

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday- December 5, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Mike Metcalf
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt
Benchmark Vagn Hansen

Also Present: Samantha Moose, Centralina Council of Governments representative
Jim Prosser, Rev. Dr. J.P. Henderson

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. J. P. Henderson led in Prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN BOARD MEMBERS

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington swore in Board Members Warren Chapman and Mike Metcalf who were re-elected in the November 2011 election.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington swore in Mayor Del Eudy who was re-elected in the November 2011 election.

PUBLIC FORUM

Troy Barnhardt with the Events Committee gave a line up for the festivities for Saturday, December 10, 2011. The festivities will start with a parade at 11:00 am and end with the lighting of the Christmas Tree in front of Town Hall at 5:00 pm and the singing of Christmas Carols.

The Events Committee is asking the Board to consider putting the Christmas decoration further up North Main Street. The Events Committee understands that there is a considerable cost associated with this and it is something that needs to be considered in the budget. They are also asking to consider changing the bulbs we now have to LED lights. This will help with the electric bill during the Christmas season.

APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Eudy suggested amending the Agenda to add the following to New Business.

#5 Elect Mayor Pro Tem

#6 Appoint TCC and TAC Members of MPO

#7 Discuss Christmas Bonus for Fire Chief and Police

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the November 7, 2011 Regular Board Meeting, the 2012 Town Board Meeting Schedule and the 2012 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Schedule.

With a correction on page 2 of the minutes to change “Bost” to “Drye”,

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

1. **Police-Deputy Ballard reported that things were going good in Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Eberhardt stated that the police presence was being seen around Town.**
2. **Fire Chief-Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt reported that Engine 2 went into service on December 1. The Fire Department has responded to 892 calls so far this year. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt wanted to know if we would continue with the monthly department meetings.**
3. **Town Administrator-Written**

4. Finance Officer
5. Public Works-Written
6. Town Attorney-Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm reported that she would be going to court on December 14, 2011 at 9:30 am on the M-SERIES REBUILD case. She is going to file a motion to dismiss the case. Anyone wanting to come is welcome.
7. Code Enforcement-Written

OLD BUSINESS

1. Centralina Council of Governments

Jim Prosser, the Executive Director of the Centralina Council of Government, presented a brief presentation on the services offer by the COG. There was a short period of questions and answers by the Board about what COG could do for the Town of Mt. Pleasant. After the discussion, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to continue with Centralina Council of Governments for another year. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

2. Minimum Housing

At the November meeting the Board continued the discussion of the draft Minimum Housing Ordinance. There have been no further recommendations from the Board. Vagn Hansen, with Benchmark stated that the ordinance that we have before us is a universal one that has been used for the last 30 years. There are a lot of things in the construction codes, small provisions like ceilings and windows that can be taken out. Vagn Hansen will take the ordinance, make the revisions on the ceilings and any other suggestions and bring it back at the December Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING

Amendment to the Code of Ordinance Regarding Weapons

Mayor Eudy opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Chris Honeycutt, 888 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, stated that we would notice a decrease in the number of animal being hit by vehicles. He is in favor of the ordinance.

With no other comments, Mayor Eudy closed the public hearing.

1. Amendment to the Code of Ordinance Regarding Weapons

At the November meeting, the Board reviewed a draft of an amendment to the code of ordinances that would allow for the use of bows and arrows, under certain restrictions, within the Town limits. If adopted, the Town would also have the opportunity to participate in next year's Urban Archery Season, by submitting a request to the NC Department of Wildlife by April 2012.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to amend the Code of Ordinance for the Town of Mt. Pleasant with Respect to Weapons. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

2. Legislative Agenda

On November 7, 2011 the Board received a copy of the draft legislative agenda. There have been no recommended changes to this draft and it is presented as a final copy. Once adopted, the agenda should be mailed to all delegated for the Town of Mt. Pleasant. The agenda serves to verify and communicate the Board's unified support of various issues.

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to adopt the Legislative Agenda. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

3. Parking Regulations

At the November meeting the Board discussed parking signs and enforcement. The Town's contract with Cabarrus Sheriff's Department provides for the enforcement of the Town's adopted ordinances, including parking violations. However, the ordinances must be properly documented and signage must be in place that communicates these regulations.

Before purchasing and installing new parking signs, the Board should consider revising the Code of Ordinance as it relates to parking. There are some inconsistencies in the ordinance that make it difficult to interpret. The descriptions of areas where parking regulations apply should be defined in a clear manner, base upon landmarks that are not subject to change. Distances should be described in one measurement, either feet or yards, to avoid confusion. The Board may wish to redefine the parking regulation to meet today's needs.

After discussion it was decided that the Mayor and the Public Works Director would check the signs at each location to see if they are appropriate.

4. Town Administration

There was much discussion on hiring a Town Administrator. Commissioner Eberhardt stated that he thought the Town could wait and see how things would

work without an Administrator. Mayor Eudy feels the Town needs an Administrator. Commissioner Metcalf stated that the way regulations are now that he thinks we need an Administrator. Commissioner Burleyson stated that the Town need to look at the list of things the Administrator has done that the current staff could not handle. Commissioner Burleyson thinks the Administrator is a full-time position. Commissioner Chapman thinks if the Town does not hire a full-time Administrator we will be going backwards. Mayor Eudy liked the fact that someone could come in and have someone to talk to. He thinks with the population we have now we should have someone with the background and education for the job. Commissioner Barringer asked if we could get figures on a full-time and a part-time Administrator. Mayor Eudy stated you have part-time position, you get part time results.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to hire a part-time Administrator. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion. The vote was 2-3, with Commissioners Barringer and Eberhardt voting for and Commissioners Metcalf, Chapman and Burleyson voting against.

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to hire a full-time Administrator. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion. The vote was 3-2, with Commissioners Metcalf, Burleyson and Chapman voting for and Commissioners Barringer and Eberhardt voting no.

5. Mayor Pro Tem

Commissioner Eberhardt nominated Commissioner Barringer to be Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Metcalf nominated Commissioner Burleyson to Mayor Pro Tem. There was no second. Those in favor of Commissioner Barringer are Commissioner Eberhardt. Those in favor of Commissioner Burleyson are Commissioners Barringer, Metcalf, and Chapman. Commissioner Burleyson will be Mayor Pro Tem.

6. Appoint TAC Member of MPO

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Burleyson to the TAC member of the MPO. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chapman to the alternate TAC member of the MPO. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to table the appointment of the TCC member of the MPO until the January 3, 2012 board meeting. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

7. Fire Chief and Police Christmas Gifts

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to purchase a \$50.00 visa gift card for each officer and the fire chief for Christmas. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

MISCELLANEOUS

A letter that the Mayor received from WSACC in regards to the recent Public Notice that was sent to the citizens was included in the agenda packet.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman asked about the delegates for COG. He also asked when public works would be taking up the farmer's market signs.

Mayor Eudy reported on the concerns at the post office where they have built a platform around the front and several people have fallen.

Commissioner Metcalf reported that there would be a bar-be-que at his house after the parade on Saturday and everyone was invited.

Commissioner Barringer had an article about a Sports Complex in Rocky Mt. that the shared with the board.

Mayor Eudy reminded everyone about the Christmas Party Thursday night at Yadkin Valley Steak House.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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