

# Mount Pleasant

North Carolina

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Board Meeting  
Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

**Also Present:** Deputy Stephen Wagoner, Deputy Laura Higgins Jennifer Blake, Amber E. Pope, Marcia Morris, Erin Burris, Crystal Smith, Chief Deputy Bailey, Bishop Roland Jordan, Jeff Helmintoller, Troy Barnhardt, and Kevin Kurtz.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order

## **INVOCATION**

Associate Pastor Kevin Kurtz from Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church led the Board in prayer.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Eudy led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1. Public Forum**

Bishop Roland Jordan addressed the Board about his desire to see a street in Mount Pleasant named after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He has asked the Board about it in the past and is aware there are rules that must be followed; however, the Board can change the rules to make it happen.

### **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.

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Mayor Eudy informed the Board of the loss of Commissioner Furr's grandmother. He asked for a motion to excuse Commissioner Furr from the meeting. A motion to excuse Commissioner Furr was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

### **3. Approve Agenda**

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Sells. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

### **4. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes February 11, 2019
- B. Minutes March 2, 2019 Budget Workshop
- C. Budget Amendment #7 To Capitalize FD Rescue Tools
- D. 2019 Local Government Agencies General Records Retention and Disposal Schedule

Commissioner Sells made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

### **5. Reports**

- A. Town Administrator- Randy Holloway
- B. Asst. Town Administrator-Crystal Smith
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Officer- Amy Schueneman
- D. Senior Customer Service Specialist-Jennifer Blake
- E. Planning & Economic Development Director -Erin Burris
- F. Code Enforcement Officer- Jeff Watts
- G. Police Dept.-Deputy Stephen Wagoner

Deputy Wagoner informed the Board of the car break-ins around Town and asked the Town to let the residents know to lock their cars.

### **6. Public Hearings**

None

### **7. Old Business**

#### **A. Consider Ordinance to Adopt the Council-Manager Form of Government.**

The Towns Charter states we are currently a Mayor-Council form of Government where the Mayor runs day to day operations. However, the Town has been functioning as a Council-Manager form of Government since the first Town Administrator was hired in 2005. The Council-Manager form of Government is the preferred method of running counties and municipalities across the state.

Since the Town did not change the Charter in 2005, the Town Staff recommends changing the Charter to the Council-Manager Form of Government. The first step in the process to change the Charter was adopting the Resolution to have a Public Hearing which occurred at the January 14th meeting and advertise a Public Hearing in the Independent Tribune. The Public Hearing on February 11th was the second step. Since the Public Hearing was completed the Board next step is to approve an Ordinance to adopt the Council-Manager form of Government

at the March 11th meeting. Finally, a notice will be placed in the newspaper stating we have changed our Charter after March 11th, if the Board chooses to approve the Ordinance.

A motion to adopt the Ordinance to change the Charter to Council-Manager Form of Government effective March 11, 2019 was made by Commissioner Sells with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

*A copy of the Ordinance is in the Minute Book..*

**B. Consider approving the Resolution to Accept the North Carolina DOT's Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Grant and the DOT Administered Bikeped Planning Project- Federal Agreement.**

As announced by Erin Burris at the February 11, 2019 Town Foard meeting, the Town was awarded the BikePed Plan Comprehensive Plan Study which costs \$35,000. The Town's part is 10% or \$3,500. To accept the grant the Board needs to approve signing the Resolution and the Agreement.

The Town will pay the \$3,500 out of this year's budget from the Planning Board Studies line item.

Ms. Burris asked the Board for a volunteer to be on the Steering Committee for this Study. Commissioner Meadows volunteered to be on the committee as the Town Board's liason.

A motion to approve the Resolution to Accept the North Carolina DOT's Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Grant and the DOT Administered Bikeped Planning Project- Federal Agreement was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

*A copy of the North Carolina DOT's Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Grant and the DOT Administered Bikeped Planning Project- Federal Agreement are in the Minute Book.*

**8. New Business**

**A. Consider approving a Resolution in Support of a New and/or Expanded Cabarrus County Branch Library within the Town of Mount Pleasant, NC.**

Mayor Eudy explained the Friends of the Mt. Pleasant Library were hosting a Public Forum for the Public to give their input about the Library and its services. If the Resolution was approved Crystal Smith would take the Resolution to the meeting and represent the Town since the Board meeting was occurring at the same time.

A motion to to approve a Resolution in Support of a New and/or Expanded Cabarrus County Branch Library within the Town of Mount Pleasant, NC. was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second from Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

*A copy of the Resolution in Support of a New and/or Expanded Cabarrus County Branch Library within the Town of Mount Pleasant, NC is in the Minute Book.*

At this point Commissioner Simpson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Sells to go into Closed Session. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

## 9. Closed Sessions

### A. Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(#6) Personnel issue Update

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.

### B. Closed Session 143-318.11. (a)(#5) Property Acquisition Update


To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

Commissioner Simpson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Meadows to end the Closed Session. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

## 10. Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Meadows made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ashby seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor. (4-0, Commissioner Furr excused)

By our signatures the following minutes were approved as submitted and amended on Monday, April 8, 2019 in the Regular Meeting.

  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

  
Mayor W. Del Eudy

SEAL

