Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Board Meeting  
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room  
Monday-May 7, 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 Administrator Richard Smith  
Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell  
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Also Present:  Rev. Mitch Wilson, Samantha Moose, Deputy Howell, Pete Pasterz

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION
Rev. Mitch Wilson led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Eudy led in the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM
No one spoke in the public forum.
APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Eberhardt seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were two (2) public hearings. (1) Annexation Petition 2012-01- Deal Property (2) Annexation Petition 2012-02- HMO Property.

Mayor Eudy opened the public hearing for the Annexation Petition 2012-01- Deal Property and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the annexation.

With no comments, Mayor Eudy closed the public hearing on Annexation Petition 2012-01-Deal Property.

Mayor Eudy opened the public hearing for the Annexation Petition 2012-02-HMO Property and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak for or against the annexation.

With no comments, Mayor Eudy closed the public hearing on Annexation Petition 2012-02-HMO Property.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of 4 items, (1) Minutes of the April 2, 2012 Regular Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the Joint Town Board and P&Z Meeting on April 2, 2012, (3) Resolution – Marriage Amendment and (4) Proclamation-National Police Week. Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

1. Police- Deputy Howell gave a report
2. Fire Chief-Written
3. Finance Officer-Written
4. Public Works-Written
5. Code Enforcement-Reported that they are working with the Mill on West Franklin Street to bring it up to code. So far 9 vendors have signed up for the Farmers Market.
6. Town Attorney- Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated that she had a brief of the M-SERIES Rebuild case and she will e-mail it to the Town Clerk to send out to the Commissioners.
7. Town Administrator- Richard Smith reported on the fire study. He stated that we have received 3 RFQ for the Fire Department improvements and that we may include the Town Hall improvements and send it back out. Richard Smith wanted to commend the Public Works staff for being real quick to respond to any problems that come up. He also wanted to commend Vagn Hansen for the working with the mill (Wick Neal). Wick Neal stated in an e-mail that it was a joy working with Vagn Hansen and he had not had that experience in the past. The control burn that was scheduled has been postponed. The personnel from Robin Sage will keep in touch with the Town on any future exercises that they have planned. The campers are on GovDeals and the expiration date on those will be May 21, 2012.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annexation Petition 2012-01-Deal Property

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

2. Annexation Petition 2012-02- HMO Property

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to approve the Annexation Petition 2012-02-HMO Property. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

3. Town Hall Parking Lot Electricity

As discussed at the April meeting, the Events Committee forwarded a request to the Town for electrical access for the Town Hall parking lot. The addition of these outlets will be useful for the vendors that participate in the Independence Day activities. Staff has met with Duke Energy and procured an estimate from them and Clay Electric for the installation of electricity at this location.

The total bill from Clay Electric to install the electrical access will be $2,530.

Commissioner Burleyson made a motion to direct staff to proceed with the proposal from Clay Electric to install electrical access. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)
NEW BUSINESS

1. Cabarrus County Solid Waste Guidelines

Pete Pasterz with presented the Cabarrus County Solid Waste Guidelines. This plan is a 3-year update to the Solid Waste Plan. These updates have been coordinated and authored by County staff in conjunction with the respective municipalities throughout the County. Mr. Pasterz wanted to thank Town Administrator Richard Smith and Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell for their help in getting the document done.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Cabarrus County Solid Waste Plan as presented. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

2. Catawba Lands Conservancy Guardrail

The Town has received a request from the Catawba Lands Conservancy regarding assistance with the installation of a guardrail at the end of Oldenburg Drive in order to deter ATV access to their property. This is a request solely for assistance with the installation of a guardrail or some similar barricade. The Conservancy will fund the materials or supplies for this project. They have simply requested the assistance of our Public Works personnel and equipment to complete the installation.

Sharon Wilson with the Catawba Land Conservancy made the request. Commissioner Barringer asked what time frame they were looking at to have the guardrail installed. Sharon Wilson stated that by mid-summer. Commissioner Burleyson asked what the length would be and where would it run. Sharon Wilson stated that she was not sure yet that they still needed to talk to some of the property owners there. She stated they would do there best to make it as unobtrusive as possible.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion that we provide assistance with installing a guardrail in the Oldenburg Subdivision. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Travis Moorehead with the Carolina Threadtrail gave an update. He reported that it is Natural Trails Day on June 2, 2012 and that about 50 volunteers had already sign up to do trails on the property. He stated that you could sign up on the website. Commissioner Barringer asked if he had contacted any of the schools about this. Commissioner Burleyson asked where to meet for the event and Commissioner Metcalf asked about the access. Travis Moorehead stated it would be bicycle and pedestrian no motorized vehicles or horses.
3. Centralina Council of Government’s Connect Consortium

Mayor Pro Tem Burleyson gave a presentation on the Centralina Council of Government’s Connect Consortium regarding the CCOG HUD Sustainability Grant. There was no action required at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Burleyson will bring an agreement to the June meeting.

4. Fee Schedule Amendment-Solid Waste Guidelines

The Board recently discussed the issue of dumpsters located in the Historic District and what could be done to minimize their impact on adjacent properties.

The amendment would eliminate the use of dumpster in the Historic District for multi-family residential units with over six (6) units in order to achieve greater consistency and harmony within the downtown residential district.

After discussion, Commissioner Eberhardt made a motion to table this issue until next month, giving staff time to contact the property owners about the issue. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

5. 2012-2013 Recommended Budget

The Budget Officer’s Recommended Budget was presented to the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the discussion at the Budget Workshop and NCGS 159-11. Following the submission, the Board may hold as many public workshops as necessary to review the budget. At least ten days must elapse between the submission of the Recommended Budget and adoption of a Budget Ordinance. A balance budget should be adopted prior to July 1, 2012. The scheduled adoption of the final budget is June 4, 2012.

The Board must hold a public hearing on the budget document prior to adoption. The Town of Mount Pleasant had typically held this hearing at the first meeting in June, which falls on June 4, 2012. A notice informing the public that the proposed budge has been submitted, that a copy is available for inspection in the Clerk’s Office, and the time and date of the public hearing must be published in the local newspaper.

Town Administrator Richard Smith stated that Bill Pless with Benchmark has helped with the budget process also.
MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman stated that he had been asked about the Highway 49 & 73 Project and the Bridge Project. He also attended the National Day of Prayer and the Law Day at the County.

Commissioner Metcalf stated that the Farmer’s Market was going good. He had had some complaints about the mud on the roadway at the Highway 49 & 73 Project.

Commissioner Barringer also stated about the Farmer’s Market. He has had complaints about squirrels.

Commissioner Eberhardt reported that he has had complaints about junked cars. Vagn Hansen stated that he has not heard of any but if Commissioner Eberhardt will get with him they can get them reported. He also stated the lot on the corner of Lee and South has grown up. He has not heard anything else about the buzzard on the water tank. Public Works Director Bobby Hartsell stated that they had put a stuffed one up and it must be working.

Mayor Eudy has been approached by the volunteers about McAllister Field behind Town Hall. The field is muddy from a drain and a volunteer group donated dirt but it was full of rock. They want to know if the Town will pay for a load of dirt and for an exterminator for the concession stand. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to get a load of dirt for the McAllister Field and to get an exterminator for the concession stand. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

Mayor Eudy was invited to the Speedway on May 4, 2012 along with Mayor from surrounding municipalities. This year they are having “May Race to Education” and each Mayor drew at random a driver’s name. Mayor Eudy drew Brad Keselowski. If Brad Keselowski wins the All-Star race Mt. Pleasant School’s wins $20,000. If Brad Keselowski wins the Coca-Cola 600 Mt. Pleasant School’s wins an additional $20,000. Mayor Eudy was given 50 tickets to give to teachers for the All-Star Race and 500 vouchers for children under 13 for the events.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to go into closed session according to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) consult with the Attorney and NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Commissioner Metcalf seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)
ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapmen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Metcalf 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, June 4, 2012 in the Regular Meeting.

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Town Clerk Cathy Whittington       Mayor Del Eudy