

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, February 3, 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 Attorney Christy Wilhelm
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Finance Officer Crystal Smith
Fire Chief Jerry Taylor

Also Present: Vagn Hansen, Troy Barnhardt, Officer Stephen Wagoner, Tim Wooten, Samantha Grass, Tim Reaves, Rev. Mike Johnson,

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Del Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Mike Johnson led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Del Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Barringer 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 consist of 5 items; (1) Minutes of December 2, 2013 Regular Board Meeting (2) Minutes of January 6, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, (3) Proclamation Black History Month, (4) Contract Southern Software, (5) Receive copy of FY-2013 Audit. Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

1. Police
2. Fire Chief
3. Town Administrator
4. Finance Officer
5. Public Works
6. Town Attorney
7. Code Enforcement
8. WSACC

Commissioner Chapman stated that in his report he stated that parents were speeding in the afternoons down Jackson Street. Officer Wagoner stated that he would pass this information on to the officers.

Troy Barnhardt gave an updated report on the Master Plan for WSACC. He stated that Mt. Pleasant is mentioned and by the year 2020 Mt. Pleasant is projected to have tremendous growth. Troy Barnhardt reported that as soon as WSACC approves the Master Plan they would like to come to Mt. Pleasant and talk about what effects only Mt. Pleasants.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appoint Member and Alternate TCC and TAC to MPO

Commissioner Furr nominated Commissioner Sell as TCC Member to the MPO. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0) Commissioner Furr made a motion to nominate Commissioner Barringer as Alternate TCC Member to the MPO. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

2. Update on Town Staff Enforcing Town's Policy on Overdue Water Bills

The Town Board directed the Town's Staff to start enforcing the Town's policy on overdue water bills without exception. Letters have been mailed to all customers with overdue water bills and a reminder was placed on the back of the December 2013 water bills. A number of the overdue bills have been paid and the bills that have not been paid will be cut off per policy on February 5, 2014. There are approximately 30 bills that are still overdue.

3. Update on Town's IT Network & Recommendations for Improvements

A meeting was conducted on January 9, 2014 with Town Staff, Tech Edge and Mr. Wooten to prepare a recommendation for phase two of IT improvements. A copy of the findings and recommendations is included in the Board Agenda packet. Tony Eury, Charles Spruill along with Tim Wooten was at the meeting to answer any questions that the board might have.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Applications for Planning and Zoning Board

There were two applications received for the Planning and Zoning Board (1) Charles McDaniel and (2) Jeff Helmtoller. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to appoint Jeff Helmtoller to the Planning and Zoning Board. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

2. Consider Changing the Date of the FY-2015 Budget Planning Session

The Town's Staff is requesting the Mayor's and Town Board's consideration to delay the FY-2015 budget planning session until late February or early March. The Staff is still working on current budget projections and working with the County on FY-2015 projections. The Staff would suggest the Boards consider having the planning session following the regular Board meeting on March 3, 2014. 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 directions from 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. After discussing several dates, it was the consensus of the Board to meet after the Board meeting on March 3, 2013.

3. Consider Proposal for Architectural Assessment of Masonic Lodge

The Town's Staff is requesting consideration of an agreement for the architectural assessment of the Masonic Lodge building on South Main Street. The agreement would be with the North Carolina Downtown Development Association. Mr. Jason Epley, who is a part owner of Benchmark, is also Executive Director of the NC

Downtown Development Association. Among other things, NCDDA provides reduced cost technical assistance to member communities on projects such as this. Mr. Epley was able to get Gray Stout, an architect and NCDDA member from Salisbury, to agree to provide the service at a reduced cost through NCDDA even though Mt. Pleasant isn't a member. The assessment would be very helpful in providing much needed direction on the property the Town purchased on South Main Street. The project cost included in the agreement is \$600. Commissioner Sells made a motion to approve the proposal for \$600 for the architectural assessment of the Masonic Lodge. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

4. Consider Ending Agreement with ORC for Town's Water Distribution System

The Town currently contracts with Mr. Kenneth Black to perform services as the ORC (operator in responsible charge) for the Town's water distribution system. The Town is required to have someone in the ORC position or contract for those services as required by the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources. The Town's Public Works Director, Bobby Hartsell has the training and certification to provide the ORC position for the Town's water distribution system. The Town is currently paying Mr. Black \$500 per month for this service. The Staff recommends ending the contract with a 30 day notice to Mr. Black effective March 3, 2014. Commissioner Barringer made a motion to end the contract with Mr. Black effective March 3, 2014. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman wanted to thank Commissioner's Barringer and Furr for putting him on the COG Board. He has now been elected to the Executive Board.

Commissioner Ashby stated that he was at the meeting where Commissioner Chapman was elected to the Executive Board.

Commissioner Sells stated that the Town did a good job on the roads during the snow.

Commissioner Barringer stated that the Fire Department was doing a good job with the new Fire Chief.

Mayor Eudy stated that he was going to be in a play call the "Big Bad" on February 22, 2014. This will be a fund raiser for the Friends of the Mt Pleasant Library. Mayor Eudy stated that he plays one of the little pigs.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barringer 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, March 3, 2014 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy