

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday-February 4, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Mike Metcalf
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Administrator John Witherspoon
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt

Also Present: Andy Goodall, Jim Johnson, Rick Driscoll, Jim Overcash, Lori Furr, L. T. Taylor, Troy Barnhardt, John Murdock, Bobby Hartsell, Steve Ashby, Randy Holloway, Samantha Grass, Tim Reaves, Rev. Tom Fleming

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

Commissioner Barringer asked to add #10 Update on Postage Machine to the Agenda. With this addition, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of 5 items; (1) Minutes of the November 5, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the December 3, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, (3) Proclamation-Black History Month, (4) Proclamation-American Heart Month and (5) Contract with Southern Software. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

REPORTS

1. Police- Written
2. Fire Chief
3. Finance Officer-Written
4. Public Works-Written
5. Code Enforcement-Written
6. Town Attorney
7. Town Administrator- Town Administrator John Witherspoon reported that the sewer line at Marvin's Fresh Farmhouse had collapsed. Mayor Eudy stated that he had talked to Marvin Bost, Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell and Town Administrator John Witherspoon about this situation. He stated that there were probably more sewer lines like this one out there. Town Administrator stated that he had a low bid of \$4,480 to replace the sewer line. Town Administrator John Witherspoon submitted the FY2012-2013 Budget in an enlarged format and asked if this was permissible to the board. He also submitted a 6 month Budget vs Actual for the Board to review. Town Administrator John Witherspoon presented a letter from the North Carolina League of Municipalities about a Joint Action Program against Progress Energy/Duke Power Rate Case. The letter is asking Mount Pleasant to join in in this joint action. The cost to Mount Pleasant would be \$950. The deadline to submit our participation form is February 8, 2013. It was the consensus of the Board not to join in the Joint Action Program.
8. WSACC-Written

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Contract with Benchmark for Planning Services

It was stated that the code enforcement is important and we need to be proactive. Commissioner asked if 8 hours is enough for code enforcement to be in the office. The code enforcement will be available anytime through e-mail or by phone and will be in the office for 8 hours. Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to approve the Contract with Benchmark for Planning Services for \$25,000. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

2. Audit Report

Rick Driscoll with Sherrill and Smith thanked the Board for allowing them to do the audit for the Town. He stated that they did the audit according to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. He stated that when the Towns stated doing the MD&A it added an additional part to the audit. Rick Driscoll talked about the different parts of the audit. He told the Board that “debt is not our friend” in one part of his report. He stated that in the back of the audit there were three letters. One is a SAS115 and it is required for them to tell the Board about deficiencies that they find. He also stated that all the tax revenues are created by Cabarrus County and no one is monitoring them. The second letter is Required Communication to the Board. This is to let the Board know if there were any difficulties in doing the audit and there were not. The third letter is observations that were made that may be helpful in helping the Town.

Items 3 and 4 were combined

Budget Amendment #3-13 Fire Consultant & Budget Amendment #4-13 Water Meters

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve both Budget Amendments. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

5. Carolina Thread Trail

Mayor Eudy reported that a month or two ago the Carolina Thread Trail Group came to the Town to ask for a donation to help with the parking lot. They ask for help from our staff and a monetary donation. Mayor Eudy thinks the town staff is already has enough to do and would not be able to help on this. Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to make a donation of 10% not to exceed \$4,000 to the Carolina Thread Trail project. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

6. Dirt for Ball Field

Mayor Eudy reported that the Board had voted last year to buy a load of dirt for the ball field. This request was held over until now. This was just FYI.

7. Review Applications for Town Board Position

The applications received for the unexpired seat of Maura Eberhardt seat on the Town Board were: Michael Simpson, 1869 Lorelei Court; Justin Simpson, 1340 North Main Street; Lori Furr, 333 North Main Street; James C. Johnson, III, 8808 Oldenburg Drive; Troy W. Barnhardt, 8501 East Franklin Street; Jim Sells, 1045 North Main Street.

Mayor Eudy asked if any of the applicants would like to speak. James C. Johnson, III, 8808 Oldenburg Drive stated that his desire to serve on the Town Board comes from his previous service on the board.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Lori Furr for the unexpired term of Commissioner Eberhardt. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

8. Review Applications for Planning and Zoning Position

The applications received for the unexpired term for James Senecal's seat on the Planning and Zoning Board were; Justin Simpson, 1340 North Main Street; Michael Simpson, 1869 Lorelei Court; Steve Ashby, 8355 Walnut Street.

Commissioner Barringer wanted the board to know that Steve Ashby was one of his employees and he would recuse himself if that was the board wish.

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to appoint Steve Ashby for the unexpired term of James Senecal. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (3-0) Commissioner Barringer recused himself.

9. Review Applications for ABC Board

Mayor Eudy reported that there were two applications for the ABC Board. Don Scott, which would be a conflict of interest and Jim Sells who is unavailable at the time of the meetings. It was suggested that we advertise for another 30 days. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to table this issue until the March meeting and to take application until February 25, 2013. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

10. Bulk Stamp Machine

Commissioner Barringer stated that his wife had concerns about our stamp machine. Mayor Eudy agrees that it needs to be looked at. It was the consensus of the Board to have Town Administrator John Witherspoon to check on a stamp machine and update the Board on the progress.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer stated that his granddaughter would like to thank the Town Board for getting the slide fixed. Commissioner Barringer has a few water issues at his house.

Commissioner Chapman stated that he had a few comments about the way the new road merges on Highway 49. Commissioner Chapman thanked all the applicants. He stated that if they were not appointed that there was an election in November that they could file for.

Commissioner Burleyson thanked all the applicants.

Commissioner Metcalf reported he has had several positive comments from firemen on the consultant being hired.

Mayor Eudy also thanked the applicants that applied for the vacant seats. He encouraged them to file for the seats that will become available in November. Mayor Eudy read a Thank You letter from the Eberhardt family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

After coming out of executive session, Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to instruct the Town Administrator and Mayor to follow the personnel actions of the board from the previous closed session and to follow the recommendations to purchase the uniforms and computers for the fire department. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman 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 March 4, 2013 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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