

Mount Pleasant

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Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, June 1, 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
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney Brittany Love
Town Clerk Cathy Whittington
Fire Chief Jerry Taylor
Finance Officer Crystal Smith
Event/Project Coordinator Amy Schueneman
Planning Director Vagn Hansen

Also Present: Officer Stephen Wagoner, Officer Pat Beardon, Rev. Lewis Whittington

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Rev. Lewis Whittington led in prayer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke in Public Forum.

APPROVE AGENDA

With the addition of -Closed Session N.C.G.S 143-318.11(a)(1) Prevent Disclosure of Privileged Information- Commissioner Sells made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

Fiscal Year Budget 2015-2016

Mayor Eudy opened the Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year Budget 2015-2016. Mayor Eudy asked if there were any questions or discussions. With no questions or discussion, Mayor Eudy closed the Public Hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consist of the Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Barringer 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

All reports were accepted as written except the Police. Officer Wagoner reported on the break in at Sandy's. The people were caught.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Audit Contract with Sherrill & Smith, CPAs, PA

The Town Administrator has received and reviewed the contract with Sherrill & Smith, CPAs, PA for the annual required audit of the Town's accounts. The contract is in line with previous contracts and the contract amount is included in the FY-2014-2015 budget. The Administrators recommends the approval of the contract.

Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Audit Contract with Sherrill & Smith for \$12,000 base fee, additional single audit fee \$3,500, if necessary and preparation of the annual financial statements of \$4,000. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

2. Update to the Personnel Policy

The Town Administrator is recommending a change to the Personnel Policy under Article VI, Employee Benefits. The current policy provides for continued health care coverage for retirees after 30 years of service. The policy has been amended to reduce the continued years of service with the Town to 20 years. The policy has also been amended to provide for the full cost of the health care premium until the retiree reaches eligibility for Medicare. This change will make the employee benefits more in line with other jurisdictions in the surrounding area.

Commissioner Barringer asked if the employee would contribute to this. Town Administrator Randy Holloway stated not at this time.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve the Update to the Personnel Policy. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

3. Cell Phone Stipend Policy

Currently the Town provides cell phones for many of our employees with no policy in place to regulate the use of the phones. The new cell phone stipend policy will eliminate employees using Town provided cell phones for personal use. The policy will provide a cell phone stipend for positions that justify the use of cell phones for business use. The stipend will be \$30 per month for a basic phone and \$50 per month for a Smartphone that is justified based on the need to have data / email accessibility for business purposes. This stipend process is estimated to save the Town approximately \$2,500 a year in cell phone expenses.

Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Cell Phone Stipend Policy. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman stated that there was a good turnout for the ribbon cutting for Fit Connection. He stated that he went to the water treatment plant and Kenny Black took him on a tour of the plant. He asked if the Commissioners were going to ride in the fire truck in the parade. He was told that the truck was on standby if they wanted to ride in it. Commissioner Chapman asked about the phone tree for the Town. Town Administrator stated that it is in the Budget.

Commissioner Ashby mentioned several students and teachers from Mount Pleasant that had won awards. Ryan Shaver won Mount Pleasant High School Teacher of the Year. Monica Clapp was named the April Home Town Hero for Cabarrus County School. Jaz Williams won District 8 NC Congressional Art Award. Josh Adams and Nick Carl won Charlotte Youth Wind Ensemble. The Band placed 2nd in Division in Atlanta Bands of America Regional Champs. Lillie Lefler saved a man's life with CPR. The athletics, football, wrestlers, swimming, volleyball, etc., all did well and 6 are going on to play on college scholarships.

Commissioner Sells commented on the Farmer's Market and had a complaint about the traffic on North Skyland.

Commissioner Furr stated there was a great turnout for the Grand Opening for Fit Connection.

Commissioner Barringer reported on the MPO meeting he attended. They are re-doing the exits 58, 60 and 63. Exits 58 and 60 will be made into an emerging diamond and exit 63 at Lane Street will be round about. It was also mentioned that Spenser got the Small Town Main Street Program. They received a \$200,000 PARTF Grant to purchase a 46 acre park. Commissioner Barringer stated we might want to look into this. Commissioner Barringer wanted to know if there was any information on the Thread Trail. He stated that someone had started a Go Fund Me drive to start a workout facility in Mount Pleasant.

Mayor Eudy stated that the Fit Connection probably had 40-50 people at the Grand Opening. Mayor Eudy stated that he hasn't heard anything about the water issue.

Commissioner Barringer made a motion to go into closed session N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(1) To Prevent the Disclosure of Privileged Information. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion the motion with all Board Members in favor. (5-0)

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 June 29, 2015 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy

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