

Mount Pleasant

North Carolina

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, December 7, 2015
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
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney Brittany Love
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Crystal Smith, Samantha Fisk, Erin Burris, Deputy Stephen Wagner, Deputy Nolan Gadd, Leonard Eudy, Cris Eudy, Kim Baker, Bruce Gwyn, Tina Conder, Chief Jerry Taylor, John Scarbrough, Shelia Chapman, Christine Gilbert, Gail Simpson, and Linda Eudy.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Bruce Gwyn led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

Tina Conder from Mt. Pleasant Middle School PTSO invited the Mayor and Town Board to the 2015 Annual Crookin' Around the Christmas Tree on Wednesday, December 16 11am-1pm.

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SWEAR IN MAYOR & NEW BOARD MEMBERS

W. Del Eudy was sworn in as Town Mayor. Warren Chapman and Justin Simpson were sworn in as Town Commissioners.

PROCLAMATION FOR JIM SELLS AS OUTGOING COMMISSIONER

Mayor Del Eudy read the Proclamation for Jim Sells to those attending and thanked him for his service to our Town.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Agenda with a second by Commissioner Ashby. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISION

No Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of November 2, 2015 Board Meeting
2. State of North Carolina 2016 Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda without any further discussion of items with a second by Commissioner Barringer. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

REPORTS

Police-Stephen Wagnor
Fire Chief-Jerry Taylor
Finance Officer-Crystal Smith
Project/Events Coordinator Samantha Fisk
Town Clerk- Amy Schueneman
Public Works-Bobby Hartsell
Planning/Code Enforcement- Erin Burris
Town Attorney-Brittany Love
Town Administrator-Randy Holloway
WSACC- Troy Barnhardt

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Text Amendment concerning LED signage was removed from the agenda. John Murdock, Chair for the Planning & Zoning Board, would like to look it over again before a vote is made by the Board. Commissioner Ashby said it is currently encompassing all areas of the Town but would like P & Z to divide it into different areas such as downtown and Hwy 49 corridor. A motion was made by Commissioner Barringer with a second by Commissioner Ashby to return the LED Text Amendment back to the

Planning & Zoning Board to reevaluate. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Every two years following the Municipal elections a Mayor Pro Tem must be appointed to the Town Board. Commissioner Lori Furr has held that position the past two years. Commissioner Chapman made a motion for Commissioner Furr to be reappointed as Mayor Pro Tem with a second by Commissioner Ashby. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)
2. A motion to approve changing the Town Charter (Part 2 Government and Administration Article B Section 2-1011 Regular meetings; time and place) for Town Board of Commissioners meetings from the first Monday of the month at 5pm to the second Monday of the month at 6pm starting January was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)
3. A motion to approve changing the Town Charter (Part 2 Government and Administration Article C Section 2-7025 Meetings (a):) for the Planning & Zoning Board meetings from the second Monday of the month at 7pm to the fourth Monday of the month at 6pm starting January 25, 2016 was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)
4. The Town Administrator and Finance Director are recommending your consideration to reject the bids received for the proposed security improvements to Town Hall. We invited four contractors to bid the project and received two bids. The low bid was from Misenheimer Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$48,500 and the second bid was from Carpenter Construction Company in the amount of \$153,000. The project was budgeted at \$30,000 to include a ten percent contingency. The Town Staff is recommending rejecting the bids and re-evaluating the scope of the project for a future re-bid or to delay the project until FY-2016-17. A motion to reject all bids and direct the Town's Staff to re-evaluate the scope of the project for future consideration was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Barringer. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)
5. Additional time is needed to audit financial accounts due to the severe computer server backup issues we had during January 2015. Currently we have nightly backup of the entire server, a weekly backup of all critical files, and a bi-weekly backup of Outlook emails. We also have three places we are now storing data.

The on-going issue with WSACC has delayed receiving final attorney letters from both firms for the auditor's use.

A motion to approve extending contract until January 31, 2016 to complete financial audit was made by Commissioner Barringer with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

6. To help improve convenience for our customers, the Town staff would like to implement an Automatic Draft program that would allow customers to pay their water/sewer payments automatically once their paperwork is in place. Checking or savings accounts would be drafted on the 10th of each month for the amount of the water/sewer bill. If approved the form will be inserted into the January, 2016 bill and drafts will begin on February 10, 2016. A motion to approve the Automatic Draft form for customers to pay their water/sewer bills and to allow the Automatic Draft program to begin on February 10, 2016 was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer has enjoyed the Christmas lights at the Fire Department and in downtown area. He has heard several complaints about the curb the Town placed on Washington St. Many people are hitting it or running up over it. He asked if the Public Works could look at the situation again.

Commissioner Furr said that she has had some of the same complaints about Washington St. Also, she thinks the Christmas Light contest is nice and Main St. has some very nice displays.

Commissioner Simpson feels honored to be able to represent the citizens of Mount Pleasant.

Commissioner Ashby congratulated Mayor Eudy and Commissioner Chapman on their reelection and Commissioner Simpson's election. He thinks the Christmas Light Contest is promising and the prizes are nice.

Commissioner Chapman had several questions asked about the housing project and Family Dollar shopping center. The Public Works Dept. is doing a good job getting up the leaves around Town.

Mayor Eudy thanked the Town Staff for their continued good work.

Mayor Eudy requested a motion to go into Closed Session N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) A motion was made to go into Closed Session by Commissioner

Furr with a second by Commissioner Ashby. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(3)

To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged.

A motion was made to go out of Closed Session by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Ashby to allow Attorney Scarbrough to move forward with the Board's recommendation discussed during Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(3) with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)


ADJOURNMENT

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr 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, January 11, 2016 in the Regular Meeting.



Town Clerk Amy Schueneman



Mayor W. Del Eudy

