

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday-December 3, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Richard Burleyson
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Mike Metcalf arrived at 7:28 pm
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Maura Eberhardt arrived at 7:03 pm
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt

Also Present: Vagn Hanson, Dale Starnes, Judy Starnes, Han Worner, Travis Moorehead, John Witherspoon, Troy Barnhardt, Bradley Overcash, Dustin Sneed, Chris Carter, Samantha Moose, Lawrence Taylor, Rev. Tom Fleming

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Tom Fleming led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Dale and Judy Starnes, 1112 South Skyland Drive, had a piece of water pipe that had been in the ground for about 40 years. They wanted to show the Board the

condition of the pipe. They asked if the water was checked for impurities and also wanted to know if the Town had a contingency plan in case of major water failure in their community. They stated that the engineer was not going to do anything until the water model was done. They are very concern. The Starnes want to know if contaminates are getting into their water lines from the holes that are throughout the system. They want to know how many thousands of gallons of water are lost.

Han Worner wanted to know why their water was shut down with no explanation.

With no more comments the public comments were closed.

APPROVE AGENDA

With an addition of #5 Playground equipment and #6 MPO- TCC&TAC, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISION

Mayor Eudy open the Public Hearing on the Text Amendment to Part I-Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 1, Article 1 of the Town Code as it pertains to Engine compression brakes.

With no comments, Mayor Eudy closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA - None

REPORTS

1. Police- Written
2. Fire Chief- Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt reported that they did not pick up Engine 2. Fire Chief Honeycutt asked about the uniforms and computers that were approved in the budget but were put on hold.
3. Town Administrator- Written
4. Finance Officer- Written
5. Public Works-Written
6. Town Attorney-Written
7. Code Enforcement-Written
8. WSACC-Written

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bids for Heating Unit for Town Hall (Conference Area and Police Dept.)

There were two bids received for replacing the heating unit at Town Hall (1) Terry Mayes for \$7,200 and (2) Air Flow Systems for \$5,500. Commissioner Burleyson asked if they were bidding on the same work. Mayor Eudy stated that it looked like it was the same.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to award the bid to Air Flow Systems for \$5,500. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

2. Travis Moorehead with Carolina Thread Trail

Travis Moorehead with the Carolina Thread Trail requested to appear before the Town Board of Commissioners to give a progress report on the trail construction activity that is taking place at Buffalo Creek Preserve and to request funding partnership with the Town to assist in the development of a parking facility at the Buffalo Creek trailhead. Staff was contacted by the Carolina Thread Trail recently and informed that a grant had been obtained that will fund the construction of the remaining incomplete segments of the trail at Buffalo Creek Preserve. This work will be carried out by contractors over the winter, and the trail is expected to be complete by early spring of 2013. Previously, volunteer labor has been used to assist in clearing and trail construction. The grant is going to allow them to significantly expand their efforts. The grant does not, however, fund the construction of associated infrastructure, such as parking facilities. The current plan is to establish a small parking facility in the vicinity of the intersection of Malibu Road and Mount Pleasant Road South. The parking facility will likely be ½ acre or smaller and surfaced with gravel. The Carolina Thread Trail asked for an opportunity to make funding request to the Town to assist in the construction of the parking lot. Preliminary discussions indicate that they may be able to secure a donation for the gravel, but do not as yet have funding for grading the site and installing barrier (post and cable fencing around the lot).

Mayor Eudy asked what the time frame was for this project. Travis Moorehead stated it would be March or April. No decision was made at this meeting.

3. Text Amendment –Compression Brakes

The Board has discussed the matter of compression brakes and their usage within the Town limits. The Board directed staff to review this issue further and to proceed with the necessary amendment to restrict their usage within Town. Staff investigated the matter further and coordinated with our District Engineer's office of NCDOT to proceed with this amendment.

Captain Sellers of the Sheriff's Department has indicated the Town Deputies are prepared to enforce this amendment upon its adoption to the Town Code. The Public Works Department is prepared to order and post the appropriate signage once adopted.

Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to adopt the Compression Brake Text Amendment. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

4. Town Administrator's Contract

The Town Administrator's Contract with John Witherspoon will include a not to exceed \$30 per hour for 72 hours of service per calendar month, with an additional mileage reimbursement allowance of 55 cent per mile, not to exceed \$7,500 per fiscal year for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Commissioner Burleyson asked if John Witherspoon would be the representative on COG, MPO, etc. It was stated that he would. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Town Administrator Contract. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

5. Playground Equipment

Commissioner Barringer stated that when he and his granddaughter were at the slide at the mini park at the Insurance Company, that they noticed that there were cracks on it. It is dangerous and needs to be taken care of. We will contact Colby Ellington with Playworld and get something going on the repairs.

6. Appointments to MPO TAC & TCC

Mayor Eudy received a letter about our appointment to the MPO TAC & TCC. Each year we are required to supply a list of the current representatives along with the alternates to the NCDOT. At the present Commissioner Burleyson is the appointed member and Commissioner Chapman is the alternate for the TAC. Richard Smith is currently the TCC with Vagn Hansen as the alternate.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Burleyson as the TAC member with Commissioner Chapman as the Alternate. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to appoint John Witherspoon was the TCC member with Vagn Hansen as the Alternate. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

FYI

The Town received a letter from the Town of Rockwell stating their decision to terminate their membership from Centralina Council of Governments. This is a requirement when anyone terminates their membership.

There was discussion on the advantages of belonging to COG. It was the consensus to the Board to wait until budget time to make a decision on COG.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman stated that a suggestion from the citizens from Oldenburg was to put information in the water bill about the cardboard containers located at Town Hall.

Commissioner Burleyson wanted to remind everyone about the Christmas Parade.

Commissioner Metcalf still has squirrel problems. He wanted to remind everyone about a bar-b-que at his home after the parade.

Mayor Eudy report on the project that Cole Earnhardt did for his Eagle Scout Project. He stated that he did a really good job. He also had a couple of dollars left over from his project and turned it in to Town Hall because he could not profit in any way from what he did.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to go into Executive Session according to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee or To hear or investigate a complaint, charge or grievance by or against a public officer or employee. N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(3) To consult with the Attorney- To consider and give instruction concerning a potential claim. N.c.g.s.143-318.11(a)(5) To establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property located at 1483, 1487, 1489 and 1491 South Main Street. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

OPEN SESSION

After coming out of closed session Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to have a special called meeting, Monday, December 10, 2012 at 5:30. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion that Mount Pleasant Fire Department be in compliance with all applicable State and Federal Laws and regulations at all times. Commissioner Burleyson seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion directing staff to investigate and review all outstanding all outstanding PO's. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Bradley Overcash asked if the compression brakes would apply to the fire trucks. Staff will look into emergency vehicles. Staff doesn't know if exceptions can be made.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Eberhardt 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 January 7, 2013 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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