

**Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Budget Workshop Meeting  
Town Hall- Executive Board Room  
Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 8:00 A.M.**

**Attendance:** Mayor Del Eudy  
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr  
Commissioner Scott Barringer  
Commissioner Warren Chapman  
Commissioner Steve Ashby  
Commissioner Justin Simpson  
Town Administrator Randy Holloway  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

**Also Present:** Crystal Smith, Samantha Fisk, Bobby Hartsell, Jerry Taylor, Jeff Moody, and Erin Weeks.

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order and led those attending in prayer. He then turned the meeting over to Town Administrator, Randy Holloway.

*\*\*\*Attached to the minutes of the Budget Workshop is a copy of the Power Point presentation.\*\*\**

Randy Holloway went over the Agenda and the goals he hoped to accomplish for the workshop. *Pages 2-3*

Crystal Smith, Town Financial Administrator, discussed the current state of the Town's finances. The Town is in great shape. Crystal reminded the Board that Rick Driscoll, Auditor from Sherrill and Smith, recommends that the Town spend some money to reduce the fund balances. *Page 4*

At this point, Randy Holloway reminded the Board that State Statutes require Towns to keep 10% of budget in reserve. However, the Town's policy is to keep 42% in reserve. Even with the 42% in reserve, there is \$684,598 in additional funds which can be used for projects.

Our small Town needs a larger tax base. Currently, one penny of the property tax rate of 50.5¢ brings in \$13,424 in revenues. The Fire Tax Rate for outlying properties went up last year from 8.3¢ to 10.3¢.

#### Current Goals-Page 5-8

- The Board would like to respond to citizen requests within 24 hours versus the current 7 days.
- We continued to have a good relationship with Cabarrus County Sherriff's Dept. They provide officers for the Town at a cost of \$163,000 per year.
- The Fire Dept. has 3 firemen on duty 24/7 which is rare for a Town our size. They are working to reduce the fire rating from 9 to 6 which would result in a 24% savings in homeowner insurance rates.
- The Board would suggested adding the Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry and the Back Pack Ministry to the non-profit donation list for 2016-2017. The \$750 we had allotted for CCOG could be used for it since we are not renewing our membership for the upcoming year.
- Commissioners Scott Barringer and Steve Ashby would like to see more money in recreation.
- The Board feels a local park is a higher priority than ballfields at this time. They directed Randy Holloway to look at the property owned by Fifth Third Bank on Walnut St. as a possible area for the park.
- Randy Holloway informed the Board about closing on the Hayes Building. Mayor Eudy, Samantha Fisk, and Randy will meet with Concord to see what incentives they give to investors to revitalize their downtown.
- The Board would also like to begin conversations with Cabarrus County concerning the future of Mt. Pleasant Middle School.
- Youth Council currently has 42 kids since combining with the Library.
- Town Branding- Mt. Pleasant is the only area that all the schools have the same colors and mascot. Sam Fisk and the Youth Council will paint the fire hydrants blue and gold to start.
- Bobby Hartsell, Public Works Director, would like to purchase a jet system to clean sewer lines. Estimated cost is \$75,000 and would come out of the water/sewer fund balance. The current jet system that is owned by the Town is insufficient to correctly clean the lines. Lines must all be cleaned once every 4 years. Town has had to get Concord and Kannapolis to bring their larger jet system for some areas of Town.

Based on our current fund balance the Auditor recommends the Town use some of it to pay off current debts since the funds are in non-interest bearing accounts.

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Law Enforcement request 2 new in car cameras at \$5,000 each. Normally, \$15,000 is put back yearly for new vehicles. Proposing this year \$10,000 for cameras with \$5,000 toward another vehicle. *Page 12*

Fire Department Chief Jerry Taylor is requesting a 4,500 sq. ft. extension to the existing Fire Dept. estimated cost \$1.2-1.3 million. Randy Holloway recommends a 20 year loan which would be \$86,400 per year. The Fire Dept. would also like an ATV to be shared by them and Public Works. Cost would be split between the departments. The Board thought 1 for each would be better and asked for pricing on 2 with trailers. Storage will be an issue for the Fire Dept. *Page 13*

#### Public Works *Page 17-20*

- As stated previously, Public Works would like to purchase a jet system and ATV.
- Solid Waste- there are two options available: 1-Purchase new garbage truck and continue to pick up the trash, recycles, and bulk trash, or 2- Privatize. After a lengthy discussion the Board directed Randy Holloway to proceed with option 2. This would put the Town completely out of the solid waste business.

#### Administration & Finance *Page 21*

- Would like to add money to the \$24,000 in the 2015-16 budget for the "facelift" to Town Hall. This will give a better appearance and increase the security of the building.

#### Planning & Zoning *Page 22*

- Recommends adding an extra day for Erin Burriss to be in Mt. Pleasant
- Updates need to be made to the Town Ordinances
- A continuous 5 year plan needs to be developed to plan for what the Town will look like in upcoming years. Town needs to know what it wants to look like and the plan will keep it on track.

#### Capital Improvement Plan *Page 14-16*

- Jeff Moody, Town Engineer, presented the needs for water/sewer in the Town for future development and to improve services to current customers.
- The Town should plan to update the water/sewer lines on Hwy 49 corridor to allow for growth around Hwy 49 and Cold Springs Road. Currently waiting for DOT approval from Raleigh to run lines alongside of road which is not allowed at this time.
- Update to a 12" water line from the water tank at Fisher Road to North Dr. to Hwy 49 to Hwy 73 for Mt. Pleasant Middle School and growth on Hwy 73 (CM Black property) It will cost \$700,000 to run this line. The Town would split the cost with Cabarrus County. Mike Downs will submit this proposal to the Cabarrus County Board for approval.

#### Potential Action Items *Page 23-28*

- In order for the Town to take over the various sports programs more staff would be needed.

- Remodel/replace current concession stand on McAllister Field. Board directed Randy Holloway to check on cost and best way to handle this.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At this time Commissioner Furr made a motion with a second from Commissioner Simpson to go into:

#### **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.

All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Commissioner Furr made a motion with a second from Commissioner Ashby to end the Closed Session. 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 Ashby 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, April 11, 2016 in the Regular Meeting.



Town Clerk Amy Schueneman



Mayor W. Del Eudy

