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# **Mount Pleasant**

North Carolina

**Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Board Meeting  
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room  
Monday-February 6, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Mayor Del Eudy  
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson  
Commissioner Scott Barringer  
Commissioner Mike Metcalf  
Commissioner Warren Chapman  
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt  
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm  
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington  
Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell

**Also Present:** Lori Love, Deputy Ballard, Richard Smith, Samantha Moose, Troy Barnhardt, Brad Deal, Rev. Roland Jordan (arrived at 8:45)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

### **INVOCATION**

Mayor Eudy led in prayer.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Bradley Deal approached the Board about starting a “Cruise In” in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Deal stated that he has spoken with the Park and Recreation Committee and they are willing to help. This event would start around April 14, 2012 and end around August 11, 2012. There are about 30 to 40 people with cars in Mt. Pleasant

that are willing to help also. Mr. Deal stated that this would be profitable for the businesses in Mt. Pleasant. They are talking about getting t-shirts made.

Mayor Eudy stated that the NCDOT would have to be contacted about parking on both sides of Main Street for this event. Mr. Deal stated the “Cruise In” would be one Saturday a month. They are planning for maybe the second Saturday.

**It was the consensus of the Board for Mr. Deal to continue to work with the Mt. Pleasant Park and Recreation Committee on this event.**

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

**Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**The consent agenda consist of the Minutes of the Tuesday January 3, 2012 Board Meeting and a Proclamation for Black History Month.**

**Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

### **REPORTS**

1. Police – Officer Ballard reported that there had been a break in at the Lay of the Land and the thief’s had been caught around Fisher Road. There were 2 breaking and entering the last month and there were several car break ins.
2. Fire Chief- Written report - Mayor Eudy stated that he had a problem with the Fire Chief’s report, especially #4 which reads “ I understand from the Mayor that the Board has already made a decision not to purchase the thermal imaging camera, so I will not be turning in a quote for the camera as asked to do so by Commissioner Barringer”. Mayor Eudy stated there was never a discussion not to buy the camera. Commissioner Burleyson stated he had a problem with the tone of the report. Commissioner Barringer stated that the report was written because of frustration over items being budgeted for and not being ordered. #5 of the report stated that the Fire Chief would not be attending the Town Board meeting on a regular basis and Commissioner Chapman stated that he thought it was nice when the Fire Chief was at the meetings. Commissioner Metcalf stated it was a good idea for the Department Heads to be at the meetings.
3. Town Administrator- Richard Smith gave the report for the Town Administrator. He stated there was an exempt subdivision for Joe Luther, a zoning violation for Carter Towing and an open violation case.
4. Finance Officer- Written report
5. Public Works-Written report

**6. Town Attorney-Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm submitted a motion for the claim from M-Series Rebuild to be dismissed. It was approved. It has been appealed. She has sent the Board information on the Duke Energy rate increase.**

**7. Code Enforcement-Written report**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Appoint TCC Member of MPO**

**Attorney Christy Wilhelm was asked if Richard Smith could be appointed to the MPO for Mt. Pleasant since he was not technically employed with Mt. Pleasant yet. Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that the Town could appoint anyone that they wished to this position.**

**Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Richard Smith as the TCC Member of the MPO for Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

**2. Appoint Delegate and Alternate to COG**

**There was some confusion on the clerk's part about the appointments to COG. After talking to a representative at COG, it was determined that the delegate and alternate had already been made for the year. It was suggested by this representative that the Board delegate the entire remaining Board as alternates in the event that the delegate and alternate were not able to attend a meeting. That way Mt. Pleasant would be represented and there would be a quorum.**

**Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to appoint Commissioners Metcalf, Barringer, Eberhardt and Mayor Eudy as alternates to COG. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

**3. Southern Software Contract**

**The Southern Software Contract is the 2012-2013 Annual Support Agreement. If there is a problem with our Citipak system, a technician will remotely access our computer to fix the problem. If the problem is unable to be resolved a technician will be scheduled for an on site visit at no charge. Southern Software is not responsible for virus damage, drive crashes, machine failures, etc.**

**Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Southern Software Annual Support Agreement for \$4,955.00. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Direct Town Clerk to Investigate Petition for Annexation**

**A Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate a Petition Received Under G.S.160A-58 was received on January 20, 2012. According to the petition submitted by John Harroff and Dennis Orr the property is located at 7630 East Highway 73, Mt. Pleasant. This would be a non-contiguous annexation.**

**Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to direct the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Annexation. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

### **2. Direct Town Clerk to Investigate Petition for Annexation**

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**Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to direct the Town Clerk to Investigate a Petition for Annexation. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

### **3. Discuss Invoice from Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp.**

**Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell started receiving containers of degreaser from Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp. When Bobby Hartsell was in the office one day the company called and talked with him. He was told that some of the product had been damaged in shipment and after the claim was settled he would receive the rest of his shipment. Bobby Hartsell thought this was something that former Public Works Director Dave Fargo had ordered. When Bobby Hartsell spoke with Dave Fargo about it, Dave Fargo stated that he had never ordered anything from this company. After many attempts to call this company, it has been suggested by Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm to allow her to write a letter to this company telling them to send shipping labels to pick up the product and to have no more contact with the Town. Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell stated that he had a message on his answering machine at the office from a company called CMC. They stated that they had spoken with the Mayor and Commissioner Chapman at a trade show about fuel additives to save money. Both stated that they had not been to a trade show and had not spoken to anyone about fuel additives.**

**Commissioner Barringer made a motion for Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm to write a letter to Commercial Maintenance Chemical Corp. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

### **3. Contract with Benchmark for Town Administrator**

The contract with Benchmark, CMR, Inc. will supply a planner one day a week at Town Hall or anytime by e-mail or telephone. The Town Administrator will be available two days a week at Town Hall or any weekday by e-mail or telephone. The compensation for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2012 will not exceed \$16, 667 and for Fiscal Year 2013 a fee not to exceed \$40,000. Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he had a problem with number three on the scope of services in the contract. Number three reads; "Oversight of all hiring, firing, disciplining and suspensions as coordinated with Town Board". Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that this was taken from the Personnel Policy and the Personnel Policy would have to be changed to change this.

There was discussion on the former Town Administrators salary and benefits.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the contract with Benchmark, CMR, Inc. for a Town Administrator to be in Town Hall two days a week and a planner to be in Town Hall one day a week. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Eberhardt voting no.

### **4. Set New Date for Budget Workshop**

The new Town Administrator has a conflict with the date that was set for the budget workshop. It was the consensus of the Board to set the new date for March 10, 2012 from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

No miscellaneous.

### **MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Eberhardt wanted to know if anything was being done about the problem at the Post Office.

Commissioner Metcalf stated that he had met with Congressman Kissell and he was sending someone to look at the Post Office.

Commissioner Barringer wanted to know when the Farmer's Market was going to start up. He had had inquires about the Farmer's Market.

Mayor Eudy had been approached about the meeting room. He wanted to know who was allowed to use the room. He is on the Board of the Swim Club and they have asked to use the room and he knows that others have asked. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that no one was allowed to use the room unless it was during the day or Town business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)**

**By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, March 5, 2012 at the Regular Board Meeting.**

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**Town Clerk Cathy Whittington**

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**Mayor Del Eudy**

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