

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, January 6, 2014
5:00 P.M.**

**Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner James Sells
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Steve Ashby
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington**

Also Present: Sable Simmons, Officer Wagoner, Samantha Grass, Rev. Bruce Gwyn, Tim Reaves, Rob Walters, Crystal Smith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Bruce Gwyn led in Prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rob Walters gave an update on the school situations at Mount Pleasant. He stated that the new camera system had been installed at the High School. The track needs repairing and they are looking for people to volunteer to help with some of the projects. Several of the magnet programs are open. The replacement of the Middle School will be discussed at the Cabarrus County School Board meeting taking place

on January 6, 2014. Commissioner Barringer asked if there was a magnet school planned for Mount Pleasant. Mr. Walters stated not at this time. The Town Board had prepared a Resolution Opposing the Relocation of the Mount Pleasant Middle School and presented it to Mr. Walters to deliver to the Cabarrus County School Board.

Sable Simmons, 8124 New Street, approached the Board concerning her water and sewer bill. Ms. Simmons had a water leak in October and received an adjustment of \$30.65. She had another leak in November which was even worse than the first. Her water and sewer bill for November was \$179.04. Ms. Simmons stated that her employment situation was not good and she was doing the best she could. She is asking relief for the water leak in November. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to adjust Ms. Simmons water bill to \$43.74 which is a minimum water and sewer bill. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (5-0)

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

APPROVE AGENDA

With the addition of #2 Events Committee Application, Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board members in favor. (5-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

There were two items on the consent agenda. (1) Resolution Opposing the Relocation of Mount Pleasant Middle School, (2) Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Proclamation. Commission Barringer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

1. Police
 2. Fire Chief
 3. Town Administrator
 4. Finance Officer- Crystal Smith reported that she was looking into bulk mail rate for the water and sewer billing. She is starting a monthly PO process and working on getting the W-2's out in the next few weeks
 5. Public Works
 6. Town Attorney
 7. Code Enforcement
- All other reports accepted as written.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Overdue Water Bills

The Town Board directed the Town's Staff to start enforcing the Town's policy on overdue water and sewer bills without exception. Letters have been mailed to all customers with overdue water and sewer bills and a reminder was placed on the back of the December 2013 water bills. The policy will start being enforced and water cut offs will begin on February 5, 2014 for past due accounts.

There were 54 letter sent out to customers with. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with this process.

2. Update on IT Network

Town Administrator Randy Holloway presented a detailed list of items that was completed in Phase One of the IT improvements. The estimate that Tim Wooten gave was \$5,750. The cost was only \$4,850. We are now looking at the ability to pay bills online. There will be another meeting on January 9, 2014 with Town Staff, Tech Edge and Mr. Wooten to prepare a recommendation for Phase Two of the IT improvements and hopefully that plan will be ready for the February 3, 2014 Town Board Meeting.

3. Update on Re-Financing Public Works Facility

The Town's Attorney reviewed the financing documents and advised the following: "According to the Financing Agreement with BB&T, the Town may prepay the full amount of the balance owed with a penalty of paying 100.5% of the outstanding principal of the loan. (Page 8 of the agreement, Paragraph 3.03). I believe the outstanding balance is \$466,666.70 according to the amortization schedule on the back of the Financing Agreement, which would require a payoff of \$469,000. In other words, it will cost the Town about \$2300, plus any closing costs for the new loan, which should be far less than the money you have calculated that we will save with the new loan rate".

The Town's Staff has made contact with the North Carolina Local Government Commission to begin the process of re-financing the Public Works Facility to obtain a more favorable rate.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Budget Planning Process for Fiscal Year 2015

Town's Staff is requesting the Mayor's and Town Board's input and direction on the desired budget process for Fiscal year 2015. Staff recommends the Board consider having a planning session one evening or a Saturday morning in February to discuss desired outcomes for the Fiscal Year 2015 and beyond. The session would be focused on the Board's priorities for the next year's budget and general direction for the next 5-10 year period. Staff will take those priorities and direction for the Board and prepare a budget to be presented at the May 5, 2014 regular Board meeting. Additional budget work sessions can be scheduled as needed.

The Board decided on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. for the Budget Work Session.

2. Event Committee Appointment

Richard Burleyson submitted an application for the Event Committee. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to accept the application from Richard Burleyson. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

A member of the Board is supposed to be on the Events Committee. Commissioner Chapman volunteered to be on this committee.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer reported that he and Commissioner Sells attended the Fire Department meeting and counted the votes for the election. He stated that the meeting was very organized and he commended the Fire Chief.

Commissioner Furr commented about some street lights that had been replaced. She also commented about several of the Firemen picking with her children at the What-A-Burger. They thought that was great.

Commissioner Chapman stated that several people asked him if anything could be done about the drive that goes up to Fifth Third Bank from Barringer Drive. This is the banks drive. He had several comments on the decorations at the Fire Department. The guys at the Fire Department seem to be more relaxed.

Commissioner Ashby stated that he had talked with some business owners (not in Town) about concerns with bringing small businesses in Town. The guidelines in UDO on new construction would make it hard on new businesses.

Commissioner Sells stated that he had spent 2 hours with Commissioner Barringer at the Fire Department counting votes for the election. He has concerns about the off ramp at Highway 49. He has called Kevin Hart to talk to him about it.

Mayor Eudy stated that he did not have anything at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Sells 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