

Mount Pleasant

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Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM Meeting ID: 895 5567 1573 Passcode: 841568
Call in to Listen: 1-929-205-6099

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 On Zoom Crystal Smith (at Town Hall), Erin Burris, Earl Bradshaw, Justin Stallings, and Eddie Carrick (Auditor).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Earl Bradshaw of Mount Pleasant United Methodist 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

ADDED:

New Business- F-Consider Setting Filing Fees for the 2021 November Election.

New Business- G- Consider Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant

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Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Application for improvements to North Washington Street.

Closed Session 143-318.11.(a)(#3) concerning 1550 S. Main St.

Move Consent Item F. Budget Amendment #11 Arts Council Grant for Mural on Barringer Building to NEW BUSINESS H. with Mural Lease

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

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 December 14, 2020
- B. Annual Purge List of old records per NC State Retention Policy
- C. Proclamation Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 18, 2021
- D. Proclamation Black History Month for February 2021
- E. Budget Amendment #10 Summer St. Pump Station Capital Project Fund Transfer *(approved on Dec. 14, 2020 and signed by Town Manager)*
- F. **MOVED TO NEW BUSINESS H.** Budget Amendment #11 Arts Council Grant for Mural on Barringer Building with Mural Lease.
- G. Budget Amendment #12 Insurance Proceeds for A Sellers accident
- H. Budget Amendment #13 FD FEMA AFG for Cascade System

Commissioner Sells made a motion to approve the Amended 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
- 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. Customer Service- Jennifer Blake
- H. Cabarrus Co. Sheriff's Dept Deputy-Stephen Wagoner
- I. Fire Department-Chief Dustin Sneed

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

A. FY19/20 audit summary from Eddie Carrick, CPA

Eddie Carrick of Eddie Carrick, CPA thanked the Board and Staff for allowing them to perform the FY19/20 audit. Mr. Carrick stated pages 3-14 of the audit showed where the Town has been and is going in the future financially.

High points of the Audit included:

- Sales Tax Revenue was down for the Town and across the state due to the pandemic.
- Ad Valorem Tax increased
- Revenues were up \$90,000 in the General Fund
- Expenses were up \$800,000 mainly due to the purchase of a new Fire Truck and the \$570,000 Loan associated with it.
- The General Fund Fund Balance went down due to the Fire Truck
- Water/Sewer Fund Balance increased to \$922,903.

Randy Holloway said the Budget for FY20/21 was conservative for both Revenues and Expenses. The Town is in "good shape" financially.

Mr. Carrick asked the Board if they had any questions to email them to Amy Schueneman and he would get with Tony Brewer, who actually did the audit, to answer them.

Discussion only, no motion was made.

A copy of the Audit Breakdown and Representation Letter are included in the Minute Book.

B. Consider allowing the Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept. to apply for an AFG Grant to purchase a Source Capture Exhaust System (Plymovent)

Randy Holloway said the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for the AFG grant. This grant is for a Source Capture Exhaust System (Plymovent). This is used to capture the truck exhaust at the exhaust pipe and remove it from the station through a ventilation system. This will reduce or eliminate the diesel exhaust residue within the station.

The Town's portion of the grant will be approximately \$3,900 of the \$82,000 requested and the Town's portion can be found within their budget..

A motion to allow the Mt. Pleasant Fire Dept. to apply for the AFG Grant to purchase a Source Capture Exhaust System (Plymovent) was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.
All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

C. Budget Process Updates from staff and discussing Budget Workshop date.

Town Staff would appreciate input from the Board on specific items to discuss at the Budget Workshop other than what is usually covered in the presentation Randy Holloway told the Board.

Staff has started meeting with Department Heads to discuss the wants and needs for next year's budget.

The Town has normally scheduled the Budget Workshop for the first weekend in March. However, this year Town Staff would like to move it to either March 13th or 27th to allow

more time to gather projected revenue information from the State and Cabarrus County. COVID continues to slow down all branches of the government. The extra time will help Staff be more accurate on the Budget Presentation at the Workshop.

A motion to move the Budget Workshop to Saturday, March 27, 2021 to discuss the FY 2021/2022 budget was made by Commissioner Sells 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)

D. Discuss Board's thoughts concerning the 2021 Independence Celebration.

Crystal Smith asked the Board to consider one of the following three options for the 2021 Independence Celebration:

- A. Do nothing and wait until the Fall to have an event.
- B. Fireworks Only- increase the time and number of Fireworks. The deposit is still on file from the 2020 event that was canceled due to COVID.
- C. Parade & Fireworks- Plan for the Parade and Fireworks with the hope that Governor Cooper will lift the restrictions prior to the event. If not, cancel the Parade and have the Fireworks.

Too Much Sylvia was scheduled for 2020 and the deposit was paid before the cancelation. Abby Carter from BrioLive said she would hold the deposit until the next time we have an event. Also, Joel Matthews of East Coast Pyrotechnics will hold our deposit for Fireworks until we are able to host another event.

Commissioner Ashby liked option #3 to plan on both the parade and fireworks and Town could cancel the Parade if restrictions are not lifted. Commissioner Sells wanted to make sure groups making floats would have enough time. Commissioner Furr hopes the Town can use the deposit for Too Much Sylvia in the future since they bring a large crowd.

A motion to go with Plan C (Parade & Fireworks- Plan for the Parade and Fireworks with the hope that Governor Cooper will lift the restrictions prior to the event. If not, cancel the Parade and have the Fireworks) 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)

E. Consider declaring the 2011 Sutphen Fire Truck as surplus.

The new Fire Engine should be delivered to the Town by mid-March. Once the new engine has arrived, there will not be room to keep the old 2011 Sutphen Engine under roof. The new engine will replace it.

The Fire Department plans to remove most of the equipment from the old engine to reuse on the new engine. At this point, the 2011 Sutphen Fire Truck can be declared as surplus, if designated by the Town Board.

Chief Sneed is trying to determine the exact value of the 2011 Sutphen Fire Truck. Town Manager Randy Holloway estimates around \$150,000.

Staff would like the proceeds from the truck to be used to pay off the Tanker Truck loan with a balance of approximately \$103,000. Any remaining funds will be placed in the Fire Department's Capital Reserve for Vehicles.

2 Motions were made:

1. A motion to declare the 2011 Sutphen Fire Truck surplus when new engine is in service was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr.

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 use proceeds from the sale of the 2011 Sutphen Fire Truck to pay off the Tanker Truck loan and place any remaining proceeds in the Fire Departments Capital Reserve for Vehicles was made by Commissioner Furr 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)

ADDED F-Consider Setting Filing Fees for the 2021 November Election.

A request from the Cabarrus County Board of Elections requesting information on the 2021 filing fees for the Town of Mount Pleasant was received. The current filing fee is \$25.00 and has remained unchanged for many years.

Also, the Town has the estimated budget of \$7,438.00 for the 2021 elections which will be included in the recommended FY-2021-22 Town budget.

A motion to keep the filing fee at \$25 was made by Commissioner Ashby 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)

A copy of the letter from Cabarrus County Board of Elections and Estimated Cost Due for Service Rendered in Conducting November 2, 2021 Municipal Election are included in the Minute Book.

ADDED G- Consider Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Application for improvements to North Washington Street.

Erin Burris explained to the Board the Town had an opportunity to apply for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for funding to widen North Washington Street and add a sidewalk. There will be a 20% match if the Town would receive the FEMA funds. The estimate to complete the project is \$326,007 not including the purchase of the home and land from the Helms family at 8563 East Franklin St. estimated between \$95,000-\$125,000.

Widening the street from the Helms property will be easier since it is on higher ground. Ms. Sandra Freeman owns the lot at 1380 N. Washington St. which is directly behind the Helms property and she is looking to put a house on her lot. If the Town purchases the

home from the Helms, Ms. Freeman is willing to purchase the home and move it onto her lot. This would help recoup some of the cost for the property. She is also willing to allow the 20ft easement on her property to put the sidewalk if we will include the water/sewer taps to the home. Everything is still high level and either party can backout.

If the Town receives the grant, it will then come back to the Board for approval to accept.

A motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Application for improvements to North Washington Street was made by Commissioner Ashby 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)

A copy of the Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Application and project estimates are included in the Minute Book.

H. MOVED from Consent Item F. Budget Amendment #11 Arts Council Grant for Mural on Barringer Building to ADDED NEW BUSINESS H. with Mural Lease.

Francie Black, owner of the Barringer Building at 8342 W. Franklin St., has been communicating with Erin Burris about the Mural on the condition that the Town provides a Directional Sign on the side of the building with the location to be determined. The UNC School of Government encourages municipalities to have Leases with property owners for Murals because the lease will be filed and will remain attached to the property if it is sold.

The graphic artist with Caswell Turner is working with the photo for better resolution. Once it is completed TPM will take the rendering and put the image on the building. TPM was the group that did the Bicentennial mural for the City of Concord 10 years ago and it still looks great.

2 Motions were made:

1. A motion to approve Budget Amendment #11 Arts Council Grant for Mural on Barringer Building was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr.

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 approve the Mural lease agreement between the Town and Francie Black for the Barringer Building at 8342 W. Franklin St. was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.
All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

A motion to go into Closed Session was made by Commissioner Sells with a second by Commissioner Furr.

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 Mural Lease, Budget Amendment #11, and sample of the Mural are included in the Minute Book.

ADDED- Closed Session 143-318.11.(a)(#3) concerning 1550 S. Main St.

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. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.

A motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Meadows.

Roll Call: Ashby-yes, Furr- yes, Meadows-yes, Sells- yes, and Simpson-yes.
All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

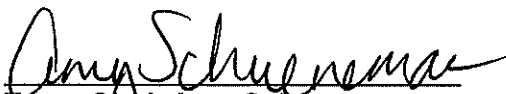
Randy Holloway mentioned that the March 8, 2021 meeting would remain a ZOOM meeting. At that meeting the Board could make a decision on whether to meet in person at the Town Hall auditorium for the Budget Workshop on March 27th or hold it on Zoom.

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, March 8, 2021 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

