

**Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Board Meeting  
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room  
Monday, October 6, 2014  
5:00 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Mayor Del Eudy  
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr  
Commissioner Scott Barringer  
Commissioner James Sells-Arrived at 5:08 pm  
Commissioner Warren Chapman  
Commissioner Steve Ashby  
Town Administrator Randy Holloway  
Finance Officer Crystal Smith  
Town Attorney Brittany Love  
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington  
Fire Chief Jerry Taylor

**Also Present:** Vagn Hansen, Rev. Vince Iocona, Sable Simmons, Deputy Stephen Wagoner Amy Schueneman, Tina Conder

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION**

Rev. Vince Iocona led in prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Sable Simmons, who lives at 8124 New Street, stated that she had a water leak under her foundation. This makes a total of 4 leaks that she has had. This last one that was under the foundation was not found until it ran out from under the foundation where it could be seen. Ms. Simmons was given an adjustment in January, 2014 for a prior leak. The policy states that a customer can receive one adjustment a year. Ms. Simmons is asking for an adjustment on her current. The total of her bill at this time is \$1,398.76, which includes last month's bill also.

Town Attorney Brittany Love stated that without looking at the policy it was her gut instinct that the Board would be able to forgive a portion of the bill due to the exceptional usage. There are several options, you can table this until next month or add it to the agenda.

Tina Conder, with Mount Pleasant Middle School PTO, was asked by Blake Kiger to attend the Board Meeting and ask for the Site Plan that was given to Town Administrator Randy Holloway. They want this Site Plan to be at their meeting that will be held on Tuesday night, October 14, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Town Administrator Randy Holloway stated that he was shown the Site Plan but it was not left with him.

With no one else speaking in Public Forum, Mayor Eudy closed the Public Forum.

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

With the addition of the water issue of Sable Simmons added as Item 1 in New Business, Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

## **CONSESNT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consist of (1) the minutes of the August 25, 2014 Regular Board Meeting and (2) Proclamation-Cares Enough to Wear Pink. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

## **REPORTS**

1. Police
2. Fire Chief
3. Town Administrator
4. Finance Officer
5. Public Works
6. Town Attorney

## **7. Code Enforcement**

All reports were accepted as written except the Town Administrators.

Town Administrator Randy Holloway reported that the Town was preparing for the Tough Mudder event that was to take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The numbers are down across the board. They are expecting around 4,000 on Saturday and 1,000 on Sunday. Town Administrator Randy Holloway reported that we were looking for ways to save money. Finance Officer Crystal Smith met with all Board Members in favor the County on the dumpster that is located beside the Enrichment Center. They have agreed to take on the cost of the dumpster saving the Town approximately \$1500 a year. We have been in talks with First Bank about the credit and debit machine that we take payments with for the water bills. By changing to First Bank we will save about \$1,500 in the service fees that we are charged.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Sable Simmons Water Bill Issue**

Commissioner Ashby made a motion to table this issue until November 3, 2014 and allow the Town Attorney to go over the policy. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

#### **2. Consider Rescinding Capital Ordinance Project for addition to Fire Department as part of FY 2015 Budget**

The Town Board approved a capital project ordinance for an addition to the Mount Pleasant Fire Department as part of the FY-2015 budget. The Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners denied the request to increase the Rural Fire District Tax from 8.33 cents to 9.75 cents. Without the additional tax increase the Town cannot afford the capital project at this time. The Board approved a revised budget ordinance reflecting the change in revenues and expenditures; however, we neglected to rescind the capital budget ordinance related to the addition to the Fire Department. The Board needs to rescind the capital project ordinance for the addition to the Fire Department.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to rescind the Capital Project Ordinance that was adopted on June 2, 2014. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

**3. Consider request from Cabarrus County School Board of Education In Support of Closing State Road 2481 (North Drive)**

**The Town Administrator has received a request from Cabarrus County Schools for the Town Board to consider approving a resolution supporting a request to NC DOT to close North Drive. The closure is requested to support the proposed construction of the new Mount Pleasant Middle School at its current location.**

**Commissioner Chapman stated that he was not in favor of this action. Commissioner Furr stated that she doesn't think we need to take this up. There was no action taken on this item.**

**4. Consider Appointing Committee to Study Best Use of Town Property Located On South Main Street**

**The Town Administrator and Town Planner are recommending the Board's consideration to appoint a Committee to study the best use of the Town owned property located on South Main Street. We recommend the Committee include the following personnel: Town Administrator, Town Planner, Mayor and Whit Moose along with any other personnel as directed by the Town Board. Estimates are currently being taken to remove the asbestos on the structures. The Committee will meet and evaluate many options available for the best use / best practices of the site. Hopefully a recommendation will be ready for the Board's consideration in early 2015 prior to beginning the FY-2015/2016 budget process.**

**Vagn Hansen with all Board Members in favor Benchmark stated that the Committee formed has a Board Member, a Planning and Zoning Member and a Business Owner. Commissioner Barringer stated he would like to add Commissioner Ashby to the Committee. With this addition, Commissioner Barringer mad a motion to approve the Committee. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)**

**5. Consider Allowing the Fire Department to Apply for Matching Grant for EMS Equipment to the NC Department of Insurance**

**The Fire Department is requesting approval to allow them to submit a grant application to the NC Department of Insurance to purchase two Automated External Defibrillators. The grant is a matching grant and if approved the Town's portion will be \$2,760. The Fire Department has the funding in their current budget and will not request additional funding should the grant be approved. The Town Administrator supports the grant request and recommends the Board's approval.**

**Commissioner Barringer made a motion to allow the Fire Department to apply for a Matching Grant for EMS Equipment to the NC Department of Insurance. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)**

**6. Consider Changing the Vendor for the Merchant Card Processing Equipment/Processing for First Data**

**The Staff is recommending the Board's approval to change the vendor the Town uses for credit and debit card transactions. We are currently using First Data Corporation and after a very detailed presentation from a representative of First Bank / TransFirst we strongly recommend the Board's approval to change vendors. The agreement / lease with TransFirst will save the Town an estimated \$1,500 per year while increasing our efficiency and timeliness of on line debit and credit transactions. This process will also move the Town one step closer to on line bill payments that we hope to have in place in the very near future.**

**Commissioner Furr made a motion to change the Towns vendor for credit and debit card transactions from First Data Corporation to First Bank/TransFirst. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)**

**MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Furr reported that the sign at the corner of Jackson and Crestwood is reversed.**

**Commissioner Barringer asked about the new excavator.**

**Commissioner Chapman stated that he watched Bobby Hartsell and Tommy Alexander put in a sewer clean out with the new excavator. He stated that it looked nice.**

**Commissioner Ashby asked about bands playing during the Tough Mudder Event. He stated that it would be free. He stated that maybe Cabarrus Family Medicine or Gordon Funeral Home would let them play in their parking lot.**

**Town Administrator Randy Holloway stated that this is something that is being looked at for next year. He stated we are not where we should be yet for this year.**

**Commissioner Barringer stated that when the things Commissioner Furr was thinking about did not pan out, he thought it was not going to work out for this year.**

**Troy Barnhart with the Events Committee stated that they thought about ending the Independence Day Celebration and going to a fall festival and calling it Taste of Mount Pleasant.**

**Commissioner Sells stated that he has not seen much going on back on Washington Street where the Tough Mudder event is to take place.**

Commissioner Furr wanted to inform the Board that she received a text from the School Board to apologize. They stated that they meant to leave the site plans but there was some miscommunication and they did not leave it.

Mayor Eudy wanted to Thank Staff for the jobs that they do. He asked that everyone look at their calendars and get a date for the Christmas Dinner.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to go into Executive Session: 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 and N.C.G.S.143.318.11(a)(3) Consult with the Attorney. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

After coming out of Executive Session, Commissioner Ashby made a motion for the Town Administrator to Advertise for a Public Works position. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to allow the Town Administrator to hire a Project/Events Coordinator. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor 5-0)

Town Administrator Randy Holloway introduced Amy Schueneman. She will start October 20, 2014 as the new Project/Events Coordinator.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Sells made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman 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 November 3, 2014 in the Regular Meeting.

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**Town Clerk Cathy Whittington**

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**Mayor Del Eudy**

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