

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Town Hall- Commissioners Meeting Room
Monday, May 9, 2016 at 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, Deputy Stephen Wagner, Pastor Josh White, Troy Barnhardt, and Kay Beckett

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Josh White led in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

APPROVE AGENDA

Randy Holloway asked for an amendment to the Agenda: Under New Business removing "E" and adding item of Awarding bid of repair to Dutch Buffalo Sewer line.

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

REPORTS

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DECISION

No Public Hearings

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Randy Holloway, Town Administrator, asked the Board to consider waving the \$1500 water line tap fee for the exchange of a permanent utility easement at the intersection of Highway 73 and Cold Springs Road.

Mr. Holloway explained the small section of property would be used for the water connection with City of Concord. With no further discussion, Commissioner Barringer made a motion to approve. Second given by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor, (5-0).

Randy Holloway, Town Administrator, presented the proposed budget for 2016-2017 for discussion and/or changes.

Mr. Holloway discussed 12 Primary Points of Interest for next fiscal year's budget:

1. The recommended tax rate will remain unchanged at \$0.505 per \$100 value.
2. There is a recommendation to increase the water rates by **7%**, twenty-three (23) cents per thousand and sewer rates by **5%**, seven cents (7) per thousand. **This is a direct pass through as a result of an increase from WSACC on both water and sewer rates.**
3. There is a recommendation to change the health insurance coverage from a plan with a \$2,500 deductible to a plan with a \$5,000 deductible. This change will keep the annual cost near the FY-2015/16 cost. Health insurance will

continue to be an issue in the future. A number of possible solutions are being evaluated and will be included in a future recommendation to the Board.

4. A pay increase of 2.5% is recommended for all employees including part time. There is no recommendation for merit based pay at this time. There is a recommendation to increase the Town's 401-K contribution for all full time employees to 2% with a goal of increasing the contribution in future years as the budget allows.
5. A recommendation is included to use fund balances from both the General Fund (\$50,000) and Water and Sewer Fund (\$50,000) to make significant renovations and security improvements to Town Hall.
6. A recommendation to use a onetime Water & Sewer Fund Balance transfer (\$76,000) to purchase a new sewer jet system for Public Works.
7. A recommendation to contract out the solid waste services and recycling services. This will require the purchase of 700 new trash cans (\$35,000) and re-using the current trash cans for the bi-weekly recycling. We recommend increasing the monthly recycling fee from \$2.00 to **\$2.25** per month to cover the cost of recycling.
8. A recommendation to move forward with an estimated \$1.3 million dollar addition to the Fire Station financed over a 20-year period. The estimated annual payment of \$90,000 is included in the FY-2016/17 budget.
9. A recommendation to add an additional day per week for the Town Planner (\$16,000) and funding to update the Town's Land Use Plan and develop a total Comprehensive plan for the Town (\$40,000).
10. A recommendation to update all the Town's street lights to LEDs. This onetime expense of \$4,500 will be re-cooped within three years.
11. A recommendation to purchase an ATV to be shared by the Fire Department and Public Works Department (\$20,000).
12. A recommendation to fund \$20,000 for additional youth league services, new events, Town beautification and branding efforts.

Mr. Holloway reported the total proposed budget for the Town of Mount Pleasant for FY 2016-2017 is balanced with revenues and expenditures of \$2,863,771 with a recommended tax rate of \$0.505 per \$100 valuation, water rate increase of 7%, sewer rate increase of 5%.

Commissioner Furr did ask if we had considered other options for solid waste services. Mr. Holloway offered another option of transferring \$280,000 from General Fund Balance and hire a 5th person who would drive the garbage truck one day a week, and be available for Public Works the remaining 4 days. The truck would be a side loader.

Consider receiving a draft of a new economic development grant program for the Town.

Randy Holloway and Samantha Fisk, Project & Events Coordinator/Economic Development, presented a draft Economic Development Grant Program.

Samantha Fisk shared program was designed for potential Greenfield and/or center city sites. Mrs. Fisk also stated businesses could not "double up" on incentives (i.e. could not be Greenfield AND center city.)

Consider approving the annual contract to audit accounts with Sherrill & Smith, CPAs, PA.

Motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve audit contract. Second by Commissioner Furr, and motion was approved (5-0).

Consider approving bid for repair of Dutch Buffalo Creek sewer Line (agenda add on).

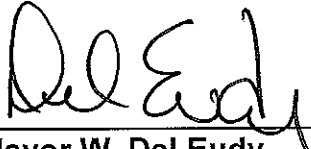
As stated by Mr. Holloway, bids were taken for repair to Dutch Buffalo Creek sewer line. Mr. Holloway proposes awarding the bid to Mr. Keith Price . Motion was made by Commissioner Barringer. Second by Commissioner Simpson. All were in favor (5-0).

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, June 13, 2016 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

