

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

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Scott Barringer
Commissioner James Sells (Absent)
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Steve Ashby (arrived at 5:05)
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney Brittany Love
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Jerry Taylor
Finance Officer Crystal Smith

Also Present: Rev. Bruce Gwyn, Troy Barnhardt, Samantha Grass, Stephen Wagoner, Tim Reeves

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

Rev. Bruce Gwyn, 8792 Valley Street, wanted to Thank the Mayor and Board and the Town for their cooperation for the Day of Prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA

For the Agenda #2 Set Date for Public Hearing on FY2014-2015 Budget was moved to #3 and a revision with #2 Budget Presentation was added. With these changes Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (4-0)

CONSESNT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of (1) the Minutes of the March 3, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, (2) Proclamation-Police Officer Week. Commissioner Chapman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (4-0)

REPORTS

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

All reports were accepted as written. Officer Wagoner pointed out on his report that there had been two businesses that had been broken into during the past month.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Masonic Lodge Building

Town Administrator Randy Holloway stated that the report from The North Carolina Downtown Development Association on the Masonic showed that it has no historic value. The report was submitted for information only. It was stated that we did not buy the lodge to restore it. Commissioner Ashby stated that the wood in the house may have some value. Vagn and Staff are still working on uses for the property. Commissioner Barringer asked if we had received a price on demolishing the building. It was stated that we could not get a price for this. Several ideas were discussed for the usage of the property. Town Administrator Randy Holloway stated

that he had the asbestos report but not how much it would cost to remove it. He stated that that Staff would work on this.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Copier Lease Agreement

The current copier/printer at Town Hall is 9 years old and continues to give significant problems and often delays the printing of water bills. The Town owns this printer and we pay approximately \$125 per month in maintenance fees. The Staff has evaluated several bids to replace the unit with a new unit that is twice the speed and offers many more options to help increase the efficiency of the Staff and ensure the timely printing and mailing of 1,100 water and sewer bills. The Staff recommends a five year lease agreement with Modern Impressions with a monthly payment of \$252.95 with an effective date of May 5, 2014.

Commissioner Ashby made a motion to accept the five year lease agreement with Modern Impressions. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (4-0)

2. Presentation of FY2014-2015 Budget

Town Administrator Randy Holloway and Finance Officer Crystal Smith presented the FY2014-2015 Budget. This budget is \$66,000 less than last year. The budget is balanced. The State requires an 8% fund balance; the Town's fund balance is 62.89%. There is no tax increase and no water and sewer increase. The tax value is \$131,419,000. Our collection rate is 97-99%. The \$30,000 staffing grant has been discontinued. We are recommending in the Rural Fire District an increase from 8.3 cent to 9.75 to recover the loss of the staffing grant. Commissioner Barringer ask what would happen if it was not approved. We would probably have to cut staff.

Several of the expenditures were as follows: 2.5% COLA for the employees including part-time, health care changing from \$500 deductible to \$1,500 deductible, Capital Reserve \$20,000 for future replacement of garbage truck and \$15,000 for future replacement of police car, \$48,000 for mini excavator, \$24,000 out of general, \$24,000 out of water and sewer, a 10% raise to officially promote Bobby Hartsell to position of Public Works Director

Mayor Eudy complemented staff for their work on the budget

3. Set Date for Public Hearing on FY2014-2015 Budget

Town Attorney Brittany Love asked about the staffing grant, it will be decided at the County Commissioners meeting if it will be approved. Town Administrator Randy Holloway does not think it will be approved. He stated that the budget could be adjusted. Mayor Eudy, Fire Chief Taylor and Town Administrator Randy

Holloway will be attending the meeting. Mayor Eudy suggested taking a map to show the area that the Town Fire Department covered.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to have the Public Hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (4-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer thanked the Fire Department for cutting down the stereo. The neighbors down the street appreciate it also.

Commissioner Furr stated that she heard the run at the Thread Trail was tough.

Commissioner Chapman made a comment that some pot holes in Oldenburg were patched when he got home. He stated that a house on South Main Street had shrubbery that needed cut. (Property bought by Town) Town Administrator stated we'd work on that. Commissioner Chapman asked about the Highway 49 Project. Mayor Eudy stated that by the contract it should be finished by next month.

Commissioner Ashby stated that there were about 200 runners at the Thread Trail. It was small this year and they are trying to figure out some things. They may change the date next year because they were competing with other runs.

Mayor Eudy stated that we had a great Day of Prayer here at Town Hall. He reported that Election Day was tomorrow. He stated that he attended the Commissioners meeting and spoke against closing our Library and Senior Center. He stated he did not say anything about the school. Commissioner Barringer asked about Walnut Street and pot holes. Town Administrator Randy Holloway stated that he had asked Bobby Hartsell to get a list of projects and put them in order of priority. This is projects that Powell Bill money can be used for.

Commissioner Chapman asked about the apron at the Fire Department. Bobby Hartsell is going to scope it to see if it is leaking, if not then we can go ahead and do it.

Commissioner Barringer asked if anyone had thought about a drive through at the Fire Department... Town Administrator stated that there were no more accidents from backing in than from pulling in.

Commissioner Ashby asked if the Fire Department siren could be used for a tornado alert. Town Administrator Randy Holloway said it could be looked into.

ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion with all board members in favor. (4-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, June, 23, 2014 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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