

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, January 11, 2016
6:00 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, Bobby Hartsell, Deputy Stephen Wagner, Deputy Nolan Gadd, Leonard Eudy, Troy Barnhardt, Rev. Jordan, Rev. Tommy Carmichael, Brian Maher, and Lindsey Middlesworth.

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

Reverend Jordan asked the Board to recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Black History Month and to honor the veterans. He hopes the Town will continue to support these items in the future.

SWEAR IN MAYOR PRO TEAM

W. Del Eudy swore in Lori Furr as Mayor Pro Tem until November, 2017.

APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Simpson 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 December 7, 2015 Board Meeting
2. Proclamation for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Commissioner Furr made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda without any further discussion of items with a second by Commissioner Chapman. 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

Samantha Fisk announced a Grand Opening for Whiskey & Lace on January 16th. Then, she introduced Lindsey Middlesworth from the Connect NC Committee. On March 15, 2016 there will be a Bond up for vote to dedicate \$309 million to modernizing water and sewer in small rural towns and larger cities across North Carolina to ensure economic competitiveness and improve our quality of life. Other areas that will see funds are Higher Education, Agriculture, Security, State Parks & the NC Zoo. All these areas will be helped without taxes being increased. Money will be distributed first come, first serve. Since Sam Fisk was there at the beginning the Town should receive part of the funds for our infrastructure. *(A brochure about the bonds was handed out to the Board.)*

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

No Old Business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Town Staff is requesting consideration in making numerous changes / additions to the Town's Customer Service Policy to include the approval of a new "Water Leak Adjustment Form". The policy has not been updated in a number of years and we need to update the policy and make changes to help the Town's Staff deal with ongoing issues. A copy of the policy is attached with the changes indicated in RED. Crystal Smith, Finance Officer and Amy Schueneman, Town Clerk, explained why they were wanting to change the Customer Service Policy. The goal is to be fair and consistent with all the Town's Water & Sewer Customers.

Two changes were made to the Policy by the Board: 1- A late fee will be assessed on the account based on the current fee structure. 2-If the water leak has occurred before the water has gone into the sewer system, the Town can forgive the excess sewer charges over the customer's 6 month sewer average. A motion to approve changes / additions to the Town's Customer Service Policy to include a "Water Leak Adjustment Form" was made by Commissioner Barringer with a second by Commissioner Chapman. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

2. The Town has received a letter from William Dusch the Cabarrus County United Way Campaign Chair requesting consideration of a donation from the Town. There is funding in the FY-2016 budget if the Board desires to make a donation on behalf of the Town. However, after discussing it, Commissioner Chapman made a motion with a second by Commissioner Furr not to use Tax Payer money for a donation to United Way fearing it would set a precedence for others. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

3. The Town Staff is working on a number of options to deal with the concerns about the storm water curb that was constructed on Washington Street in the fall of last year. The Staff would request the Board allow some time for various options to be evaluated and estimates established to correct the storm water runoff issue. Various options will be presented at the February Town Board meeting to rectify the situation. No vote was taken since the item was held until February.

4. 2016 appointments need to be made by the Board to the TAC and TCC committees for the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Former Commissioner James Sells was the appointed member and Commissioner Scott Barringer as the alternate serving of the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee, "elected officials only"). Randy Holloway is currently the TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee "staff members only") and Vagn Hansen is serving as the alternate. The Mayor has agreed to serve as the primary representative to the TAC. The Town Administrator recommends appointing the Mayor as the primary

representative to the TAC based on his experience with transportation issues. The Town Administrator also recommends re-appointing Randy Holloway as the primary representative and Samantha Fisk as the alternate to the TCC.

Commissioner Ashby made a motion with a second by Commissioner Barringer to appoint Mayor Eudy as the member for Technical Advisory Committee member and Commissioner Scott Barringer as the alternate. Also, Randy Holloway to continue as the TCC member (Technical Coordinating Committee) with Samantha Fisk serving as the alternate. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Barringer said he has had questions about the curb at Washington St. and asked if the Town would be liable for damages to cars. Also, he is wondering why he continues to have problems with brown water at his house. He thanked the Fire Department for the excellent meal this past weekend.

Commissioner Furr reported overgrown bushes hanging over the roadway behind the Lutheran Cemetery off Walnut St. It is not the responsibility of the Town.

Commissioner Simpson wanted to know the status of the North Main St. property. It should be closing soon.

Commissioner Ashby said he noticed the gravel at the Food Ministry was fixed. Also, the lighting is still not good at the Hwy 49 & 73 intersection. It is very difficult to see the lanes.

Commissioner Chapman asked why the speed limit is not reduced coming towards Skyland Dr. on Hwy 49. He also enjoyed the Fire Department meal. He announced he was resigning from the Centralina Council of Governments Advisory Board. Commissioner Chapman stated he has not seen the benefit of the \$750 the Town pays for the annual fee. He suggested we may want to withdraw from this group.

Mayor Eudy enjoyed the meal at the Fire Department. The Town's new truck looks good with the new logo on the doors. The City of Concord's new City Hall building is open and he went on a tour of it. An invitation was issued for our Board to tour it at their convenience.

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, February 8, 2016 in the Regular Meeting.



Town Clerk Amy Schueneman



Mayor W. Del Eudy