

Mount Pleasant

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant
Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
ZOOM Electronic Meeting #817 0245 1568**

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, Pastor Earl Bradshaw, and Jonathon (Boy Scout)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eudy called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Pastor Earl Bradshaw of Mt. 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.

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

Commissioner Furr asked to ADD- Leaf Pickup to the agenda.

It was added as New Business D. Leaf Pickup by Mayor Eudy.

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

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

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes July 13, 2020
- B. Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of a Special Revenue Fund for the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)
- C. TABLED from July 13, 2020: Cancellation of the Fall Festival on September 19th
This item was previously decided by email to the Board on July 28, 2020. Copies of the emails are included in the Minute Book. Commissioner Simpson did not reply to the email request; therefore, it is not included.
- D. Budget Amendment #1 Insurance Proceeds for MP233 Yount accident
- E. Consider appointing a Town delegate and alternate to the North Carolina Rural Water Association (NCRWA) Board
- F. TABLED from June 22, 2020: Consider amending the Town's Personnel Policy granting new employees 80 hours of vacation and 80 hours of sick leave upon being hired.

Commissioner Sells wanted to make sure this was not to approve it but to continue the discussion. Randy Holloway said since it is a benefit it would be better to discuss it at the Budget Workshop in the spring. Discussion was TABLED until then.

- G. Budget Amendment #3 Outstanding PO's from FY2019/2020

Commissioner Sells 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
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Officer- Amy Schueneman
- D. Planning & Economic Development Director -Erin Burris
- E. Code Enforcement-Jeff Watts
- F. Police Dept.-Deputy Stephen Wagoner

6. Old Business

A. CONTINUED from June 22, 2020: Updates on Banners for telephone/power polls in downtown square area.

The Board requested at the June 22nd meeting for staff to investigate the cost to add fixtures and banners to power/telephone poles in the downtown area. We obtained a quote from Sunbelt Rentals for a man lift for \$983.49. The cost for hangers and 1 set of banners would be \$8,420. Labor to install the banner hardware would be performed by Public Works staff requiring all Public Works staff several days for installation and direct traffic control.

Currently, we do not have an encroachment easement in place with Windstream and Duke Energy. Since the banners would be a permanent fixture and not temporary (such as Christmas snowflakes) it would be in best interest to have the encroachment easement in place. Town Attorney John Scarbrough and Randy Holloway thought it may be better to wait until January after removing the Snowflake lights to work on the encroachment, in case there are any issues with either Duke Energy or Windstream.

In addition, the Town has not budgeted for this expense in FY2020/2021. *Copies of the quotes were added to the Minute Book.*

The Board reached a consensus to wait until January to work on the encroachment and to discuss it in the Budget Workshop for FY2021/2022.

No motion was made.

7. New Business

A. Consider approving a letter of agreement with LKC Engineering for USDA preliminary engineering and environmental report for the N. Main St./ Hwy 49 Waterline Capital Project and the Empire Dr. Regional Pump Station Capital Project.

Town Staff is recommending the Board's approval for a letter of agreement with LKC Engineering to provide the preliminary engineering and environmental report for the various USDA projects. The projects include the replacement of the North Main water line, a regional sewer pump station to be located on Empire Drive and possibly a new water line on Highway 49 from North Main Street to Highway 73. LKC will also be exploring the possibility of making updates to the Summer Street sewer pump station if the budget permits.

The preliminary engineering and environmental report will cost a total of \$30,000. The Town will pay for this up front and then be reimbursed by USDA as part of the overall project cost. Town Staff request the approval of a budget amendment from the General Fund, fund balance in the amount of \$30,000. The budget amendment will be constructed with the assistance of Sherrill & Smith, CPA once the line items are added to the Town's software.

The letter of agreement from LKC Engineering and Resolution are included in the Minute Book.

Three motions were needed.

1. A motion to approve a letter of agreement with LKC Engineering for USDA preliminary engineering and environmental report for the North Main Street/ Highway 49 Waterline Capital Project and the Empire Drive Regional Pump Station Capital Project in the amount of \$30,000 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)

2. A motion to allow Town Manager to approve Budget Amendment #2 LKC Engineering for preliminary Engineering and Environment Reports once accounts for the new Capital Projects are setup in the Town Financial Software 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)

3. A motion to approve the Resolution Granting the Opening of a New Bank Account for USDA Capital Projects and the Authorized Signers.49 Waterline Capital Project and the Empire Dr. Regional Pump Station Capital Project 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)

B. Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Cabarrus Arts Council Grant Applications.

Erin Burris (currently on vacation) would like to submit a Grant for the Cabarrus Arts Council for help with the cost of a mural to go on the Barringer building. The Grant is a 50/50 match and the Town's portion is already in the FY2020/2021 budget under Downtown Development.

A motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Cabarrus Arts Council Grant Applications 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. Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief Grant Application.

Randy Holloway also asked on behalf of Erin Burris for the Board to allow the Town to approve a Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief Grant Application. This grant would help with establishing the National Historic District (\$20,000) and a study on the storm drains in the town square (\$40,000). The grant, if received, would require the Town to pay expenses up front which FEMA would reimburse 100% afterwards.

A motion to approve the Resolution of Support for Town of Mount Pleasant Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief Grant Application 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)

D. ADDED – Leaf Pickup

Commissioner Furr has received multiple complaints in the past month about the procedure and efficiency of limb pickup. Why are piles not being picked up on the same street? Public Works purchased a small excavator for this purpose, why are they not using it? Debris is left when the front-end loader picks up the big stuff. Can Public Works sweep/rake into piles and throw on the truck?

Commissioner Meadows said on Walnut St there has been a pile of limbs/brush sitting for 6 months.

Randy Holloway will reach back out to Public Works and see what they can do to step up customer service. They can use doorhangers for courtesy pickups.

Speeding on Main St. was also discussed. Mayor Eudy and Mr. Holloway are going to arrange a meeting with the Sheriff to discuss several items.

The Board also requested a monthly report from the Public Works Director.

A square of pavement on the sidewalk is missing near the post office and the former driveway beside the post office on S. Main St. needs to be repaired.

No motion was made.

At this point Commissioner Simpson made a motion with a second from Commissioner Ashby 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)

8. 143-318.11.(a)(#3) Closed session- Consult with Town Attorney

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.

Commissioner Sells made a motion with a second from Commissioner Simpson 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)

A motion to set as a New Agenda Item under New Business at the next meeting (September 14th) a discussion to address the June 22nd Public Hearing for Annexation and Budget Ordinances 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)

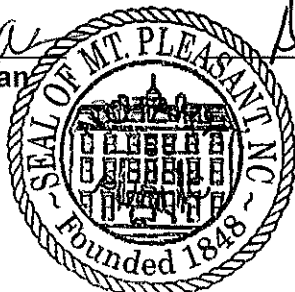
8. Adjournment

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, September 14, 2020 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman




Mayor W. Del Eudy