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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM Electronic Meeting #841 0837 6655**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy (at Town Hall)
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr (Zoom)
Commissioner Steve Ashby (Zoom)
Commissioner Justin Simpson (Zoom)
Commissioner William Meadows (Zoom)
Commissioner Jim Sells (Zoom)
Town Administrator Randy Holloway (at Town Hall)
Town Attorney John Scarbrough (Zoom)
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman (at Town Hall)

Also Present Crystal Smith, Erin Burris, Justin Stallings, Jennifer Blake, Tyler Hoopaugh, and iPhone.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Nick Newman of Propel Church led the Board in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eudy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Forum

No one spoke during the Public Forum.

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)

No one had a conflict.

Roll Call: Ashby-no, Furr- no, Meadows-no, Sells- no, and Simpson-no.

3. Approve Agenda

Mayor Eudy ADDED under Old Business:

B. Information on Cabarrus County Arts Council's Grass Roots Grant

ADDED: Closed Session 143-318.11.(a)(#6) Personnel issue

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

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes October 12, 2020
- B. Minutes Special Called Meeting October 19, 2020
- C. Minutes Special Called Meeting November 2, 2020
- D. Budget Amendment #7 Capital Project increases for future revenue
- E. Budget Amendment #8 FD roof added cost for rusted metal
- F. Budget Amendment #9 line item correction for annual funds to FD vehicles
- G. Proclamation for Veterans Day 2020

Mayor Eudy expressed the Town's gratitude to all Veteran's past and present.

Commissioner Furr made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed with a second by Commissioner Simpson.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

5. Reports

- A. Town Manager-Randy Holloway
- B. Asst. Town Administrator-Crystal Smith
Crystal Smith asked the Town Board if they would like to have a Facebook Live virtual Tree Lighting since the Christmas Parade is cancelled. The Board felt that the Town should do something for the holidays. The consensus of the Board was to have a virtual Tree Lighting on Friday, December 4th at 6pm due to the increased cases of COVID-19. The Board will stand 6' apart and wear mask.
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Officer- Amy Schueneman
- D. Planning & Economic Development Director -Erin Burris
- E. Code Enforcement-Jeff Watts
- F. Public Works-Justin Stallings
- G. Cabarrus Co. Sheriff's Dept Deputy-Stephen Wagoner

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

A. Discussion regarding Town Hall Concession/restrooms

Erin Burris presented the PowerPoint "Town Park Phase 2 Improvements" to the Board. She reviewed the Comprehensive Plan results from 2017. One of the major items desired by Town residents is recreational facilities. This plan was before the Town Hall park was installed. McAllister field is probably the oldest ball field in the county and is one of the few usable by 12 and older baseball teams. An Eagle Scout is planning to repair the dugouts and bleachers. However, the restrooms, concession stand, netting, lights, storage building, and septic tank all need to be replaced.

Town Staff spoke with Nikki Denny with USDA Community Facility Program. A loan can be obtained to complete all the repairs needed to McAllister field, Town Hall, the Lion's Club and the Fire Dept. Current terms are 30-35 year (possible 40) with a 2.125% interest rate which could change either way each quarter.

After seeing photos of the condition of the restrooms and concession stand, Commissioner Simpson said, "building needs to go." The Board felt it would be better to get one loan and fix all the problems to the Town campus correctly at once instead of trying to piece it together. Members also expressed a desire for smaller payments over many years than a big hit to the General Fund Fund Balance during these uncertain times.

Randy Holloway stated that the demolition of the building, the closing of the old septic tank (used by concession stand/ restrooms and the Senior Center), and the installation of a pump system with new sewer lines running into the Town's sewer system could all be done in house. Money within the budget could cover the cost. Public Works Director Justin Stallings said that his crew could handle the job and they would enjoy tearing it down.

1. A motion to move forward with the clearing of the old structure (concession stand/restroom at McAllister Field) was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Sells.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

2. A motion to move forward with the sewer project (close old septic tank and run a sewer line into the Town's system) was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Ashby.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

A copy of the PowerPoint "Town Park Phase 2 Improvements" is in the Minute Book.

B. ADDED ON: Information on Cabarrus County Arts Council's Grass Roots Grant

At the August 10, 2020 Town Board meeting, a request was made to apply for the Cabarrus County Arts Council's Grass Roots Grant to help with the cost of a mural to go on the Barringer building owned by Francie Black. The Grant was supposed to be for a 50/50 match. Also, at that time the Board was told the Town's portion was already in the FY2020/2021 budget under Downtown Development.

The Town of Mount Pleasant did receive \$5,000 of the \$6,300 expected from the grant. This would leave \$7,600 that the Town would be responsible for. Town Staff would also like to pay this from the Events line item in the FY 20/21 budget instead of the Downtown Development line item.

The mural itself is a 1920's photo of several men in front of the Barringer building. It will be visible when coming into the Town on Hwy 73 facing the What A Burger.

Amy Schueneman asked each Board member if they had a Conflict of Interest concerning the mural. Each member responded that they did not have a conflict with the building the mural would be painted onto or be involved with the work to paint the mural.

A motion to accept the \$5,000 grant from the Cabarrus Arts Council was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Simpson.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

8. New Business
NONE

At this point Commissioner Simpson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Sells to go into Closed Session.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

9. ADDED ON: Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(#6) Discuss Personnel Issue Fire Dept.

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

Commissioner Simpson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Sells to end the Closed Session.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

Randy Holloway informed the Board at his COVID-19 weekly meeting the county has moved from level orange up to level red. The Cabarrus Health Alliance is expecting many more cases in the next two months. Good news was two separate companies have a vaccine ready for testing. It should be ready for the general public in Fall 2021. Only draw back is lack of facilities to hold the vaccine since it needs to be stored at -100 degrees.

10. Adjournment


With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.

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

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

