

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Jennifer Blake, Pastor Ray Sipe, Deputy Laura Heggins, Kay Beckett, Rob Shepherd from NC League of Municipalities, Gayle Love Lee from Cab. Co. Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Troy Barnhardt, Sharon Love, Benen Smith, Braden Smith, Mike Smith, Randy Wall, and Crystal Smith.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Ray Sipe from Mt. Gilead Lutheran Church led the Board in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Forum

No one spoke

2. 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.

3. Approve Agenda

Mayor Eudy informed the Board that Commissioner Chapman could not attend the meeting and asked to be excused.

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A motion to excuse Commissioner Chapman from the meeting was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Ashby. All Board members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Chapman excused)

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Chapman excused)

A copy of the email from Commissioner Chapman is included in the Minute Book.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes August 13, 2018
- B. Proclamation for Constitution Week September 17-23, 2018

Commissioner Simpson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Chapman excused)

5. Reports

- A. Town Administrator- Randy Holloway
- B. Asst. Town Administrator-Crystal Smith
- C. Finance Officer- Amy Schueneman
- D. Planning & Zoning-Erin Burris
- E. Code Enforcement- Jeff Watts
- F. Police-Deputy Stephen Wagoner

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

A. Mr. Rob Shepherd, from the NC League of Municipalities, will be presenting an award to Assistant Town Administrator Crystal Smith.

Rob Franklin presented the George C Franklin Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Municipal Administration Course at the UNC School of Government to Assistant Town Administrator, Crystal Smith.

The award was established in 1955 and consists of a check and award. Mr. Franklin was dedicated to better Municipal Government. In 1951 he was a proponent for the gas tax to help build and repair roads in the state. He orchestrated a bus ride for half of the government officials that drove over the worst roads in the area. Once the ride was completed, the bill for the gas tax passed.

Crystal Smith thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the program. She said that no matter if the Town contained 1900 people or 100,000 people we still have the same issues.

No motion was made. For information only.

B. Consider giving the Town Staff the authority to move forward with exploring various options to fund the replacement of the Summer Street Sewer Pump Station and the replacement of the Main Street Water Line.

Randy Holloway mentioned that the Town Board is certainly aware of the need for these two projects. They have been discussed in previous budget planning sessions. The Board has also discussed the lack of the Town's ability to take on additional debt service until the current debt service is paid off in the year 2024. The Staff is recommending the Boards consideration and approval to use the current Water & Sewer Capital Reserve Fund to pay the annual debt payment for the two projects. We have estimates for the projects from the Town Engineer as follows:

1. Summer Street pump station replacement	\$ 400,000
2. Main Street water line replacement	\$ 1,450,000
Total projected cost for both projects	\$ 1,850,000

The estimates above include probable construction cost, design, construction engineering and inspections.

The proposed funding would be a combination of grant proposals and outright financing should grants not be approved. The financing would be as follows:

1. The Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund currently has \$366,823 available to use for water and sewer projects.
2. The Staff recommends pursuing a 40-year loan period utilizing the USDA loan process. Using the loan rates that were provided to the Staff earlier this year by a USDA representative, the annual payment on the amount of \$1,850,000 would be \$79,476 per year assuming that a 3% interest rate would be available. Using the Water and Sewer Capital Reserve Fund total of \$366,823 divided by \$79,476 equals 4.6 years that funds are available for debt service payments. We would remind the Board all of the Town's current debt is paid up in 2024 and would free up \$208,000 per year for new projects. The \$79,476 annual debt payment for year 5 and beyond would be covered by this available funding.

The Town Engineer estimates a time period of six months for the Summer Street pump station project and one year for the Main Street water line project.


The Town Staff is very excited about moving forward with these two projects.


A motion to approve giving the Town Staff the authority to move forward with exploring various options to fund the replacement of the Summer Street Sewer Pump Station and the replacement of the Main Street Water Line was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Chapman excused)

9. Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Chapman excused)

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


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

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