

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

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Mike Metcalf
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Administrator Richard Smith
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt
Benchmark Vagn Hansen

Also Present: Troy Barnhardt, Donna Creed, Eddie Creed, John Murdock, Jane Creed, Clinton Black, Josh Caudill, Natalie Caudill, Evonne Caudill, Dale Starnes, Judy Starnes, Kristie Jones, Ben Turner, Doreen Turner, Susan Webster, Rev. Tom Fleming

Commissioner Chapman was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Tom Fleming led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Troy Barnhardt, 8501 East Franklin Street, reported that the WSACC Water Treatment Plant received a Gold Safety Award. This is the 5th consecutive year that they have won this award. Troy Barnhardt reported that he had been elected chairman again on the WSACC Board. WSACC is starting to redo the Master Plan. The total cost of the plan will be \$814,000 and it will not cost the Town any additional funds. GHD Construction has been awarded the contract and they will be working with the Municipalities. Troy Barnhardt would like to represent Mt. Pleasant.

Troy Barnhardt thanked the Town for the Independence Day Celebration. He also wanted to thank the Fire Department for the rides that were provided. He stated that next year the celebration would be the last week of June on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There may be a Cook-Off in September but they would need a separate committee for that. He stated that it was time to re-appoint some member on the Park & Rec committee. The terms are supposed to be staggered now.

Mayor Eudy stated that he has talked with Troy Barnhardt about the Master Plan. Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that the agenda could be amended to include this item on New Business. Commissioner Burleyson asked if Troy Barnhardt could bring a WSACC report to the Board Meetings.

Dale Starnes, South Skyland/Allman Ext. Seneca Drive area of Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Starnes stated as a homeowner, I am concerned about the age of the water lines that serve our community. I have lived in this area for approximately 41 years and recently we have experience numerous breaks in the lines. We have always had breaks in the lines and poor water pressure but it seems we are experiencing almost monthly breaks. I looked out my window one morning and saw the water shooting up across the road. It took sometime before someone come out to check it out. Recently on a Saturday morning we woke to no water and it took about a half a day to get it repaired. They originally thought it was a problem with my meter, but later found a break on Seneca. I would like to ask a few questions directed to the Board.

- (1) What is the contingent plan if these lines collapse and we have no water in the neighborhood?**
- (2) Who pay for the water that is lost with these numerous breaks?**
- (3) Why do we pay double rates?**
- (4) Where does the double portion of the water payments go? Is the extra portion of our payment over the years been put back in escrow so that the water lines could be replaced when needed?**
- (5) We were told no other houses would be added to these lines since they would not be able to accommodate anymore houses. There were additional houses that were recently added because the well system that they were on was disbanded. How do these additional houses affect the stress put on these 2" lines?**

We want to be proactive instead of waiting until the whole water system collapses and a whole community is out of water.

Christine Jones spoke to the Board about Soap Box Derby's in Mt. Pleasant. Ms. Jones stated that the Soap Box Derby teaches the young people sportsmanship and teamwork. These are not the cars that you see in the boy scouts but actual cars that you would sit in and race. She is looking for a place to have a Rally Race. It would be one weekend. She would need the permission of the Town, a place to hold the race and volunteers. Ms. Jones is not asking for any money from the Town.

Mayor Eudy stated that he has corresponded with Ms. Jones and they thought about Cook Street. This will not be possible because beginning in September the Library will be opening on Saturday's again.

Commissioner Eberhardt asked how long of a street would be needed for a race. Ms. Jones stated about the length of Cook Street. Commissioner Barringer asked how often the races would be held. They would be held maybe 2 to 3 months.

Ms. Jones is to look at some of the streets in Town and come back with some suitable streets to be used.

With no more comments the public forum was closed.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 Appointment to WSACC. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISION

Mayor Eudy opened the public hearing for the Land Use Plan and asked if there was anyone wanting to comment on this issue.

John Murdock stated that he appreciated the Board setting the public hearing for the Land Use Plan.

With no other comments, Mayor Eudy closed the public hearing.

Mayor Eudy opened the public hearing on the Right-of-Way Closure (Oldenburg Subdivision) and asked if anyone wanted to comment on this issue.

With no comments, Mayor Eudy closed the public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of the minutes of the June 25, 2012 Board meeting. Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

REPORTS

1. Police
2. Fire Chief
3. Town Administrator
4. Finance Officer
5. Public Works
6. Town Attorney
7. Code Enforcement

All reports were accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Land Use Plan

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to approve the Land Use Plan. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

2. Right-of-Way Closure (Oldenburg Subdivision)

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the Right-of-Way Closure. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation- Honoring International Literacy Day

A representative from the Cabarrus Literacy Council read the Proclamation. Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that she has worked with the Literacy Council for several years and it is a very good organization. She stated that there would be an Adult Spelling Bee on September 6 as a fund raiser.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to adopt the Proclamation. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

2. EDC Contract

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the EDC Contract. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion. The vote was 3-1 with Commissioners Burleyson, Barringer and Metcalf voting yes and Commissioner Eberhardt voting no. (3-1)

3. WSACC Appointment to Master Plan

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to appoint Troy Barnhardt as Mt. Pleasant's representative on the redo of WSACC's Master Plan. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer submitted a newspaper article about a Sports Complex in Rocky Mount. He also commented on the tractor trailers that are flying down Main Street. He stated that he has had many positive comments about the Cruise In.

Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he has had comments about brown water. Commissioner Eberhardt wanted to thank Troy Barnhardt and WSACC for cleaning up the mess at the water tank.

Commissioner Burleyson wanted to thank the Planning Staff for the work that they did on the Land Use Plan.

Commissioner Metcalf stated that he visited the Cruise In. He stated that the organizer have requested that the Town show more support for the Cruise In more.

Mayor Eudy stated that he also enjoyed the Cruise In. The organizers have asked permission to put a porta john in the mini park when they have the Cruise In. It was the consensus of the Board to allow them to do this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to go into Executive Session according to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee or To hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against a public officer of employee. Also N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Consult with the Attorney-To consider and give instructions concerning a potential claim.

Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

RECONVENE

After coming out of executive session Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm recommended that Staff investigate the policies, rules, procedures, and speed resulting in the accident with the fire truck.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, August 27, 2012 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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