Mount Pleasant

-North Carolina



Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, June 29, 2015
5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy

Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr-Absent

Commissioner Scott Barringer- Absent

Commissioner James Sells-Arrived at 5:08 p.m.

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

Project/Event Coordinator Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Officer Stephen Wagoner, Troy Barnhardt

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Mayor Eudy led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke in the Public Forum.

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APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Ashby made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

CONSESNT AGENDA

The consent agenda consist of (1) Minutes of June 1, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, (2) Minutes of the Special Called Meeting May 26, 2015, (3) Resolution by Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District Board. After discussion with Benchmark it was decided to remove #3 from the consent agenda. With this removal, Commissioner Sells made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

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.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Re-Appoint Herman Watts ABC Board

Mr. Herman Watts is up for re-appointment to the Mount Pleasant ABC Board. The re-appointment will be for a period of three years. He is willing to accept the re-appointment.

Commissioner Sells made a motion to re-appoint Herman Watts to the ABC Board for a period of three years. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

2. Change August 3, 2015 Meeting Date

The Mayor is requesting this change based on vacation plans that will not allow him to make the August 3^{rd} meeting date.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to change the meeting date to August 10, 2015. Commissioner Sells seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

3. Disposal of Items Salvaged From South Main Street Properties

The Town Administrator is recommending the Board's consideration on the disposal of various items salvaged from the Town owned structures on South Main Street. The items are currently being stored in several locations and we need to have some direction from the Board on the desired disposal of these items. The items include doors, windows, iron works, pine flooring, heavy timbers, cast iron plumbing fixtures, etc. The Board may consider allowing the Board and Staff members to select an item(s) and make a donation to the Historical Society and then give the remaining items to the Society for a potential fund raiser to be held at a future date. We have also recovered the Corner Stone from the Masonic Lodge and we would also recommend the donation of that item to the Historical Society.

Commissioner Ashby wanted to clarify that we were talking about the Eastern Cabarrus Historical Society in Mount Pleasant. He also stated that maybe we could put the Corner Stone from the Masonic Lodge somewhere on the property and maintain it there.

Town Administrator stated that the Commissioners could possibly have some recommendations at the August Board meeting on what to do with the surplus.

4. Contract With Cabarrus County to Provide Fire Protection Services in the Mount Pleasant Rural Fire District for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Town Administrator has received and reviewed the contract with Cabarrus County for the Town to provide fire protection services in the Mount Pleasant Rural Fire District for Fiscal year 2015-16. The contract includes the two (2) cent tax increase requested by the Town. The tax rate will be 10.3 cents effective July 1, 2015. The Fire Department will be directed to move quickly to conduct the fire protection survey to potentially lower the fire insurance rating to save the property owners significant dollars on their property insurance rates.

Commissioner Sells made a motion to approve the Contract with Cabarrus County to Provide Fire Protection Services in the Mount Pleasant Rural Fire District for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

5. Adopt Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and Associated Operating Budget Ordinance.

The Town Administrator is recommending the adoption of the Budget for Fiscal year 2015-16 for a total combined budget of \$2,592,490. The Budget is balanced with a proposed property tax rate of 50.5 cents and a Water Rate increase of 7% and a Sewer Rate increase of 3%. The attached revised budget message gives more detail about specific changes / revisions from the original budget message presented at the May 4, 2015 Town Board meeting. Also, the Operating Budget Ordinance is attached for review and approval.

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to Adopt Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and Associated Operating Budget Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Chapman stated that the parade was good. The fire department sold out of chicken. The afternoon festivities were good. Too Much Sylvia was good; all in all it was a good day.

Commissioner Ashby echoed what Commissioner Chapman said. He wanted to give props to Amy Schueneman for a good day. He stated that he had good comments on the fire department.

Commissioner Sells stated that he kept giving weather reports to the Town Administrator. He received good comments about the day. Commissioner Sells asked about a storm drain at Joe Luther's.

Mayor Eudy wanted to thank everyone on the Events Committee. He asked Town Attorney Brittany Love to give some information on the Hayes Building.

Town Attorney Brittany Love stated that the Town needed to do a statement of intent or purpose included for the Ordinance to take on the Building. She stated that questions on what the property will be used for they needed to be answered before hand. She stated that for the Town to take on a piece of property where there might be a financial interest we just want to make sure everything is above board. She stated she could get together with Vagn Hansen to get something drawn up. It should be ready for the next agenda.

Commissioner Sells made a motion to go in Closed Session N.C.G.S.3-318.11(a)(1) Prevent the Disclosure of Privileged Information. Commissioner Chapman seconded the motion with all Board Members in favor. (3-0)

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. (3-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday August 10, 2015 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Cathy Whittington

Mayor Del Eudy