

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday-November 5, 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 Administrator Richard Smith
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt

Also Present: Price Crutchfield, Dale Starnes, Judy Starnes, Samantha Moose

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Richard Smith led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Price Crutchfield spoke to the Board. He offered his services at no charge to the Town. He stated that he was told that he needed a special gathering permit to protest on the square in Mt. Pleasant. He stated that it would not be a “gathering”. Mr. Crutchfield stated that he had been arrested 17 times and that an officer from Concord had lied under oath about him.

APPROVE AGENDA

With the postponement of number 3 Information Technology Upgrades, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of 4 items, (1) Minutes of the October 2, 2012 Regular Board meeting, (2) 2013 Town Board Meeting Schedule, (3) 2013 Planning and Zoning Meeting Schedule and (4) 2013 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the consent agenda a presented. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

1. Police- Written
2. Fire Chief- Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt reported that two people would need to fly to Ohio to bring the fire truck back after it was repaired. He stated that the Fire Department had voted to purchase one of the cars from Harrisburg with the Fire Department's personal funds. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase two tickets for the flight to Ohio to get the repaired truck. Fire Chief Honeycutt reported that the Fire Department Christmas Party would be January 5, 2013 at 6:00 and everyone was invited to attend. The new radios should be programmed in the next few weeks. The firemen want to relocate the office to the front of the fire department and to make the existing office into a bedroom. They would like to do this before the new computers are installed so they want have to move the wire again. It will take about one week to complete. The Board will walk down to the Fire Department after the meeting to look at the room.
3. Town Administrator- Town Administrator Richard Smith stated that he would bring the amendment about compression brakes at the next board meeting for approval.
4. Finance Officer- Written
5. Public Works- Written
6. Town Attorney- Written
7. Code Enforcement- Written
8. WSACC- Written

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. PRDC Request to use Auditorium

PRDC would like to use the auditorium for a monthly movie night fundraiser. This request is solely for usage of the auditorium. The PRDC will cover all other non-facility costs of the event. The only assistance the PRDC is requesting from the Town is the usage of the Town Hall auditorium. Adherence to the fire code capacity, cleanup after each event and all other matter would be the responsibility of the PRDC.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the request with the Town Administrator generating and agreement form. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

2. Approval to Move Ahead with Water Model

At the Budget Work Session in March the Board discussed proceeding with the Water Model in this Fiscal Year in order to identify areas of potential improvement in the overall water system.

A water model has never been done. Information will need to be collected and it will take 10 months to 1 year.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to move forward with the Water Model. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

3. Information Technology Upgrades-Postponed

4. Town Car Usage

At the October 1, 2012 meeting, the Board discussed the use of the Crown Victoria car that is presently utilized by the Fire Chief. Part of the discussion was about whom else in the Fire Department was authorized to drive this vehicle.

After review of the August 1, 2011 minutes, it has been determined that the vehicle was authorized for usage by the Fire Chief and Town Administration Staff. As per clarification by the Fire Chief at that 2011 meeting, the Chief was the only Fire personnel authorized by the Board to drive this particular vehicle.

At the October 1, 2012 meeting, the Board discussed the possibility of the Deputy Fire Chief also being authorized to drive this particular car. Personnel availability and response was one of the items cited as reason to amend and expand the use of this vehicle. Presently, the Fire Department also has the 2008 Ford Expedition available for use by the Deputy Fire Chiefs.

No other policies or actions appear to have been adopted as a result of the use of this vehicle. The Town Board may continue with the current policy as adopted in 2011 or expand the use of this vehicle so that it may also be used by the Deputy Fire Chiefs.

Fire Chief Honeycutt stated that the officers that would be driving the vehicle would be, Tim Hurlocker, Bradley Overcash, and Chris Honeycutt. Commissioner Barringer made a motion for the Fire Department to purchase one vehicle from the Town of Harrisburg and donated it to the Town. The Town would be responsible for the tag and insurance. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to update the vehicle policy in regards to the Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs driving the vehicles. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer stated that he was still hearing complaints about squirrels.

Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he had complaints about the engine brakes. He also stated that Green Acres Mobile Home Park was not keeping their grass mowed.

Commissioner Chapman stated that citizens think we should pass a law about blowing grass in the road after it is mowed. He stated that he's had questions about the Highway 49/73 Project and the Fire Truck accident.

Commissioner Burleyson stated that on December 3 from 4 to 7 there would be an Open House on "Connect our Future".

Commissioner Metcalf stated that he went to the Fire Department to eat with them and to discuss some issues with them. Commissioner Metcalf asked about our Christmas party.

Mayor Eudy stated that Reverend Jordan wanted the Mayor to discuss the street naming policy. The Mayor explained to the Board what Reverend Jordan wanted. It was the consensus of the Board to send Reverend Jordan a letter.

The Mayor wanted to get dates from the employees for the Christmas Dinner.

Commissioner Metcalf 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 or employee. N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) To consult with the

Attorney-To consider and give instruction concerning a potential claim. N.c.g.s.143-318.11(a)(5)To establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property located at 1483, 1487,1489 and 1491 South Main Street. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

After coming out of Executive Session, Commission Metcalf made a motion to advertise for a Town Administrator according to all State and Federal laws. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to make an offer on the property located at 1483, 1487, 1489 and 1491 South Main Street. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barringer 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, January 7, 2013 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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