

**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr
Commissioner Warren Chapman
Commissioner Steve Ashby
Commissioner Justin Simpson
Commissioner William Meadows
Town Administrator Randy Holloway
Town Attorney John Scarbrough
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Crystal Smith, Bruce Gwyn, Kay Beckett, Jennifer Blake, Deputy Stephen Wagoner, Deputy Laura Heggins, Fire Chief Jerry Taylor, Joy Simpson, Troy Barnhardt, Kenny Black, Fred Black, and Ray Furr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Bruce Gwyn led the Board in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Forum

No one spoke.

2. Conflict of Interest

The Mayor and Commissioners are asked at this time to reveal if they have a Conflict of Interest with any item on the Agenda in order to be recused for that item. (No member shall be excused from voting except upon matters involving the consideration of the member's own financial interest or official conduct or on matters on which the member is prohibited from voting under G.S. 14-234, 160A-381(d), or 160A-388(e)(2). NC State Statute 160A-75)

None of the Board Members had a Conflict of Interest.

3. Approve Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes for December 11, 2017 Board Meeting
- B. Proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- C. Proclamation for Black History Month in February

Commissioner Chapman made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

5. Reports

- A. Town Administrator- Randy Holloway
- B. Asst. Town Administrator-Crystal Smith
- C. Finance Officer-Amy Schueneman
- D. Public Works- Bobby Hartsell
- E. Town Planning- Erin Burris
- F. Code Enforcement- Jeff Watts
- G. Police-Deputy Stephen Wagoner
- H. WSACC- Troy Barnhardt

Mr. Barnhardt notified the Board that WSACC was currently working on Pump Stations #1 behind Oldenburg and #2 at the corner of Barnhardt and Cold Springs Road. The estimated budget was 2.8 million but currently running under budget. They are taking the old pumps out of a confined space and putting in submersible pumps. This in turn will increase capacity by a small amount for the Town of Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant is the only one that uses those pumps. It will help WSACC by not having to send 3 people out for repairs because of safety. There were some problems with deterioration with the steel vault rusting out and started to leak. Steel plates had been welded inside and it was eventually decided to bring it up on the CIP and replace it with wet wells. WSACC has covered the cost for this project and the Town will not be expected to pay for it.

6. Public Hearings

No Public Hearings.

7. New Business

A. Consider allowing the Fire Department to apply for the 2018 AFG grant

Fire Chief Jerry Taylor would like permission to apply for the 2018 AFG grant to purchase 105' aerial ladder truck. This type of fire truck usually runs \$1-\$1.2 million dollars. The grant if received will cover 95% of the cost, leaving 5% (approximately \$50,000) for the Town to pay if granted. The Fire Department would like to pay \$750 to a grant writer that has experience writing this type of grant with the short time frame available to complete the grant.

Although there was a consensus to apply for the grant, no motion was made at the time of the meeting to apply for the grant and to pay \$750 to a grant writer. An email was sent to the Board asking them,

"As I, Amy Schueneman, was transcribing the minutes for the Board meeting on Monday, January 8th, I realized that a vote was not taken for the Fire Dept. to apply for the AFG grant.

Everyone thought it was a good idea. However, to make it official in the minutes, could you reply your vote of "YES" or "NO" to me whether you give approval for the Fire Dept. to apply for the AFG grant to purchase a 105' aerial ladder truck and to spend \$750 for the grant writer to apply for the grant."

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

Copies of the email responses for the vote are in the Minutes.

8. Old Business

A. Consider receiving an update from the Assistant Town Administrator on the status of the new playground.

Crystal Smith reported the playground was 75% complete. More timbers are coming for the landscaping and curbing. One more shade will be installed once the ripped one is replaced by Burke. Temperature needs to be 50 degrees so they can do the rubber surfacing to be in ADA compliance going to the spinners and swing area. The shelter will be started in warmer weather. They are currently working on getting the engineering drawings and permits. Batting cages have been relocated. Some work is still needed to complete them; pea gravel laid down with curbing to keep the gravel inside. A nice sign will be placed when completed. Once the project is completely finished there will be a ribbon cutting. The Youth Council will be involved with the ribbon cutting.

Commissioner Chapman asked where the shelter will be. Crystal Smith replied that it will be between the playground and the ballfield to allow a parent to watch a game while keeping an eye on a younger child playing on the playground. It also allows for expansion in the future.

Randy Holloway wanted the Board to think about naming the playground and/or the shelter. We would also like to rent the shelter for birthday parties and a named shelter would make that easier. Lights are not currently on the batting cages. When the ballfield is lit there is some light. We will have to get feedback from the ball teams to see if additional lights are needed. If so, it would need to be in next year's budget since we are at budget on the project.

Commissioner Ashby wanted to make sure the gravel stays inside and the walls will be tight enough to not give to prevent injuries.

The extra nets left will be used by Todd Smyly to prevent foul balls from going into the stands.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

B. Consider receiving an update from the Water Resources Director on the status of the water tank maintenance and the overall condition of the water treatment facilities.

Kenny Black, Water Resources Director, introduced co-workers Ray Furr and Fred Black. They are very happy to be back with the Town of Mount Pleasant. The water reconditioning for the water tanks has gone fairly well since it started in November. The Foil St. tank was completed first and went pretty flawless. It took about a month to do. Then, they transitioned to the North Drive tank. It is taking longer due to the cold weather.

The extreme cold has slowed them down. Since the weather looks better this week, so hopefully they will finish the interior this week. It takes 2 weeks to cure before we can get the North Drive tank back on line. Because the North Drive tank is down, the area around it has been low on pressure. Public Works helped level out the pressure. The Town closed the valve at Food Lion to cut down on the water coming in from Concord. The plant is currently running 7 days a week to keep the Foil St. tank topped off to keep the pressure up. The Foil St. tank had never been painted inside or out.

Randy Holloway reminded the Board that the project was budgeted at \$260,000 and is currently under budget. However, the savings will probably be used to pay for the extra water we used from Concord when the water pressure dropped. The Concord line helped to get the Town through the pressure issues.

Kenny Black reported the raw water lagoon was drained and completely cleaned to remove debris and algae in 2017. An underwater aerator and surface aerator will be installed to turn over the water to help improve water quality in the future. He informed the Board a new roof will be needed sometime soon for the Water Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Ashby asked if there were any other big ticket items that will be needed in the next 5-10 years. Mr. Black responded some of the valves used to backwash filters with will need to be replaced at some point. The lagoon liner was purchased in the 1980's and may need to be coated or replaced in the future and will be a big ticket item. Silt buildup at the raw water pump station is a problem and needs to be cleaned out every few years. There are options like the Aqua Thruster, a trolling motor, which will force it back out. This may spread the cleanings out a few more years.

No motion was made. Information for Board only.

Kenny Black gave a handout to the Board. It is included in the Minutes.

Other Items

Mayor Eudy reminded the Board of the upcoming Christmas Party on Sunday, January 14 5pm at 73 & Main restaurant. Also, a Special Called Meeting is needed for awarding the bid for the addition to the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department on Thursday, January 25th at 5pm. All Board members stated they should be able to attend so there will be a quorum. Finally, the Budget Workshop will be scheduled on Friday, March 2nd 6-8pm with Benchmarking Planning presenting priorities as listed on the Comprehensive Plan and helping the Town develop a CIP. Then, on Saturday, March 3rd 8am-noon will be the discussion of large budget items and how the funds will be used.

9. Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Chapman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Furr seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, February 12, 2018 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

