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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, August 1, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Mike Metcalf
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Town Administrator Adrian Cox
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Public Works Director Dave Fargo
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt

Also Present: Samantha Moose, John Murdock, Deputy Howell

Call to Order

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Eudy led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke in public forum.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Barringer requested to add #6-Code Enforcement to New Business. With this addition, Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISION

There was no public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of the minutes of the June 27, 2011 regular board meeting. Commissioner Burleyson had a question about the public hearing for Text Amendment TA 2011-03. Commissioner Burleyson asked about the paragraph that stated “Mr. Troy Barnhardt asked about the Bed and Breakfast Inn. He wanted to know if an accessory structure building was built behind the Bed and Breakfast Inn, would it be considered as a nonresidential structure. Vagn Hansen stated yes it would be a nonresidential accessory structure.” The word “nonresidential” should be changed to “residential”. On the ABC Operating Hours the last sentence should be changed to read “The motion failed due to a lack of a second”. With these changes Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

1. Police- Officer Howell reported that there had been 6 animal control calls, 1 larceny call and 81 security checks. He stated that that there was a White Scion on Dutch Road trying to break into homes. There was also a green Saturn that had been reported as suspicious.
2. Fire Chief- Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt reported that the Fire Department had run 546 calls so far. The new Fire Engine 2 is in production. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt reported that Department of Insurance Grant purchases have been received with exception of turn out gear. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt was elected to the Board of Cabarrus County Fire Study.
3. Town Administrator Adrian Cox reported on the Farmer’s Market. It was the consensus of the Board to extend the Farmer’s Market until fall. In his report he reported on Wireless Antennas Lease, Hydrant Flow Study and meeting he attended concerning the Highway 49 Widening. Commissioner Eberhardt asked Town Administrator Adrian Cox which tower had been discussed for a wireless antenna and Commissioner Barringer asked if a dollar amount had been discussed.
4. Finance – Written

5. **Public Works-** Dave Fargo reported that a representative from DENR came by and talked with him and they were pleased with the things that have been done around the Town.
6. **Town Attorney-** Christy Wilhelm reported that she would be attending the Municipal Attorney Conference in Wilmington. She also stated that there would be an Adult Spelling Bee on September 8th at the Old Courthouse in Concord and she challenged the Board to form a group to be in the Spelling Bee.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cabarrus Economic Development Commission FY 2011-2012 Contract

This item was tabled by the Board of Commissioners on June 6 and June 27. The EDC has provided the Town with a contract for services in the amount of \$5,000. This item was tabled by the Board to allow time to evaluate budget alternatives. Staff has also been in discussion with the EDC to reduce rates to better reflect population.

Although the EDC provides a tremendously important service to the region, changes in population have resulted in growing inequities in the funding structure. Staff recommends not approving the proposed contract of \$5, 000, and considering a contract based on population.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion not to consider the FY 2011-2012 contract for \$5,000. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

2. Account Consolidation

This item was tabled by the Board until the August 1st meeting.

The Town has a separate checking account that is used for paying Fire Department Expenses. This account is considered part of the general fund. In the past the Town's auditor has noted that this account is unnecessary if the Fire Department is truly a department of the Town, and should be consolidated with the general checking.

Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to consolidate the Fire Department and the General Account. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Revised Cabarrus Economic Development Commission FY 2011-2012 Contract

The revised contract proposed to fund the EDC at a per-capita rate of \$1. This would still fund the EDC at a level that is more consistent with other municipalities. Commissioner Burleyson asked if the EDC agreed to the new contract. Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated no. Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to approve the revised FY 2011-2012 EDC Contract. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Eberhardt voting no. (4-1)

2. FY 2011-2012 Budget Amendment

The Board of Commissioners held a workshop on July 25, 2011 to discuss amendments to the budget that are needed to offset expected revenue loss due to the closing of the Cabarrus Correctional Center.

The proposed amendment reflects in the following operational changes:

- Increase flat rate sewer rates from \$30 to \$40
- Eliminates 5 water services from Hwy. 49 cost sharing projects and split the payments in 2 years
- Reduces the EDC Contract to a rate of \$1 per-capita
- Reduces tax collection cost based on new contract with Cabarrus County
- Allow funds for Part-Time billing for 16 hours per week
- Removes funds for any regularly scheduled part-time garbage collector
- Reduces funds for pump station maintenance and upgrades
- Reduces Park and Recreation Capital Reserve
- Reduces historically unused funds allocation for the Independence Day Celebration

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the FY 2011-2012 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

3. Set Public Hearing – Fee Schedule Amendment Flat Rate Sewer

At budget workshops in June and July, the Board reviewed data on the flat sewer charges. By comparing current rates charged by other municipalities in Cabarrus County, Staff recommends raising the rate for flat rate sewer from \$30 to \$40 to more adequately reflect the cost of service, and assess an equitable charge for the service.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to set the public hearing for August 29, 2011 at 7:00. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

4. Personnel Policy Amendment

The proposed amendment will eliminate prorated paid holiday and vacation leave for part-time employees. This change does not affect any current employees. Firefighters do not receive any paid leave as part-time employees, since their work schedule is on an as-needed basis.

This provision was originally included in the policy, because a permanently scheduled part-time position was envisioned as a good way to prepare an individual for a full-time job. However, the part-time help planned in the upcoming year are more likely to function as fill-in during times of need, with highly fluctuating schedules. Many applicants will likely have other income sources. The Town could acquire more qualified part-time employees by offering higher hourly pay than offering paid leave benefits.

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy Amendment. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

5. Retired Police Car

The Town purchased a new police car last year which should be ready for service in August. The old vehicle will be removed from service with over 101,000 miles. In the past the Town has either auctioned the used vehicles or converted the cars to staff cars. One decommissioned vehicle that was used as a Town Car accumulated 147,000 before being sold through online auction in 2008 for \$1,600. In 2009, the Town auctioned a 2005 Crown Victoria with 103,000 miles for \$4,050.

If the Board retains the vehicle as a Town car it would be used jointly by fire and administration. This would be helpful to attend meetings and investigate issues in the field, without accumulating mileage on personal vehicles. A volunteer at North East Fire Department has agreed to paint the vehicle for free if it will be used by the Fire Chief.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the decommissioned police car as a Town Car. Commissioner Burleyson asked if anyone other than the Fire Chief would drive the car. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt stated that they would not. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

6. Code Enforcement

Commissioner Barringer stated that the lady across the street from him received a letter stating that the weeds in flower bed were over 18 inches high. Commissioner Barringer stated that the lady was very upset about the letter. Town Administrator Adrian Cox stated that letters were sent out by Benchmark and the individuals were asked to respond for a resolution to the letters. Mayor Eudy asked if this could be researched and reported on at the next board meeting. It was agreed.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer stated that he had very positive comments from the Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Eberhardt stated the "Indians are not Restless" and that he had positive comments on Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Chapman stated he had been asked about the Highway 49 project. Mayor Eudy stated that the time line information was on the back of the water bills this month. Anyone with questions can call Town Administrator Adrian Cox. Commissioner Chapman also received positive feedback on Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Burleyson stated that he was glad to see the new stop light and walk signals working. He wanted know if anything extra needed to be done for the pre-empt light for the fire department.

Commissioner Metcalf stated he was glad to see the pedestrian signal. He also had positive comments on Farmer's Market.

Mayor Eudy stated that he had comments on the Highway 49 projects, the pedestrian signal and the traffic signals

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 Monday August 29, 2011 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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