget to reflect allocations made by the Board in the capital project, under the old table of accounts. The amendment recognizes a transfer within the new account table that mirrors that of the project budget, and allows for closeout of the project budget. The transfer is necessary to closeout the capital project. The fund balance allocated in the project has already been approved, and no amendments will be necessary for these projects.

Budget Transfer General

B: Adopt Amendment to the Budget Ordinance:

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated the CMAQ Sidewalk Capital Project is expected to be closed out at the end of the year. The Town's auditor has recommended a transfer in the current year budget to reflect allocations made by the Board in the capital project, under the old table of accounts. The amendment recognizes a transfer within the new account table that mirrors that of the project budget, and allows for the closeout of the project budget. The transfer is necessary to closeout the capital project.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to adopt the Amendment to the Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to adopt the Amendment to the Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

Sidewalk Repair Bid:

C: Consider Sidewalk Restoration and Trip Hazard Repair Quote:

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated the town has several trip hazards due to raised sidewalks. These hazards could pose a potential liability for the Town in some instances. He stated that Precision Sidewalks makes repairs to raised edges, but does not make replacements to sections of sidewalks that are severely deteriorated, or have missing pieces. Adrian Cox said Precision Sidewalks could address many trip hazards, but hazards caused by holes will need to be addressed by replacement. He said the Board has allocated \$10,500 in the 2010-2011 budget for repair of the sidewalks. Adrian Cox said we could use a portion of this fund to hire Precision Sidewalk to begin looking at some of the most severe trip hazards in the amount of \$4,544, or address all of the trip hazards in a specific location or any combination of severity and location based on the proposal.

After some discussion from the Board about the sidewalks, it was decided by consensus of the Board to postpone the Sidewalk Restoration and Trip Hazard until the next meeting so the Administrator could get more information. The Board will have more time to study what information they already have. No bids have been taken on this project as of now.

D: Amendment to Code of Ordinance: Speed Limit

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated there were several streets in town with posted speed limits of twenty-five miles per hour. He said the speed limits have not been adopted in the Code of Ordinances and we need to adopt these speed limits.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to adopt the speed limits into the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Barringer made the motion to adopt the speed limits into the Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

E: Replacement of Police Car:

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated last year the town replaced a police vehicle with a Ford Interceptor by piggy-backing on a Cabarrus County bid for the vehicles. He stated another car is due to be replaced this year and funds have been allocated in the FY 2010-2011 Budget. Staff is seeking authorization from the Board

to purchase a Ford Interceptor by utilizing bid prices received by Cabarrus County, at a cost of \$21,400.

The Board compared prices, gas mileage, performance and what would have to be added to the two vehicles. They decided the Ford Interceptor is less expensive because new equipment would need to be purchased for the Dodge Charger and the equipment from the old car can be transferred to the new car.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to give authority to Town Administrator Adrian Cox to check into the Ford Interceptor. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to give the Town Administrator the authority to check into purchasing the Ford Interceptor. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

F: Surplus Brush Truck:

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated the Mount Pleasant Fire Department has a 1984 Chevy Truck designed to fight brushfires that they no longer need. The Public Works Department also does not have any use for this truck. The truck has 71,288 miles and is equipped with a water tank, sprayers, and tool boxes. Adrian Cox stated Staff has had success in using GovDeals online auction. Since April 2009, the town has received \$6,558 for surplus items sold on GovDeals. He said Staff is seeking authorization to sale the truck through online auction.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to give the Town Administrator authorization to sell the brush truck through GovDeals auction. Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to give the Town Administrator the authority to sell the brush truck on GovDeals auction. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

Miscellaneous:

Walnut Street Repair Report

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that at the Budget retreat in March substantial time will be spent discussing capital plans, and infrastructure needs. He said Walnut Street has many issues that complicate the repairs. Storm water from the west side of North Main Street, flows under North Main and along a storm water conveyance that runs along half the length of Walnut Street. Adrian Cox said this storm conveyance prevents flooding of mainstream and some of the houses on Walnut Street. Further complicating repairs, are utility poles that are located on top of the storm water conveyance.

Adrian Cox said due to the confluence of utilities along the street, an effective repair would require installation of curb and gutter, replacement of storm water conveyance, and lowering the roadway.

Adrian Cox had statements and estimates from Alley, Williams, Carmen & King, Inc. attached. He said the cost to repair Walnut Street is estimated at \$300,000. He stated this if for your information only. No decision needs to be made tonight.

Commissioners' Report:

Commissioner Chapman stated he had heard some good comments about the salt brine that was spread on the roads before the snowstorm.

Mayor Eudy stated he also had heard good comments about the salt brine.

Closed Session:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Metcalf to go into Closed Session according to N.C. G.S 143-318.11 (a) (4) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6)
Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Barringer to close the Closed Session.
Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.**

After coming out of Closed Session there was no discussion.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all members in favor 5-0.

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, February 7, 2011 in the Regular Meeting.

Joy Eudy, Assistant Town Clerk

Mayor Del Eudy