

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Special Called Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2019
6:00 PM- Town Hall Commissioners Room**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Steve Ashby (absent/unexcused)
Commissioner William Meadows
Commissioner Justin Simpson (absent/unexcused)
Commissioner Jim Sells
Town Administrator Randy Holloway (absent)
Town Attorney John Scarbrough (absent)
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Crystal Smith, Erin Burris, Jessica Black, Ruffino Cruz III, Bridget Fowler, John Murdock III, and Gordon Preddy.

Call to Order- Mayor Del Eudy

Consider the six applicants for recommendation for appointment of three years by Cabarrus County to the two available ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) seats for the Planning & Zoning Board.

The following applicants submitted applications to fill the two ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) seats for a three year term July1, 2019 to June 30, 2022:

Jessica Black
Ruffino Cruz III
Bridget Fowler
Whit Moose, Jr.
John Murdock III
Gordon Preddy

Mayor Eudy asked each applicant was asked to introduce themselves, state the reason why they would like to be on the Planning & Zoning Board, and to state how they feel about growth.

Prior to the applicants addressing the Board, Erin Burris wanted to address the applicants concerning what their role would be on the Planning & Zoning Board. The Board is governed by State Statutes and is required for Text Amendments, Ordinances, and Board of Adjustments. She thanked them for their interest in serving our Town.

Jessica Black is a 10 year resident and currently lives in her grandfather's home that was built in World War II. She is a mother of 4 and is active in the community. The Town and its longevity is important to her and this is her opportunity to help the Town. She believes growth is important

but should be strategic to preserve the small town community. The Comprehensive Plan is a good start to make the Town vibrant for young families and older adults.

Ruffino Cruz has lived in Mt. Pleasant 4 years after moving from a big city. He works in construction and is familiar with affordable housing. He believes in gradual growth and would like to keep the Town small but have some of the conveniences of a larger Town and that requires growth.

Bridget Fowler has lived in Mt. Pleasant for 12 years and worked as a Deputy for Cabarrus County Sheriff's Dept. She liked the small town feel and moved here because of it. As far as growth, she would like a manageable growth unlike Harrisburg to keep it special. She does not like cookie-cutter houses. She hopes that the youth will have a reason to come back to Mt. Pleasant when they settle down with their families.

Whit Moose, Jr. was unable to attend due to a family vacation. He emailed a statement for Town Clerk Amy Schueneman to read to the Board:

"Dear Town of Mount Pleasant Board of Commissioners:

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself to the board and my fellow Planning and Zoning Board applicants through Amy. My name is Whit Moose and I am applying to continue my position on Mount Pleasant's Planning and Zoning Board. I have been a member of the board since June of 2004 and have enjoyed serving our community. Our board has heard many cases over the years and I am very proud of the decisions we have made. I feel that they have always been made with the town and the citizens' best interest at heart. As the current co-chairman of the board I feel that we have an excellent representation on our current board. We are certain to hear more and more cases regarding growth in Mt Pleasant and I feel that our experience helps us to continue to control and manage that growth in a positive way.

I am so encouraged with the interest shown by the other applicants for a board position and hope that each person will stay involved with P&Z activities whether they are chosen to serve or not. I have said many times that Mt Pleasant is in a wonderful position to shape our community in the direction we want it to go. I hope that the members of the Board of Commissioners will reappoint me to this very important position and that together we can work to build an even stronger community.

*Thank you again for your consideration,
Whit Moose"*

John Murdock III is a Civil Engineer that has served the Board for 15 years. He has lived in Mt. Pleasant for 30 years. He likes having an input in how things are done and believes the Planning & Zoning Board has led the Town into a manageable growth the last 10 years. He thinks the Town should stay ahead of the growth instead of reacting to it since growth is inevitable. The Comprehensive Plan is the master plan to guide the Board.

Gordon Preddy is a third generation Funeral Home Director with the family business in Mt. Pleasant. Once he graduated school, he left Mt. Pleasant but has returned. He thinks the Town should grow the correct way. He would love to see Mt. Pleasant grow to help businesses since growth is needed.

Mayor Eudy addressed the audience to let them know the Board was going into Closed Session and Town Hall would notify everyone the next day on whom the Board selected.

A motion by Commissioner Sells made a motion with a second from Commissioner Furr to go into Closed Session. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0, Commissioner Ashby and Commissioner Simpson unexcused)

Closed Session

Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(#6) Discuss Planning & Zoning Board applicants.

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

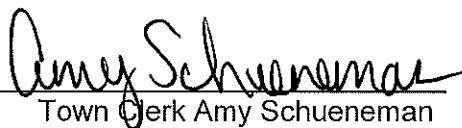
Commissioner Furr made a motion with a second from Commissioner Meadows to end the Closed Session. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0, Commissioner Ashby and Commissioner Simpson unexcused)

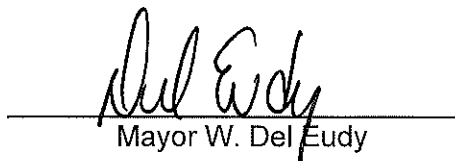
A motion to recommend Bridget Fowler and Whit Moose Jr. for appointment of three year terms (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022) by Cabarrus County to the two available ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction) seats for the Planning & Zoning Board was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Sells. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0, Commissioner Ashby and Commissioner Simpson unexcused)

Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0, Commissioner Ashby and Commissioner Simpson unexcused)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, July 8, 2019 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

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