

**Town of Mount Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall – Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, February 7, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Michael Metcalf
Town Administrator Adrian Cox
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt
Public Works Director Dave Fargo

Also Present: Rev. Tom Fleming, James Senecal, Samantha Moose, Tim Hurlocker
Bradley Overcash, James Overcash

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

No one spoke in public forum.

APPROVE AGENDA

With an addition of #2 under New Business- Appointment of Fire Chief, Commissioner Mike Metcalf made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISIONS

None

PRESENTATION

None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

The consent agenda consist of the minutes of the January 3, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and a Proclamation for Black History Month. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0) Commissioner Barringer asked Town Administrator Adrian Cox about the fire truck that was up for bid. Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that the truck has sold for \$5,801.01 but has not been picked up yet. The buyer has until the end of the week to pick it up. If not the Town would re-bid it.

REPORTS

- (1) Police – Deputy Howell reported that a Black GMC Truck was being reported on Moose Road. He stated that it was spotted repeatedly going to houses.
- (2) Fire Chief-Written report. Commissioner Barringer asked Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt about the repairs on Engine 2. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt stated that Engine 2 was 23 years old and it had many problems.
- (3) Town Administrator- Town Administrator Adrian Cox submitted a written report. He submitted a draft agenda for the budget retreat in March. Adrian Cox reported that one of the two CMAQ grants used to construct sidewalks was selected randomly for an audit by Federal Highway Administration. The audit found that all of the grant requirements were met. The Town has been reimbursed for 100% for the construction of both sidewalks. Adrian Cox reported that he was getting options for the sidewalk repairs and would have them for the March meeting.
- (4) Finance- Written report

- (5) Public Works- Written report
- (6) Planning Services- Written report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Street Naming Ordinance

A draft ordinance of the street naming ordinance was submitted. The ordinance would provide a framework for naming and renaming streets. Renaming streets is a costly endeavor that impacts the people who live on the street, public services, and drivers. The ordinance is intended to ensure that road names are controlled by the Town Board of Commissioner, with consideration to those that are affected.

There were several changes to the draft- on page one (a) to strike out County, on page 2-(e) to say, *maps, etc. for a true cost*, and in (b) to change the \$100 to more. Town Administrator Adrian Cox will make corrections to the ordinance. This is only a draft.

2. Fire Chief

The Fire Department voted Chris Honeycutt in as Chief of the Fire Department. It now comes before the Town Board to approve him as Chief for the next 3-years. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve Chris Honeycutt as Fire Chief from March 1, 2011 to February 28, 2013. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Fire Department Emerging Issues Report

As stated earlier Fire Engine 2 is 23 years old, it is an open cab truck and it would cost 350 to 370 thousand dollars to replace it. The Fire Department facility is aging. The apron out front will cost about 40 thousand to repair. This is information for the budget retreat. Commissioner Barringer asked Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt if he could bring information to the next meeting about a new fire truck. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt stated that he had the information right then. He stated that this was not something that you can go to the Ford Company and get next week.

Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that there were different options to look at. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt and Town Administrator Adrian Cox will get together and bring something to the Board.

2. Water Supply Report

Town Administrator Adrian Cox submitted a report that provided some preliminary information regarding the Concord/Kannapolis water line. Staff plans to bring this before the Board for further discussion at the upcoming budget retreat. There are still many unknowns regarding the planned line, and information in this report is limited to estimates based on staff level discussion. Any formal discussions regarding potential rates would require a technical study, and approval from the governing bodies involved.

3. Tuscarora Mills Expansion

Tuscarora Mills will be expanding operations in China Grove. In January, staff met with the company's Chief Operating Officer and his staff to discuss the impact to the Town of Mt. Pleasant. Tuscarora is planning on maintaining the headquarters in Mt. Pleasant. However, the manufacturing plant will not likely be used by Tuscarora. Tuscarora's Mt. Pleasant plant has only been used for research and development and small production over the last several years. Currently the plant has three active employees. The greatest impact to town revenues will be in water sales and the property tax on the equipment.

Personal property at the site is valued at \$1,364,578. At the current rate, this property generates \$6,004 in taxes for the Town. Personal property includes the office equipment in the headquarters and the equipment in the plant. Some of the equipment in the plant will likely be moved, but Tuscarora is uncertain at this time what will need to be moved and what will stay on site.

Water revenues can be estimated from past months when the plant was not in operation. Downsizing the meter is another scenario for the headquarters, but there are several complications to doing so, as it is fed through the plant.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer stated that a citizen has asked if the Board was going to reduce their stipend. This is something that can be addressed at the Budget Retreat. Commissioner Barringer also stated that he had heard many compliments about the salt brine that had been put down on the highways.

Commissioner Metcalf stated that he had talked with Representative Linda Johnson about looking into funding for Highway 49.

Commissioner Burleyson stated that at the Cabarrus Rowan MPO that they are looking into a Regional Transportation Authority.

Commissioner Barringer also stated that Lacrosse is coming to Cabarrus County and they are requesting fields to play on. They are paying \$450.00 per field per tournament. He asked Town Administrator Adrian Cox to look for grants for ball fields.

Commissioner Metcalf reported that he attended the Legislative Breakfast.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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