

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday-December 2, 2013
5:00 P.M.**

**Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner James Sells
Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Jerry Taylor
Benchmark Vagn Hansen**

Also Present: Officer Wagoner, Commissioner Elect Steve Ashby, Tim Reaves, Rev. Tom Fleming, Samantha Grass, Crystal Smith, Michael Smith, Braden Smith, Benen Smith, Rob Walters

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

Rob Walters gave an update on the Mount Pleasant Schools. He stated that the fifth grade was the top five in the County in Reading and Math growth and the top in the County in Science growth.

Rob Walters reported that the repairs to the tennis courts at the Mount Pleasant High School will begin the first week of December. The new boilers at the High School are fully operational now. The only thing they're adding is new control panels in the boiler room and that work will be completed in January.

Rob Walters submitted a printout to the Board with a list of things that were going on at the Mount Pleasant Schools.

Rob Walters is asking for a Resolution from the Board about keeping the Middle School at its present location.

With no one else speaking in public forum, Mayor Eudy closed the public forum.

SWEAR IN NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mayor Eudy swore in Board Members Lori Furr, Scott Barringer, James Sells and Steve Ashby.

Mayor Eudy swore Crystal Smith in as new Finance Director.

APPROVE AGENDA

With the addition of #6 FEMA Grant, Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda included the minutes of the November 4, 2013 Board Meeting. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

- 1. Police**
- 2. Fire Chief**
- 3. Finance Officer**
- 4. Public Works**
- 5. Code Enforcement**
- 6. Town Attorney**

7. Town Administrator
8. WSACC

All reports were submitted as written except Officer Wagoner and Town Administrator Randy Holloway. Officer Wagoner reported that vehicle break-in were up for the month. Town Administrator reported that he had been invited to participate in an Economic Panel. He asked the Board to e-mail him information that can be used for this.

OLD BUSINESS

1.IT Network

Last month the Town employed Tim Wooten with Woowiz Works to survey the Town's IT network and make recommendations for improvement. The Town has been paying \$110 an hour for IT services and Woowiz Works has agreed to charge \$25 an hour for the same level of IT services. The majority of the recommendations from Mr. Wooten for phase one is in the process of being implemented. A meeting was conducted on November 22, 2013 with Mr. Wooten, Town Staff members and Technologies Edge. Tech Edge is a private IT firm that handles the IT service for Concord, Kannapolis and Harrisburg. Tech Edge was requested to prepare a proposal to provide backup services to Mr. Wooten and provide a higher level of IT services when needed.

Commissioner Barringer had a question about the \$500 fee on the letter in paragraph 3. He wanted to know if this was the cost if we wanted the plan.

Town Attorney Christy Wilhelm stated with the public access laws it was probably a good thing to have the capacity that this would allow.

Commissioner Ashby stated that he thinks this needs to be done.

Mayor Eudy stated that the contract could be terminated with a 30 day written notice.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to direct Staff to continue working on making improvements to the Town's IT network and have a specific report prepared for the January 6, 2014 Town Board Meeting. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Mayor Pro Tem

Commissioner Barringer nominated Commissioner Furr to be Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Barringer made the motion to appoint Commissioner Furr as Mayor

Pro Tem. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

2. Appointments to COG- Member and Alternate

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Commissioner Chapman as the Member to COG. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0) Commissioner Furr made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ashby as the Alternate to COG. Commissioner Barringer seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0) Both Commissioners accepted the appointments.

3. Discuss Overdue Water Accounts

There are a significant number of overdue water bills and the Town's Staff is seeking input and direction from the Board of Commissioners on the enforcement of the policy. The current policy states that a service disconnect will occur on the 5th day of the month following the month after the bill is due. There are a number of accounts that exceed this policy and the Town's Staff is requesting direction from the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to send letters to the customers that were delinquent on their water bills.

4. Explore Re-Financing Public Works Facility

The Town Administrator has reviewed the current financing schedule for the new Public Works Facility and recommends the Board's consideration to re-finance the facility. The facility is currently financed with BB&T at an interest rate of 3.85%. The Town Administrator has conducted some initial estimates of re-financing the facility with the Local Government Federal Credit Union at a rate of 2.75% which will save an estimated \$26,000 over the remaining 10 years of the loan. The Town's Attorney will need to review the loan/financing documents to ensure the Town's ability to re-finance the remaining debt.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to have the Town Staff and Attorney to investigate the documents and bring it back at the February meeting. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

5. Consider Giving Town Administrator Authority To Execute Contracts

The Town Administrator is requesting consideration to allow the Administrator to execute contracts that have been approved by the Town Board. Currently contracts require the Mayor's signature which creates inconvenience for both the Mayor and Town Staff.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to execute contracts that have been approved by the Town Board. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

6. FEMA Grant for Fire Department

The Fire Department is requesting the Board's approval to allow the Fire Department to submit a grant application to FEMA for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The Department has identified a need to replace some existing rescue tools and purchase additional rescue tools for one of the fire units. The replacement and purchase of new tools standardize the tool both within the Department and within Cabarrus County. The project is estimated to cost \$100,000 with a local match of 5% (\$5,000). If the grant application is approved the Fire Department will provide the required match from the existing Fire Department budget.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to allow the Fire Department to submit a grant application to FEMA for the Assistant to Firefighters Grant Program in the amount of \$100,000 with a local match of \$5,000. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer stated that he had many positive comments about the decorations at the Fire Department.

Commissioner Furr stated that several people from Oldenburg had approached her about issues with water pressure.

Commissioner Chapman also stated he had positive comments about the decorations at the Fire Department. He had complaints about speeding on Jackson Street. It was suggested to have the Officer on duty to park near the Elementary School in the mornings when parents are taking their children to school.

Commissioner Ashby thanked the Board for allowing him to be on the Board and he was looking forward to working with them. He stated that a possible candidate for the Planning and Zoning would be the person that was running against him in the election.

Commissioner Sells stated that it was good that the Fire Department was looking for Grants and encouraged them to keep looking for them. Commissioner Sells wanted to thank all the Staff for the good jobs that they have done this year.

Mayor Eudy reminded everyone of the Christmas Party, December 10, 2013 at Yadkin Valley Steakhouse. The Christmas Parade is December 14th at 11:00.

Mayor Eudy stated that Town Administrator Randy Holloway was doing a great job.

Mayor Eudy wanted to wish everyone a Happy Holidays

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Barringer 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, February 3, 2014 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy