

Town of Mount Pleasant, North Carolina

June 23, 2014

7:00PM

Members Present: Warren Chapman, Steve Ashby, Jimmy Sells, Del Eudy, Lori Furr

Members Absent: Scott Barringer, Cathy Whittington (Town Clerk)

Staff Present: Randy Holloway, Brittany Love, Crystal Smith

Call to Order: Mayor Del Eudy called the meeting of the Town of Mount Pleasant, NC Board at 5 pm

Recognition of Quorum: Mayor Eudy stated a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to approve the agenda for the June 23, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Ashby made a motion to approve the agenda. Second was made by Commissioner Furr. All members (5-0) were in favor.

Approval or Correction of the Minutes: Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second was made by Commissioner Sells. All members (5-0) were in favor.

Public Comment:

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION: Mr. Troy Barnhardt gave an update on the Independence Day Celebration, which will be Saturday, June 28. The Miss Independence Day Pageant will be Thursday evening at Mt. Pleasant High School. Vendors will be setting up Friday evening and early Saturday morning. Parade starts at 10 am, Cruise In begins at 3 pm, Music begins at 6 pm, and the fireworks begin at 10 pm.

WSAAC UPDATE: Mr. Barnhardt said the furnace is back up and running and able to burn the sludge. Siemens will be on site for the start up of the generator, and the turbines will be tested by end of this week. Mr. Barnhardt was pleased to say it has been nine years since there was an increase in rates.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Bids to Replace Apron at Mt. Pleasant Fire Department: Town Administrator, Randy Holloway, said five bids were sent and only three returned. Lowest bid was submitted by Lyles Construction at \$98,000 with an alternate bid of an additional \$17,500 of unit pricing for undercutting drive and parking, if needed. Unit price for this work would be \$55 per cubic yard, and they would only charge for the cubic yards needed. All the bids were in line with what Mr. Holloway had expected. Total bid including alternate if needed is \$128,040. Commissioner Ashby asked if all three bids were essentially identical with exception of Lyles, who provided the Alternate Bid. Mr. Holloway stated Yes. Mr. Holloway also stated during construction the sewer line will be stabilized and abandoned and backfilled preparing for the new addition. There is water standing under the concrete because of the "bull tallow" and therefore; not draining, which is a problem. Commissioner Chapman asked how far the new pad would go, and Mr. Holloway replied it would follow the front property line: to the street, driveway and to the existing sidewalk. Commissioner Chapman also asked the timeline for the work. If approved, the project will be conducted during the month of July.

With no further comments, Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to accept the bid from Lyles Construction to replace the Apron at Mt. Pleasant Fire Department. Commissioner Sells made the motion, and second was made by Commissioner Chapman. All members were in favor (5-0) and motion approved.

Approve Benchmark Contract for 2014-2015: Mr. Holloway presented the contract for Benchmark, who has handled our Planning and Zoning for many years.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion for approval of the contract. Commissioner Ashby made the motion to accept the contract, and a second was made by Commissioner Furr. All members were in favor (5-0) and motion approved.

Approve Plan to begin Direct Deposit and Bi-Weekly Payroll: Mr. Holloway stated Direct Deposit and Bi-Weekly had been recommended in a 2009 pay study. The Fire Department staff and Town employees are on board this time. Mr. Holloway asked the Board if they would consider allowing a one-time advancement of pay to bridge the two-week gap as we transition to bi-weekly payroll.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion for approval of beginning Direct Deposit and Bi-Weekly payroll as well as accepting the one-time advancement of pay. Commissioner Ashby asked if those receiving the one-time advancement could sign an official document saying they agree for the one-time advancement. All Commissioners thought this was a good idea.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sells, and second was made by Commissioner Ashby. All members were in favor (5-0) and motion approved.

Ethics Webinar Information: Town Clerk, Cathy Whittington, provided information on this Webinar, which is a requirement for NC League of Municipalities members. Commissioners were given the web link to the webinar, and all must complete.

Approval of Amended Budget: The 2014-2015 Budget was approved on June 2, 2014. However due to recent cuts by Cabarrus County for fire department staffing, Mr. Holloway proposed an amendment to Fire Department budget which would move \$80,000 in Architect and Engineering fees for the new Fire Station addition to salary allowing the Town keep the third full-time firefighter position. Remaining funds would be applied toward the Fire Department Apron project. Mr. Holloway asked for additional funds, to be taken from fund balance, to cover the remaining cost of the Apron project. The new fire department addition would be put on hold and revisited during the next budget year. Commissioners were given an updated budget stating the proposed changes, which were highlighted in yellow. Commissioners were also given a Revised Operating Budget Ordinance, which was also approved June 2.

Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to Amend the previously approved 2014-2015 Budget and Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Chapman made motion was made to accept changes to the Budget and Budget Ordinance, and a second was given by Commissioner Sells. All members were in favor (5-0) and motion approved.

Purchase of Mini Excavator for Public Works: Mr. Holloway presented three bids (Bob Cat, John Deere, and Caterpillar) for a new mini excavator. Bids were reviewed by Mr. Holloway and Bobby Hartsell, Public Works Director. Bob Cat presented the lowest bid and also provided a quote for a trailer(\$4650) to carry the excavator for a total of \$46,755.98, which will come in under the approved budgeted amount. Town Attorney, Brittany Love, stated Sales Tax was not included on any of the three quotes, but Mr. Holloway stated that the Town can submit sales tax to the State of North Carolina for reimbursement. If approved the purchase order would be issued July 1, 2014.

With no further comments, Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to award the bid of the Mini Excavator and trailer to Bob Cat. A motion was made by Commissioner Furr and a second was made by Commissioner Chapman. All members were in favor (5-0) and motion was approved.

Mayor and Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Chapman reported comments from Oldenburg residents about congestion in Oldenburg the recent community yard sale and during Halloween. Their concern was emergency vehicles being able to enter and exit the community. Mayor Eudy commented this was a community "self induced" problem, and in the City of Concord if events such as these are held in a specific community and an emergency arises, the emergency vehicles put their bumper on the vehicle needing to be moved

and move it. Other comments consisted of residents using yellow caution to rope off No Parking, etc. Also a community meeting was suggested for residents to resolve issue. Town Attorney, Brittany Love, said now that the Town of Mt. Pleasant is aware of issue the Town would be held liable for negligence and fined. Ms. Love asked if there was a Home Owner's Association. Commissioner Chapman said he was unsure. There was not a HOA for Phases 1 or 2, but he was unsure regarding Phase 3 residents.

Commissioner Ashby commented he would like to see the Town utilize Facebook or the website to collect data from residents on the direction the Town is going in, comments of events, etc.

Commissioner Sells reported a town resident had asked him if the siren at the Fire Department could be turned down. Commissioner Sells also thanked the staff for the professionalism during the budget presentation and everyday work.

Mayor Eudy encouraged everyone to come out to the Independence Day Celebration and festivities as it was always a good time.

Adjournment:

With nothing else to come before the Board, Mayor Eudy entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion. All members (5-0) were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Del Eudy

Cathy Whittington, Town Clerk

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