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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Scott Barringer (outgoing Commissioner)
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Steve Ashby
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Commissioner William Meadows (incoming Commissioner)
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney John Scarbrough
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Crystal Smith, Bruce Gwyn, Kay Beckett, Jennifer Blake, Deputy Stephen Wagoner, Isaac Padgett, Dustin Sneed, Jeff Watts, Jerry Taylor, Frankie Barringer, Amy Jo Denton, Mark Meadows, Sherry Meadows, Birgit & Lily Meadows, Serenity Marin, Gracie Lisk, Ben Lisk, and Erin Weeks.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Bruce Gwyn led the Board in praying for the victims of Sutherland Springs, Texas and for the Town of Mount Pleasants residents and leaders.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Forum

Frankie Barringer of Foil St. addressed the Board concerning the addition to the Fire Department. He has 54 years in the Fire Department and feels there are not enough bays for the fire trucks and no space designated for the "antique" truck. He read the following Resolution approved by the Town Board on January 4, 1982:

"Be it resolved that the 1935-36 Ford hose truck now on the premises of the local fire department be restored by the local firemen. This resolution which has been approved by the entire Town Board further states that this 1935-36 Ford hose truck will remain under the jurisdiction of the local fire department and will be preserved as antique by the department and will not be sold."

Mr. Barringer said he would like to see space in the fire department

Mayor Eudy informed the Board that he was moving Agenda item #3 Proclamation for Outgoing Commissioner Scott Barringer ahead of Agenda #2 item Swear in New Board Members and Appoint a New Mayor Pro-Tem.

2. Proclamation for Outgoing Commissioner Scott Barringer

Mayor Eudy read the Proclamation to the audience to recognize Commissioner Barringer for his long service to the Town. Mayor Eudy stated that Commissioner Barringer also served on the Planning & Zoning Board for many years.

3. Swear in New Board Members and Appoint a New Mayor Pro-Tem

Steve Ashby, Lori Furr, and William Meadows were sworn in for office term December 11, 2017 until December, 2021. The Mayor Pro-Tem was determined at the end of the meeting.

4. Conflict of Interest

The Mayor and Commissioners are asked at this time to reveal if they have a Conflict of Interest with any item on the Agenda in order to be recused for that item. (No member shall be excused from voting except upon matters involving the consideration of the member's own financial interest or official conduct or on matters on which the member is prohibited from voting under G.S. 14-234, 160A-381(d), or 160A-388(e)(2). NC State Statute 160A-75)

None of the Board Members had a Conflict of Interest.

5. Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Chapman.

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

6. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes for November 13, 2017 Board Meeting
- B. Minutes for November 16, 2017 Comprehensive Plan Community Meeting
- C. Minutes for November 27, 2017 Joint Meeting with Planning & Zoning Board and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
- D. 2018 Town Board Meeting Schedule
- E. 2018 State of North Carolina Holiday Schedule
- F. Consider approving Budget Amendment #4 Entry Error Fire Dept. Capital Project Fund to correct a budget entry error for FY2017-2018 budget.

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

7. Reports

- A. Town Administrator- Randy Holloway
- B. Asst. Town Administrator-Crystal Smith
- C. Finance Officer-Amy Schueneman
- D. Public Works- Bobby Hartsell
- E. Town Planning- Erin Burriss
- F. Code Enforcement- Jeff Watts
- G. Police-Deputy Stephen Wagoner

8. Public Hearings

Adoption of the proposed Town of Mount Pleasant Comprehensive Plan

Mayor Eudy informed the Board that a handout from Town Planner, Erin Burris, concerning a meeting today between the Town and Cabarrus County about the current ballfields at the old middle school was placed at their seat.

She gave a recap of the process to get to where the Town Board is now with the Comprehensive Plan. In February 2017 the Town Board appointed a Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan. Back ground research was reviewed by the committee in April as well as the public survey. In May there was a public workshop. The committee reviewed all the public input in July. July through November the committee prepared and reviewed the working draft. The presentation of the draft was presented November 16th. A joint workshop at the Planning & Zoning meeting on November 27th occurred with the Town Board and the Steering Committee where they unanimously recommended approval of the plan.

Erin Burris read the suggested minor changes listed on the handout to be applied to the draft Comprehensive Plan based on today's meeting with Cabarrus County. *(A copy will be in the Minute Book).*

1. No change to the Middle School property recommendation. Their concern is there is not enough flexibility in their market ability for the property. However, there is one sentence in there regarding the ballfields that the Town requests retention of the ballfield properties to the north of North Dr. as outlined in strategy of PR6 with the potential to be redeveloped if new ballfields are constructed elsewhere. Based on today's meeting there's good progress in the location of a potential district park. New ballfields may be sooner rather than later. So, there needs to be flexibility regarding that site, because if we have brand new ballfields in a close location the older ones that are a little tight and "tired" may not be as necessary to keep.

2. In regards to PR6, the Comprehensive Plan recommends splitting that particularly strategy because it deals with the baseball fields and the track. The new recommendation is to work with Cabarrus County to retain the use of the existing youth baseball fields located at the corner of North Main St. and North Drive *until new ballfields can be constructed elsewhere*. Splitting off the part about fully utilizing the track and field would be a separate strategy so that the two would not be confused.

3. The other recommended change based on what Cabarrus County said deals with a tournament level baseball facility. They feel with WW Flowe Park and Frank Liske Park they already draw national tournaments. They feel that strategy from their Parks and Recreation plan has been fulfilled and they don't see the need to pursue that strategy anymore. Erin Burris recommends removing that strategy from our plan since it has been taken care of by the county.

The Public Hearing was opened at this time. No one spoke at the Public Hearing

Commissioner Ashby asked if the county is saying that since there are already tournament level fields does that mean we do not need them. But since it is our strategy and not theirs that we could keep it in our plan if we so desired.

Erin Burris felt it was more of a private baseball or soccer facility it would be more of an Economic development strategy.

Commissioner Simpson asked if the tournament level fields had been removed from the Comprehensive Plan and Erin Burris confirmed that it has been removed.

Erin Burris stated that the county would have a 4 field facility on 12 acres with parking at the same level as other county parks. It may not be on the same scale as a private facility but much better than the 4 acre site we currently use.

A copy of the Comprehensive Plan with the list of proposed adjustments and the Resolution are included in the Minute Book.

A motion to adopt the Resolution for the Mount Pleasant Comprehensive Plan as presented was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioners Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Mayor Eudy thanked the staff for all their hard work on the Comprehensive Plan.

9. Old Business

A. Update on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Jeff Watts from the Fire Department addressed the Board.

The fire department received the funds for the 2016 AFG grant for \$535,034.00. FEMA has released the funds to us and we are awaiting the invoice from Newton Fire Equipment.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

B. Consider receiving an update from the Town Administrator to coordinate with NCDOT to designate North Main Street as a "No Truck" route.

Randy Holloway, Town Administrator, has been advised by NCDOT that Main Street cannot be restricted to "no truck" traffic. The Town Staff is working with NCDOT to expand the 20 mph speed zone on both Main Street from Walnut St. to Lee St. and both ways on Franklin Street.

The Town is also coordinating with Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department to increase speed limit enforcement efforts on various streets in Town. A speed indicator trailer will be used after the first of the new year in problem spots before increased enforcement efforts start.

Mr. Holloway did state that a mailing would be sent out to let Mount Pleasant residents know about the changes before tickets are written for speeding.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

C. Consider receiving an update from the Town Administrator on the parking lot and additional street lighting projects.

Randy Holloway confirmed the parking lot is finished and open to the public. There have been a lot of positive comments on the parking lot. The property behind Marvin's will be recoated and striped around April since the weather has turned colder to match the new parking lot. There are 55 spaces; 3 more than originally planned. Additional street lights will be added by Duke Power since NCDOT approved them in their right-of-way. NCDOT is planning to repave N. Main St. within the next year, therefore, the Town may only stripe parking spaces from Walnut to Lee Streets until after NCDOT has completed the paving.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

D. Consider receiving an update from the Assistant Town Administrator on the playground, batting cage, and shelter project.

Crystal Smith shared that the installers of the new Playground will begin installation on Monday, December 18, 2017. It will be completed by the end of the year. Finishing touches may be done in January. The park will be large enough for 150 children.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

10. New Business

A. To inform the Board about applying for the Fire House Sub Grant.

Jeff Watts spoke on behalf of Mt. Pleasant Fire Department. The Fire Department applied for the Fire House Subs Grant. The grant was due on Nov. 31. Due to the time constraints they had to move forward with the application. They applied for eight sets of bunker gear. This is a 100% grant. No money will be needed from the budget.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

B. Consider the 2018 appointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Cabarrus-Rowan Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Phil Conrad of Cabarrus Rowan MPO is requesting the names for the TAC and TCC appointments by January 1, 2018. The MPO would like to know who will serve in 2018 as our designated appointees to the TAC (elected officials only), as well as the TCC (staff) appointee and alternate.

Randy Holloway is currently the TCC representative with no alternate. He is recommending to appoint Crystal Smith as TCC representative and he could be the alternate.

Currently, Mayor Del Eudy is serving as TAC representative for the Town with no alternate listed.

1. A motion to reappoint Mayor Eudy as TAC representative was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second from Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

2. A motion to approve Mayor Pro Tem, Lori Furr, as the alternate for TAC was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Ashby. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

3. A motion to approve Crystal Smith, Assistant Town Administrator as TCC representative was made by Commissioner Chapman with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

4. A motion to approve Randy Holloway, Town Administrator as TCC alternate was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Nomination

At this time Mayor Eudy stated that Commissioner Furr has been the Mayor Pro Tem the last two years and has agreed to continue in that role if the Board was in favor.

A motion for Commissioner Lori Furr to continue as Mayor Pro Tem was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Additional Items:

Mayor Eudy mentioned the weekly email updates to the Board would continue. Randy Holloway gave an update to one item mentioned last week. A brief meeting with New Branch Real Estate Advisors has been hired by the county to market the old Middle School site. They reached out to the Town about the property. Erin Burris gave them information on the Comprehensive Plan and what the community would like to see on that site. The ballfield site north of North Dr. is not part of the disposition, although it may be in the future. It should be on the market by the first of the year. The county anticipates quite a bit of interest on the property and continues to move forward. Mid-spring there should be a final disposal of it.

Commissioners were reminded the Cabarrus County Summit would meet 6pm on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Cabarrus Arena.

The Board is also invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting for 73 & Main Restaurant at 5pm December 14th. Reservations must be made if staying for dinner. They have completely booked the first public night open with 200 reservations and 150 on Saturday night.

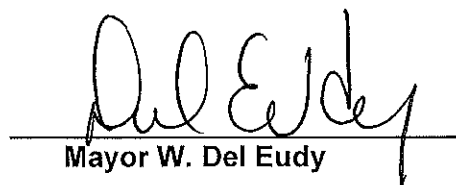
Commissioner Ashby asked about rescheduling the Tree Lighting. Mayor Eudy responded that it has been discussed with Randy Holloway and Crystal Smith. In the future an alternate date will be listed on the parade applications, if the Events Committee approves it.

9. Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, January 8, 2018 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

