

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

Also Present: Erin Burris, Nick Newman, Deputy Stephen Wagoner, Deputy Sonny Isenhour, Chad Troutman, Todd Culp, Mike Steiner, Austin McDonald, Hunter Carter, Bill Nork, Nathan Christy, and Scott O'Loughlin.

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.

3. Approve Agenda

ADDED:

New Business D- Consider approving lowest bid for repairing Dutch Buffalo Creek Dam based on FEMA approval of additional funding needed over original estimate of \$230,000.

New Business E- Resolution to accept funds from the American Rescue Plan.

Closed Session 143-318.11.(a)(#6) Personnel Matter

A motion to approve the Amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Sells. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes April 12, 2021
- B. Minutes April 21, 2021 Tour of Water/sewer facilities
- C. Letter of Intent for Falcone Crawl Space to repair Town Hall foundation, quote, and email approvals by Board of Commissioners dated 4/19/2021
- D. Resolution on the Administration of Small Underpayments and Overpayments of Ad Valorem Taxes
- E. Budget Amendment #15 Account Clean Up
- F. 2021 Rural Fire Dept. Salaries in Cabarrus County
- G. License Agreement for cutting hay at 777 Walker Road

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

5. Reports

- A. Town Manager-Randy Holloway
- B. Asst. Town Manager-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. Cabarrus Co. Sheriff's Dept Report

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

A. Reevaluate the Independence Celebration Parade

In April the Board voted to not have the Parade due to Executive Order #209 which limited social gatherings to 100. Since the Governor has lifted all restrictions for mass gatherings, Town Staff would like for the Board to consider having the Parade along with the Fireworks this year.

Mayor Eudy stated that the Town has been very consistent in following the Governor's orders since the pandemic started. The staff has time to get a Parade organized but not the bands and vendors. People can gather at Town Hall now to watch the fireworks.

A motion to overrule last month's decision and for the Town to have an Independence Celebration Parade due to the lifting of restrictions was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Sells.
All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Mayor Eudy also mentioned that since restrictions are lifted on the mask mandate, if the Board was ok with all Board members to sit on the stage next month staff would make it happen. Masks can be worn or not worn depending on the individual's preference.

B. Resolution of Support for Buffalo Creek Preserve Trailhead Improvements Matching Incentive Grant Application.

Randy Holloway stated that the Board approved the lease for the parking lot in April. Now the Board needs to approve the Resolution of Support in order to apply for the Cabarrus County matching grant.

A motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Buffalo Creek Preserve Trailhead Improvements Matching Incentive Grant Application was made by Commissioner Meadows with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

A copy of the Resolution is in the Minute Book.

8. New Business

A. Consider approving the purchase of a Park Drive entrance sign for the Town Hall complex.

At the March 27 Budget Workshop, staff were asked to explore replacement of the entrance sign at the end of Park Drive at N. Main Street.

Broome Sign quoted a price of \$1,500 before taxes for a double sided 4x8 sign (example of sign is in Minute Book). Sign would list businesses and organizations with addresses, indicate that Public Parking was available at the Town Hall campus. Sign would have the "sandblasted" look and would be similar the Lentz Building sign.

If a tenant would leave the cost to the new tenant to put their name on the sign would run \$50-\$75 and they would pay for the change.

Commissioner Ashby made a motion to purchase the sign for Park Dr; however, there was not a second.

Several Commissioners wanted to see a "branding" effort for a new logo prior to purchasing the sign. The matter was dropped until a graphic artist could provide samples of a new logo.

No action taken.

B. Guidance from Board needed to fill ABC Board upcoming vacancy.

Amy Schueneman said she received a letter from Brian Pope, whose term ends on June 30, 2021, stating that he does not wish to be reappointed to the ABC Board. (Letter included in the Minute Book)

In addition, the term for Rick Lambert expires June 30, 2021. He would like to be reappointed if the Town Board so desires.

Town Staff would like to know if the Board would like to open applications up on Social Media, Town Website, and posting at ABC Store to fill the position or consider the

current application already on file. The Board will need to decide on a new applicant(s) and/or reappointment at the June 14th Town Board meeting.

The Town Board stated they would like to reach out to the community for applications. The notice will be put out on Tuesday, May 18 by the Town Clerk.

No motion made.

C. Consider the Town Manager's budget message, Fees & Charges Schedule, and proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Town Manager Randy Holloway presented a recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 in the amount of \$3,804,110. He read highlights from the Budget Letter to the Board and asked if anyone had any questions.

The Board did state that they would like to have another Budget Workshop prior to adopting the Budget. Amy Schueneman will send an email with several dates to the Board to arrange a date for the workshop.

A motion to set the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget for the June 14, 2021 Town Board meeting was made by Commissioner Ashby with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

A copy of the Budget Letter, FY2021-2022 Proposed Budget, Fees & Charges Schedule, and Water Rate Comparisons are included in the Minute Book.

D. ADD ON- Consider approving lowest bid for repairing Dutch Buffalo Creek Dam based on FEMA approval of additional funding needed over original estimate of \$230,000.

On Tuesday, May 11th bids for the repair of the Dutch Buffalo Creek Dam were opened. The bids were much higher than the previously estimated \$230,000. Town Staff has reached out to FEMA to see if they will be able to increase the amount they will reimburse for the project. If they approve the additional cost and reimburse the Town the additional funds needed to complete the project, the Town would like to move forward with the repair. If they do not approve the additional funding, the Town is unable to repair the dam at this time.

The current bids are:

	<u>Base Bid</u>	<u>Alternate Bid</u>	<u>Total</u>
Haren Construction Co., Inc.	\$604,450.00	\$134,750.00	\$739,200.00
Litman Excavating	\$552,706.93	\$48,594.70	\$601,301.63
RPM Partners, Inc	\$323,196.50	\$106,425.00	\$429,621.50

The lowest responsible bidder is RPM Partners, Inc. They would be the group the Town would use to repair the dam should we receive additional funds from FEMA. Randy Holloway assured the Board that if we did not receive extra funding, he would bring it back to the Board at the June 14th meeting to discuss how to move forward.

1. A motion to allow Randy Holloway to approve lowest bid for repairing Dutch Buffalo Creek Dam based on FEMA approval of additional funding needed over original estimate of \$230,000 was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Ashby. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

2. A motion to allow Randy Holloway to sign the contract for the project if FEMA provides additional funding was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

E. ADD ON: Resolution to accept funds from the American Rescue Plan.

As part of the Federal Governments Coronavirus Relief, the Town will receive an estimated \$650,000 from the American Rescue Plan. This can be used in a variety of ways. The Town is still waiting for clarification on how it can be used based on Federal guidelines.

The Resolution is the first step in being able to receive the funds when they are available to the Town. The money will be sent in two payments; one around June 2021 and the other at least 365 days later.

A motion to approve the Resolution to accept funds from the American Rescue Plan was made by Commissioner Sells with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Mayor Eudy recognized representation from the Community Church and Propel Church in the audience. He thanked them and all the area churches for helping our community especially during the pandemic.

A motion to go into Closed Session was made by Commissioner Sells with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

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

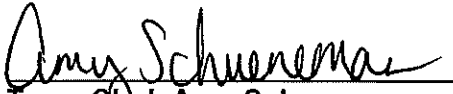
To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against 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.


A motion to end Closed Session was made by Commissioner Sells with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

10. Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson 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, June 14, 2021 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor W. Del Eudy

