

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner James Sells
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Steve Ashby
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney Brittany Love
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Crystal Smith, Samantha Fisk, Bobby Hartsell, Deputy Stephen Wagner, Erin Burris, John Murdock, Ben Callahan, Troy Barnhardt, Bishop Roland Jordan, Rev. Tommy Carmichael, Tommy Earnhardt, Chris Earnhardt, and Donna Carter.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Reverend Chad Kyler from Boger Reformed Church led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Reverend Jordan of Concord asked the Board to recognize Black History Month by Proclamation in February.

Paul Newton of Mt. Pleasant introduced himself as a State Senate candidate for District 36. He has been a resident of Cabarrus County since 1992 and is currently living in Mt. Pleasant. Mr. Newton thanked the Board for their service to the Town of Mt. Pleasant.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Agenda with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISION

No Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of January 11, 2015 Board Meeting
2. Proclamation for Black History Month

Commissioner Ashby made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda without any further discussion of items with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

Police-Stephen Wagnor
Fire Chief-Jerry Taylor
Finance Officer-Crystal Smith
Project/Events Coordinator-Samantha Fisk
Town Clerk- Amy Schueneman
Public Works-Bobby Hartsell
Planning/Code Enforcement- Erin Burris
Town Attorney-Brittany Love
Town Administrator-Randy Holloway
WSACC- Troy Barnhardt

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Town Staff is continuing to work on options to deal with the concerns about the storm water curb that was constructed on Washington Street. The Town Engineer, currently on vacation, is working to calculate the cost of widening the road and installing curb and gutter. He is still working on the design and construction estimates and will hopefully have the data ready for the March 14th Board meeting. No vote was required.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The annual audit report has been completed and the Town's Auditor, Rick Driscoll of Sherrill & Smith, CPAs, PA gave a brief report / overview.

A copy of the 2014-2015 audit, letter with overview, and suggestions for upcoming years were distributed to the Board. *(A copy is included in the Town Minutes.)* No vote was required.

2. The Town Staff has received a voluntary annexation request for 54.35 acres located on Walker Road Mount Pleasant, NC. This property is for the proposed new Mount Pleasant Middle School. It's appropriate for the Town Board to establish a public hearing date to approve or deny the request. A motion to adopt a resolution establishing a public hearing date of March 14, 2016 to approve or deny a voluntary annexation request for property located on Walker Road, Mount Pleasant, NC was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr. Additional supporting documents were attached to this agenda item. *(A copy is included in the Town Minutes.)* All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

3. The Town Staff has received a voluntary annexation request for one lot and structure located at 1616 Blueberry Street in Mount Pleasant. It's appropriate for the Town Board to establish a public hearing date to approve or deny the request. A motion to adopt a resolution establishing a public hearing date of March 14, 2016 to approve or deny a voluntary annexation request for property located at 1616 Blueberry Street, Mount Pleasant, NC was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Barringer. Additional supporting documents were attached to this agenda item. *(A copy is included in the Town Minutes.)* All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

4. The Town has received a letter (attached) from Ben F. Callahan, President of the Eastern Cabarrus Historical Society requesting the Town Board's consideration for the donation of a small parcel of land owned by the Town. The parcel is adjacent to the Society Hall located at 1151 North College Street. The Town owned parcel was once the site of an old water tank. The ECHS land surrounds the Town owned parcel on three sides. The ECHS is planning to construct a fire escape on the west side of the Society Hall and needs the parcel (or a portion of) in order to meet the setback requirements for the fire escape project. The Town parcel is 50 feet wide and 82 feet deep with a tax value of \$13,000. A copy of the parcel information was attached to this agenda item. *(A copy is included in the Town Minutes.)*

Commissioner Barringer made a motion for the Town to donate the property to the Eastern Cabarrus Historical Society with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Mr. Callahan also thanked the Board for the donations of items from the S. Main St. properties that were demolished. They have already made \$800

from the sale of some of the items. A few items will be saved for the museum to display and/or replace items in the museum.

5. Since Commissioner Chapman has resigned his position with Centralina Council of Government (COG), the Town Board needs to decide whether to appoint a Commissioner to replace him or to withdraw from COG. The annual dues for the COG membership are \$750.00. Based on information from Commissioner Chapman and former Commissioner Burleyson the Town is not benefiting from the COG membership. Many communities around us like China Grove have dropped out over the past year.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion that we notify the Centralina Council of Government (COG) we would like to drop our membership. A second was made by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

6. The Town Board needs to schedule the dates for the FY-2017 Budget Planning Workshop. Last year the workshop was conducted on Saturday, March 14, 2015. A full day budget planning session was recommended by the Town Administrator, Randy Holloway. The Budget Planning Workshop would be used to outline the budget planning process and receive updates and recommendations on various utility needs for the future. The Town Administrator recommends having this workshop no later than the weekend of March 18, 2016. The Town Administrator is also requesting that the Board email him with their three highest priorities for the FY-2017 budget. After discussing several dates, Saturday, March 12th 8:00am-5:00pm in the Executive Board Room behind Town Hall was chosen. Mayor Eudy and the Town Board were in agreement. Breakfast will be provided. A formal motion was not needed.

The Special Meeting for the Annual Budget Retreat was announced in this Board meeting to the public. In addition, the information will be placed on the Town website and Town Facebook page to inform the public.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer was glad of the update on the curb at Washington St. Mayor Eudy said a quick fix may be to have Public Works knock the curb back out. Commissioner Barringer said that one fix created another issue on the other side of the road. Also, his water discoloration has improved thanks to the help of Bobby Hartsell and the Public Works department.

Commissioner Furr appreciated the quick snow removal with the new Town truck. There was a great turnout for the Mt. Pleasant Middle School Groundbreaking.

Commissioner Chapman said the new apartment complex is moving a lot of dirt around. He gave a Thank you to Bobby Hartsell and Public Works for the street care especially Rhineland Court. He announced Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church was having a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 9th 4:30-7pm. Randy Holloway mentioned that shaded areas on the roads are harder to melt and the Town may have to go overboard in those areas for future snow removal.

Commissioner Ashby said he was glad the property had been purchased for the new Mt. Pleasant Middle School. Waiting to see where the Eastern Cabarrus Historical Society will put the Cornerstone from the Masons Lodge on S. Main St. Also, would like to see some care taken with the sidewalks in Town. They are starting to look ratty. Commissioner Ashby wanted to recognize Troy Barnhardt and Dave Jordan for receiving Boy Scout awards for the Cold Springs Troops. Tough Mudder is returning to Mt. Pleasant. Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is starting the Run for God program on February 14th. The Commissioners would like to receive the agendas from WSACC.

Commissioner Simpson thought the bonfire for the Mt. Pleasant Middle School was a momentum builder. Snow removal seemed to go well. Congratulations to the Panthers for a great season. Keep pounding.

Mayor Eudy invited everyone to the Friends of the Mt. Pleasant Library for their annual fundraiser play which will be three plays in one at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church

CLOSED SESSION

At this time Commissioner Simpson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Furr to go into:

Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(3)

To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Furr made a motion with a second from Commissioner Ashby to end the Closed Session. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

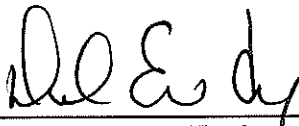
ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson 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, March 14, 2016 in the Regular Meeting.



Town Clerk Amy Schueneman



Mayor W. Del Eudy

