

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday-March 5, 2012
7:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Rev. Lewis Whittington, Troy Barnhardt, Cole Earnhardt, Anthony Stewart, Andrew Stewart, Girl Scout Troop #2751 led by Elizabeth Cook, Girl Scout Troop # 3703 led by Frances Harkey, Cheyenne Poss, Samantha Woodward, Rebekah Leonard, Corrin Skinner, Rachele Poss, Annabelle Woodward, Sarah Harkey, Sue Schneider, Al Schneider, Claudia Vourvoolidis, Maggie Jackson, Lisa Jackson, Samantha Moose, Vagn Hansen

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Lewis Whittington led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troops #2751 and #7303 led by Elizabeth Cook and Frances Harkey led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There will be a Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Proclamation on the Consent Agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Eudy opened the Public Forum and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Andy Clement who lives at 8551 Walnut Street stated that with the recent tornados he was wondering if the Town had any kind of alarm system for impending tornados. Also he is concerned with squirrel problems that he is having. He mentioned that the Town use to have a varmint permit to get rid of the squirrels. He would be interested in this type of permit.

Mayor Eudy stated that the Fire Chief and Town Administrator would do some research on the alarm for the tornado system.

Cole Earnhardt stated that he was doing a project for his Eagle Scout. He asked to be able to paint the concession stand. He submitted the proposal to the Mayor.

With no more comments, Mayor Eudy closed the Public Forum.

APPROVE AGENDA

Town Administrator Richard Smith stated that he had 2 items to add to the new business (3) AFG Grant, (4) Opposition to a parole, and needed to add a Closed Session under GS 143-318.11(a)(6). With these additions, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consist of (1) the Minutes of the February 6, 2012 Board Meeting, (2) Proclamation- Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary and (3) Proclamation- National Athletic Trainer's Month. Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

REPORTS

1. Police- Deputy Howell reported that there was 1 breaking and entry. Everything was going good in the Town of Mount Pleasant.
2. Fire Chief- Fire Chief Honeycutt reported the fire department has responded to 148 calls so far this year. He reported that with the Cabarrus County Rescue Squad disbanding that Mount Pleasant has requested one of the rescue squad units. He reported that the audible device at the fire department could be put on a continual run for a tornado warning. This is something that staff can work on.
3. Finance Officer- Written report
4. Public Works-Written report

5. **Planning/Code Enforcement- Vagn Hansen with Benchmark submitted a draft Land use map. Planning and Zoning is requesting a joint meeting with the Town Board on April 2, 2012 at 6:00 pm.**
6. **Town Attorney- Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm reported that she has not received a response from the chemical company that we sent the letter to.**
7. **Town Administrator- Town Administrator Richard Smith reported that he had met with Sheriff Brad Riley about the prison and Mount Pleasant's contract with the Sheriff's Department. He has met with a representative from Congressman Kissell's office about Highway 49. Richard Smith attended the EDC meeting. The Town has the approval from the Wildlife Commission about the archery and we are already getting inquiries about the Farmer's Market.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Meeting Room

Since the last meeting there have been several Commissioners and the Mayor approached about the meeting room. It was brought to the attention of the Board that softball, scouts and others used the room and scheduling was worked out in advance for a key to the room. Commissioner Barringer stated that any organization helping youth should be able to use the room. The room has never been left so that someone else would have to clean up after them. The Mayor suggested going back to the way that we were doing it.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to allow citizens to use the conference room. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Camera's for Police Cars

As part of the adopted FY 2012 Budget, \$10,000 was budgeted for the purchase of monitoring cameras and the accompanying accessories for the two patrol cars owned by the Town. Since the adoption of the budget, staff was made aware by the Sheriff's Department about newer cameras that the Department is now using. The previously approved cameras are being phased out and will soon be considered antiquated. The cost of the new cameras does exceed the amount that was originally approved by the Town Board.

Staff is requesting the Board to approve the additional funds for the purchase of this more up to date equipment for our patrol cars.

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to approve the quote from Kustom Signals, Inc. for \$11,936 for the purchase of 2 monitoring cameras and accompanying

accessories. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

2. EDC Appointment

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Town Administrator Richard Smith as Mount Pleasant's representative on the EDC Board. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

3. Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG)

The Town has been awarded AFG assistance from the Federal Government for the purchase of portable digital radios for the Fire Department. The Town was awarded a \$195,257.00 grant with a \$10,277.00 match (\$205,552.00 total project cost). After review, it does not appear that this match was included in the FY 2012 budget.

There are not enough funds remaining in the Fire Department budget to allocate toward this match. There are funds available in other areas that can be reallocated (budget amendments) to meet this match. We were recently notified that if we order these radios prior to March 15th we can receive \$400.00 off of each radio, which will give us \$17,200.00 toward more units (possibly four more units).

Staff is requesting the Board to approve the reallocation of funds from the current budget toward this match so we can proceed with ordering the radios. Staff will identify the specific line item of the budget for these funds and bring the amendment back to the Board for review and approval at the next board meeting.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the reallocation of funds from the current budget toward this match so the Fire Department can proceed with ordering the radios. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

4. Opposition of Parole

The family of Phoebe Barbee has requested the Town's support in their efforts to oppose the potential parole of Roger Warren Clark. A hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2012 for consideration of this matter. District Attorney Roxanne Vaneekhoven and Sheriff Riley plan to join the Barbee family in Raleigh to express their concerns and opposition to this request.

Staff has included a summary and example letter for consideration.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the Barbee family in their request.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Retreat/Workshop Discussion

It was the consensus of the board to have the budget workshop on Saturday, March 10, 2012 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

2. Thank you note from CVAN

CVAN sent the Board a Thank You noted for their support throughout the year.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman stated that he has had questions about Highway 49 and 73, and about the Post Office.

Commissioner Barringer stated that he has had questions about the Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Eberhardt asked about the buzzards on the water tank. They are a nuisance. He also stated that the people that live in the house on Washington Street have children that ride tricycles in the road. He stated that this was very dangerous. Troy Barnhart stated that he would be attending a WSACC meeting and he would inform them about the buzzards and the officers will be informed about the children on the tricycles.

Mayor Eudy asked about the Eagle Scout project that Cole Earnhardt had asked to do for the Town. Mayor Eudy wanted to know who was responsible for the supplies. Troy Barnhardt stated that the individual was responsible, but he would take donations or do other fund raiser to raise the money. It was the consensus of the Board for Cole Earnhardt to paint the concession stand for his Eagle Scout project.

Mayor Eudy stated that he was approached by Mark Fink. His son wanted to reinstall a basketball court at the batting cage for his Eagle Scout project. At one time there was a basketball court there and Mark Fink has checked it out and it can be reinstalled. It was the consensus of the Board to allow Mark Fink's son to move forward with his project.

Mayor Eudy has also been approached about the fire alarm only ringing 1 time. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt stated that after the alarm was fixed that it was set to only alarm once. It could be set to alarm more. There was discussion about the alarm. Some citizens want it to alarm more, some want it to alarm less. Some say it is a tradition, especially on Saturday's. Fire Chief Chris Honeycutt said if someone is there they can push the button to have the alarm to ring more than one time.

Mayor Eudy met with the Events Committee and they are talking about having an October Feast, with a barbeque cook off, chili cook off, beer garden, wine sales and blue grass music. He will keep the Board informed as plans are made.

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to go into closed session according to GS 143-318.11(a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, conditions of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

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. (4-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, April 2, 2012 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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