

Mount Pleasant

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

**Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Administrator John Witherspoon
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell
Benchmark Vagn Hansen
Fire Chief JO Overcash**

Also Present: Randy Holloway, Rev. Bruce Gwyn, Jim Sells, Deputy Wayne Little, Tim Reaves, Bradley Overcash, Bishop Roland Jordan, Jerry Taylor, Samantha Grass, Heidi Greeson, Ben Greeson, Pete Freeman, Shirley Freeman, Ronald Hurlocker, Phillip Furr

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order

INVOCATION

Rev. Bruce Gwyn led in prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Eudy asked if anyone wanted to speak in public forum.

Bishop Roland Jordan approached the Board with a request to name a street after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bishop Jordan stated that there were people in favor of this request. He asked the Board to take this into consideration.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Eudy closed public forum.

SWEARING IN NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Eudy swore in new Board Member Lori Furr.

APPROVE AGENDA

One the agenda the Board wanted to move item #6 in New Business- Farmers Marked Guidelines and Application to #1 also the Executive Session needed to be taken off. The Town Administrator did not get the information that he needed for this item. Commissioner Burleyson wanted to add #7 MPO-TAC Position to the New Business. With these changes, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There were three items on the consent agenda; (1) Minutes of the January 7, 2013 Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the February 4, 2013 Board Meeting, (3) Proclamation-National Athletic Training Month. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

REPORTS

1. Police
2. Fire Chief-Rand Holloway gave an update on the Fire Department. The County portion of the Budget has to be returned by April 15th. Randy Holloway is proposing to raise the rural fire district by \$.04 to .1033. He stated the additional funding would add a full time/part time staffing to increase the minimum staffing to four personnel Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and three personnel minimum staffing evenings and weekends. A system of volunteer rotation with per call stipend/pay will be used to maintain the four personnel staffing nights and weekends. He stated there would also be funding for a new tanker. Randy Holloway is proposing a 2 year project to lower the ISO Fire Insurance Rating in the rural district to ISO Class 6. With a lower ISO Rate a homeowner can save on their homeowners insurance. There is no

additional insurance savings below ISO Class 6 for residential properties; however, there is an average 8% reduction for commercial and industrial properties for each rate reduction below Class 6. Therefore a Town reduction of current Class 6 to Class 4 would result in an average of 16% reduction in commercial and industrial properties with no additional property taxes in this proposal.

3. **Town Administrator-Town Administrator John Witherspoon stated that 3 bids were received for re-paving Pine Street and leveling low areas on Alish Trail. They were (1) Barnes \$22,773 (2) All Pro Paving (3) Asphalt Construction \$18,575. Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the bid from Asphalt Construction. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0) All the bids were not in on the sidewalk concrete. The bids will be less than \$10,000. Town Administrator John Witherspoon asked for approval to move forward with this project with coming back to the board at the April meeting. Commissioner Barringer made a motion for the Town Administrator to move forward with the bid process. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0) Town Administrator John Witherspoon reported that the new postage machine had been ordered.**
4. **Finance Officer-Written**
5. **Public Works-Written**
6. **Town Attorney**
7. **Code Enforcement**

OLD BUSINESS

1. ABC Board Applications

Herman Watts received word that the Town could accept applications from outside the city limits (ETJ) for a member on the ABC Board. The Town Board would have to approve this decision. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to accept application in the ETJ of Mount Pleasant. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0) The deadline for applications will be March 26, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Farmers Market Guidelines and Application

Vagn Hansen presented the Farmers Market Guidelines and Application. He stated that basically it was the same as last year. The only complaint received last year was about the signage. Vagn Hansen stated that he only had to turn down maybe two applications last year because they did not meet the guidelines. He will bring something back to the Board on the signs.

2. Accept Resignation Letter from Commissioner Mike Metcalf

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to accept the resignation of Commissioner Mike Metcalf. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

3. Begin Process for Accepting Application for Town Board Seat

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to begin the process to accept application for the unexpired term of Commissioner Metcalf. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0) Cutoff date to accept application will be March 26, 2013.

4. Meeting Time Change

Commissioner Chapman stated that he had spoken with some citizens and they were opposed to the time change. Commissioner Furr stated that for people with children the time change would be work well. Commissioner Barringer stated that if it doesn't work we can change it back. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to change the time of the Town Board meetings to 5:00 p.m. starting April 1, 2013. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

5. Amend Ordinance- No Parking South College Street

Commissioner Chapman wanted to know if funerals would be affected by the No Parking Signs. Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that law enforcement took precedence over any sign. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to Amend the Ordinance for No Parking on South College Street. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

6. Sex Offender Ordinance

Deputy Jason Thomas with the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office called to ask if the Town had a Sex Offender Ordinance that would prohibit sex offender from being in Town Parks. He sent the Town Clerk sample ordinances from Cabarrus County, Concord, Kannapolis and Harrisburg and suggested that the Town pass an ordinance and post signs to advise that an ordinance had been passed. It was the consensus of the Board that an ordinance be written and on the agenda for April.

7. MPO-TAC Alternate

Commissioner Burleyson stated that he talked with the Chairman of the MPO and he stated that we do not have to have an alternate. We need to send a letter to them stating this. It was the consensus of the Board to send the letter.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Burleyson stated the COG was giving the Region of Excellence Award. The deadline to apply is April 19, 2013. Commissioner Burleyson stated that to let him know if the Town had anything that we would like to be recognized for. Also the MPO is updating their Memorandum of Understanding. We will be getting a copy for the Mayor and Town Administrator to sign.

Commissioner Furr stated someone asked her how many buses could be parked at the place beside Tony's garage. This will be checked into.

Mayor Eudy congratulated Commissioner Furr for her selection on the Board.

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. (4-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, April 1, 2013 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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