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Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday-April 2, 2012
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
Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell

Also Present: Rev. Tom Fleming, Lori Love, Harold Wilkerson, Ned Hudson,
Samantha Moose, Becky Wilson-United Family Services-Cabarrus County

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

Harold Wilkerson, 10601 Amsterdam Drive, stated that about a year ago he purchased 2 lots on Pinecrest Drive. One lot use to have a mobile home on it and one lot has a home on it. The lot that has a home on it has a meter at the road that Mr. Wilkerson has been told was a water meter to the house. He has paid a water

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deposit to the Town for water service and now has been told that there is not water connection to the house. Mr. Wilkerson does not feel that he should have to pay for another tap fee.

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

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Burleyson asked to add under New Business #4 Electrical access to the parking lot at Town Hall, and Town Administrator Richard Smith asked to add under New Business #5 Mr. Wilkerson's request.

With these additions, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

PRESENTATION

Ned Hudson, Secretary and Treasury of the Soil and Water Conservation, gave a Presentation. He stated that the Soil and Water Conservation exist to encourage the responsible stewardship of our national resources. The current strategic conservation plan for the County includes four top priorities, (1) community conservation, (2) conservation education, (3) land use planning and conservation easements and (4) farmland preservation. The Soil and Water Conservation encourages everyone to think about their personal responsibility, to be a good steward of natural resources. The week of April 29 through May 6, 2012 has been proclaimed Soil and Water Stewardship Week marking the 57th year of this national event. The 2012 Stewardship theme is "Soil to Spoon". Mr. Hudson stated that they were proud of the fact that for 2 years in a row Mt. Pleasant High School students have won the North Carolina Big Sweep Logo Design Contest. The Conservation District has also provided financial and technical assistance with the erosion and storm water control project at Mt. Pleasant High School. Adams Creek will run clear now that this project is completed. The Soil and Water Conservation looks forward to working with the Board in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consisted of (1) Minutes of the March 5, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the March 10, 2012 Budget Workshop Meeting, (3) Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation, and (4) Proclamation-Soil & Water Stewardship Week. Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

- 1. Police- Written**
- 2. Fire Chief- Radio have been ordered**
- 3. Finance Officer- Written**
- 4. Public Works- Written**
- 5. Town Attorney- M-SERIES Rebuild cases is still on. Town Attorney has gone over the Fire Flow Safety Study. Christy Wilhelm will be participating in a conference call on Municipal Energy Rates on April 3, 2012.**
- 6. Code Enforcement**
- 7. Town Administrator- Richard Smith and Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell attended the Solid Waste meeting with the County earlier in March and they are coordinating with the update on their plan. The radios for the AFG grant have been ordered. As far as the fire district tax, we will not be able to go before the County until May 31, 2012 and the Mayor will make a presentation at that meeting. Because of this some dates may need to be left open for possible budget meetings. Town Administrator Richard Smith informed the Board of several e-mails that needed response from the Board. One was on the ethics training that was required for all Board Members. Town Administrator Richard Smith has left a message for the contact about the Robin Sage events but he has not heard anything back from that. We have been notified by WSACC that none of the rate will change as far as water and sewer go. They have not changed in the last 7 years. Budget process is ongoing.**

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Certificate of Sufficiency-Annexation Petition 2012-01- Deal Property**

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Certificate of Sufficiency on the Annexation Petition 2012-01-Deal Property. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

- 2. Certificate of Sufficiency- Annexation Petition 2012-02-HMO Property**

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Certificate of Sufficiency on the Annexation Petition 2012-02- HMO Property. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

- 3. Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing-Annexation Petition 2012-01- Deal Property**

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to set the public hearing on the Annexation Petition 2012-01- Deal Property for Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

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

**4. Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing – Annexation Petition 2012-02
HMO Property**

Commissioner Metcalf made a motion to set the public hearing on the Annexation Petition 2012-02- HMO Property for Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

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

5. Budget Amendment

The Town has been award AFG assistance from the Federal Government for the purchase of portable digital radios for the Fire Department. After further review, staff discovered that our required match was not included in the FY 2012 Budget.

Also as discussed at the March meeting, the adopted FY 2012 Budget included funds for the purchase of monitoring cameras and the accompanying accessories for the two police 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 cost of the new cameras does exceed the amount that was originally approved by the Town Board.

A budget amendment will need to be approved to ensure the proper allocation of the funds for the purchase of this equipment.

Staff is requesting the Board to approve a budget amendment to the 2012 Budget in order to reallocate the necessary funds from the current budget toward the purchase of these radios and cameras.

Staff recommends adoption of a budget amendment re-allocating funds from lapsed salaries in the Administration and Finance budget to the appropriate line items to cover these purchases.

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #OP004 for a Transfer of Lapsed Salaries to the Fire Department and Budget Amendment #OP005 for a Transfer of Lapsed Salaries to the Police Department. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Solid Waste Guidelines

On January 5, 2009 the Town Board adopted the current Fees and Charges Schedule. Included with this Schedule are the Solid Waste Guidelines which set

forth the collection schedule and the types of item the Town will and will not collect. These provisions make a distinction between single family residential collection and multi-family (over-six units) and large commercial collection. The provisions do permit collection, albeit with some limitations, of bulk waste materials for no additional charge. There is, however, an additional charge for standard trash collection when trash is left outside of the Town provided rollout containers.

There have been some recent discussions and inquires related to this policy. Staff has placed this item on the agenda in order for the Board to discuss it further. No action is requested at this time; however, staff will proceed as directed by the Town Board as it relates to this matter.

Commissioner Metcalf asked who was putting out the materials, contractors or homeowners. Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell stated that in the past that if something was put out then it was picked up. The maintenance workers carry a list in the trucks of items that they are not allowed to pick up. Town Administrator Richard Smith stated that the Town had one of the most user friendly garbage pick up services that he has seen. Town Administrator Richard Smith asked to be allowed to monitor some of the situations and to update some of the wording on the brochure. Town Administrator Richard Smith will also put information on the back of the water bills.

2. Funeral Leave Policy

The current Personnel Policy was adopted by the Town Board on December 7, 2009. The current policy includes a provision for up to three days of sick leave to be used for funeral leave. There is no provision for shared leave among employees.

Staff recommends amending the Personnel Policy to allow up to five day for funeral leave. Further, Staff recommends amending the Personnel Policy to include a provision for shared leave among employees.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy to include five days for funeral leave and shared leave among employees. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

3. MPO Alternate

At the December 5, 2011 meeting, the Town Board appointed Commissioner Burleyson as the primary representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the MPO and Commissioner Chapman as the alternate. At the February 6, 2012 meeting, the Town Board appointed Richard Smith as the Town's representative on the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

The Board needs to appoint an alternate TCC member to the MPO.

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

4. Electrical Access in Town Hall Parking Lot

The Mt. Pleasant Advisory Event Committee has talked about setting the food vendors up on the parking lot between the Lions Hut and the Enrichment Center but they have no electrical access there. Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell has talked with Clay Electric about a price to run electrical outlets to the pole that is in the parking lot, but it would require using the Lions Hut. Other avenues will be studied and brought back at the May 7, 2012 Board Meeting.

5. Harold Wilkerson's Water Meter Request

Town Administrator Richard Smith and Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell met with Mr. Wilkerson about his meter situation. The meter that he has does not indicate that it is a Town meter. The Board feels that this was connected to the system at some point and when the system was rehabbed this one was mistakenly not hooked back up, someone paid a tap fee at some point. Commissioner Burleyson asked if this was all that had to be done for Mr. Wilkerson to get water to his residence. Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell stated that he would have to run a service to his residence and set a meter. It would be standard work for a new customer.

Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to install a new meter and put this house back on our system. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer commented about the upcoming Farmers Market.

Commissioner Eberhardt asked about the buzzard issue on the water tank. Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell stated that one option being talked about was to put up a fake buzzard with its wings spread out. Commissioner Eberhardt also commented about big trucks traveling down Main Street using their jake brakes in the middle of the night. Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that this is something we may be able to get in touch with the DOT about.

Commissioner Chapman asked what the Town would do if the ACLU came to the Town about having prayer at the meetings. It was stated that the Town would address the situation if it happened. Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that the Town could possibly look at what Kannapolis has done. She stated that the Town should take it seriously if it happens.

Commissioner Burleyson stated that the people on Malibu Road have been notified by the Catawba Land Conservatory that there is going to be a control burn there this spring. He stated that the residents in Oldenburg would like to be notified also. Town Administrator Richard Smith will take care of this. Commissioner Barringer asked if there could be a control burn at the Public Works Facility. Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that DENR and the Fire Marshall would probably have to be talked to.

Commissioner Metcalf stated that he has talked to Congressman Kissell's office and has nothing further to add about the Post Office situation. He asked about the Eagle Scout project on the bleacher. He asked if there was any progress on the camper on Gov-Deal.

Mayor Eudy read a letter that he had received back from the parole board about the release of Roger Clark.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Chapman 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, May 7, 2012 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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