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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM Electronic Meeting #885 2191 8082**

Attendance: Mayor Del Eudy (at Town Hall)
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr (5:40pm Zoom)
Commissioner Steve Ashby (5:45pm Zoom)
Commissioner Justin Simpson (5:52pm Zoom)
Commissioner William Meadows (5:55pm Zoom)
Commissioner Jim Sells (5:33pm Zoom)
Town Administrator Randy Holloway (at Town Hall)
Town Attorney John Scarbrough (absent)
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman (at Town Hall)

Also Present Erin Burris, Crystal Smith, Jennifer Blake, Pastor Nick Newman, Martha Dobson, and Sam Treadaway.

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

(Time was allowed for anyone to call into Town Hall or send a Chat box message.)
Sam Treadaway, Eastern Cabarrus Historical Society President, stated the museum opened on Saturday before Covid-19 restrictions started for FREE to the public and had 100 people visit. When they come to the museum they are eating at the local restaurants, shopping the antique stores, going to Reed Gold Mine, etc. ECHS is doing a newsletter that has reached 13 states and 4 foreign countries. There were 800 visitors on Halloween despite the torrential downpour. Currently, ECHS is collecting all types of memorabilia for the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Dobson has given a history of different pandemics like small pox in the Town. We would like everything from mask, photos taken by Martha Dobson, to gas receipts showing the price of gas at this time. Then, in the future we can display it and remember when. Also, ECHS is working on a self-guided tour a person could pull up on their phone to walk through the town and learn its history. The museum will also honor MPHS graduates by lighting up the building with blue and gold light. More to come in the future. Mr. Treadaway wants Mt. Pleasant to be the destination not a road through to another destination.

2. Conflict of Interest

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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

A motion to approve the Agenda 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)

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes April 20, 2020
- B. National Nurses Week Proclamation
- C. Utility Bill Collections (Covid 19 Comparison)
- D. FY2020/2021 Direct Deposit Bi-weekly Payroll Dates

Commissioner Sells made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as listed 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)

5. Reports

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

6. Old Business

A. Update on the Surface Transportation Block Grant for the North Main Street sidewalk.

Erin Burris and Randy Holloway reported that the Surface Transportation Block Grant would tie up the full amount of the project with a PO estimated at \$3,600,000 of which the Town would pay 40% or \$743,000. Although the grant would be nice to have for sidewalks along N. Main St., it keeps increasing in cost estimates. If the Town tied up that much money, even though we would get reimbursed 60%, USDA would not like to see that. Therefore, Town Staff recommends not to pursue the grant at this time.

A consensus was given by the Board to halt progress on the Surface Transportation Block Grant.

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

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

7. New Business

A. Consider allowing the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department to apply for the AFG-S Grant.

Fire Chief Jerry Taylor said the Fire Dept. could recoup up to \$3,000 for Covid-19 supplies which the Town has already purchased. This grant is for medical PPE (Gowns, Face Shields, etc.). This is a special AFG grant specifically for supplies related to COVID-19. It will help to reimburse the Town for the extra supplies made.

A motion to the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department to apply for the AFG-S Grant was made by Commissioner Ashby 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)

B. ANX 2020-03 Town of Mount Pleasant Future Emergency Services Tract

Erin Burris had planned to annex 777 Walker Road purchased by the Town for a future Fire Station at a later date. Within 60 days of annexation the Town will need to designate zoning for the property. MPMS and MPHS are also governmental and zoned O-I. Since the owners of the connecting property filed to annex there land, Mrs. Burris would like to put the Public Hearing on the June meeting. By doing them at the same time it will save on advertising cost for the Town.

A motion to have the Public Hearing at the June, 2020 Town Board meeting for ANX 2020-03 Town of Mount Pleasant Future Emergency Services Tract 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)

A copy of ANX 2020-03 Town of Mount Pleasant Future Emergency Services Tract packet is included in the Minute Book.

C. ANX 2020-04 White/Collins Property

This is a voluntary noncontiguous annexation of 3 parcels totaling 30 acres at 827, 929, and 941 Walker Rd. The owners have requested to be annexed and a Public Hearing will need to be set for the June 2020.

A motion to have the Public Hearing at the June, 2020 Town Board meeting for ANX 2020-04 White/Collins Property 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 copy of the ANX 2020-04 White/Collins Property packet is included in the Minute Book.

D. Consider the Manager's budget message and proposed budget for Fiscal year 2020/2021.

Town Manager Randy Holloway stated Town Staff has prepared a recommended budget for Fiscal year 2020/2021 in the amount of \$3,064,001. This budget is a very conservative budget based on the current and anticipated impact of the Covid 19 crisis. The Town will keep the .505 tax rate and plan on a 90% collection rate. We are

projecting a significant reduction in revenues for next year; therefore, we also have postponed the recommended use of fund balance for one time expenditures with the exception of a National Registry Historic Study in the amount of \$20,000. This study is important for future economic impact projects in the downtown area.

We are also recommending the delay of moving forward with the two major water and sewer projects until early fall of 2020. If the Board recalls, these two projects (Main Street water line replacement and new regional sewer pump station) requires the use of significant fund balances. Town Staff are not comfortable recommending the use of significant fund balances until we have a better understanding of the impact of Covid 19 on various revenue sources.

A motion to set the Public Hearing for the Fiscal 2020/2021 budget for the June 2020 Town Board meeting 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)

A copy of the Budget Message and the proposed FY2020-2021 budget are included in the Minute Book.

E. Consider approving the Law Enforcement agreement contract with Cabarrus County and the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$155,170.

Mr. Holloway is recommending the Town Board's approval of the proposed Law Enforcement agreement with Cabarrus County and the Sheriff's Department. This contract is much less than was discussed at the budget workshop earlier this year. Mr. Holloway worked with the Sheriff to reduce the original contract that was discussed earlier this year and the attached contract is only \$702 more than the current year's contract amount. The proposed Fiscal year 2020/2021 budget includes the \$155,170 contract amount.

Mr. Holloway and Mayor Eudy will meet with the Sheriff's Department to discuss the issues that have been raised by the Board members and the general public concerning law enforcement practices. The Manager will report back to the Board at the July or August Board meeting.

A motion to approve the Law Enforcement agreement contract with Cabarrus County and the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$155,170 was made by Commissioner Ashby 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 contract with Cabarrus County and the Sheriff's Department is included in the Minute Book.

F. Consider moving the June 8th Town Board meeting to June 15th.

The Town Manger recommends moving the June 8th Town Board meeting to June 15th to allow more time for projected revenue numbers to come in due to Covid 19.

Hopefully, the Town will be able to have a normal Board meeting at the June 15th date with appropriate social distancing practices.

A motion to change the June meeting from the 8th to the 15th 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. Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Simpson made a motion to adjourn.
Commissioner Furr 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, June 15, 2020 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

