

# Mount Pleasant

North Carolina

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**Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Board of Commissioners  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.  
ZOOM Electronic Meeting #851 2658 4929**

**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, Justin Stallings, Erin Burris, Pastor Nick Newman, Joseph Palko and unknown 1704\*\*\*858.

## **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.

### **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**

Mayor Eudy ADDED- New Business E-Consider replacement for vacant "alternate" seat on Planning & Zoning Board.

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

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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 August 10, 2020
- B. Closed Session Minutes August 10, 2020
- C. Budget Amendment #2 USDA LKC Engineering for Preliminary Engineering and Environment Reports
- D. Proclamation for Constitution Week September 17-23, 2020
- E. Budget Amendment #4 Correction to Budget Line Items FD Cap Project & Roof Repair to Fire Station
- F. Budget Amendment #5 Correct BA #3 wrong acct # listed

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

#### **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  
Mrs. Burris checked with the Board to make sure they received the email concerning the Economic Development Grant Program. She wanted the Board to look over the old program and the revised program for the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The current Economic Development Grant Program was based on Concord's and had 7 options. The new program reduces it to 3 options to simplify it.
- E. Code Enforcement-Jeff Watts
- F. Police Dept.-Deputy Stephen Wagoner
- G. ADD ON-Public Works-Justin Stallings

#### **6. Public Hearings**

None

#### **7. Old Business**

##### **A. Consider accepting the AFG Grant to purchase a new Cascade system for the Fire Department.**

Randy Holloway reported that the Mt. Pleasant Fire Department received the AFG grant. This grant is for a new cascade system for refilling our SCBA bottles.

The Fire Departments portion of the grant will be \$3,071.43; Federal portion \$61,428.57 for a total of \$64,500.00. The Fire Departments portion will be covered by line items already in the current operating budget.

A motion to accept the AFG Grant for a new Cascade system 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)

##### **B. Update on AFG-S Grant for COVID supplies purchased by the Fire Dept.**

Mr. Holloway reported Mt. Pleasant Fire Department also received the AFG-S grant. This grant is for medical PPE (Gowns, Face Shields, etc.). This is a special AFG grant specifically for supplies related to COVID-19.

The Fire Dept.'s portion of the grant will be \$98.62; Federal portion \$1,952.38 for a total of \$2,050.00. The Fire Dept. can pay their portion within the operating budget line items.

A motion to accept the AFG-S grant for COVID supplies 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)

## **8. New Business**

### **A. Discussion to address the June 22nd Public Hearings for the Annexations on Walker Road and the Budget Ordinance for FY2020/2021.**

Town Attorney John Scarbrough reminded the Board that the June 22, 2020 Public Hearings for the Walker Rd annexation and FY2020/2021 Budget hearing were advertised incorrectly in the June 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Independent Tribune with a March 9, 2020 date for the Public Hearings instead of the correct date of June 22, 2020. He stated that it did not void or invalidate the annexation and the FY2020/2021 Budget did not require publication anyway.

Town Clerk Amy Schueneman stated this discussion was meant to acknowledge the error in the Minutes in case anyone questions it in the future.

No motion. Discussion only.

*A copy of the Advertising Affidavit from the Independent Tribune is included in the Minute Book.*

### **B. Consider approving four items associated with the future USDA projects.**

Town Staff has been working with Lynn Whittington from USDA and LKC Engineering to move forward on the USDA water and sewer projects. Randy Holloway gave an update on status of project with maps showing where the new water lines and regional pump station would be located. So far Staff has enjoyed working with LKC Engineering.

The map showed 12" water lines along Hwy 49 from N Main St. to Hwy 73 and down Main St. from the North Drive water tank to Lee St. It also includes a 6" water line on Cook St. to connect the 12" water line on Main St. to the line on Jackson/Washington St. The new line will run along the same side as the current one on Main St. Customers will have new connections according to Public Works Director Justin Stallings.

The Town purchased a lot on Empire Drive for access to the Regional Sewer Pump Station and the Nobles family is going to donate ¼ acre with an easement for the Regional Sewer Pump Station. This pump station will eliminate the Meadowbrook and Food Lion Pump Station. It will allow gravity feed to Adams Creek going towards the WSACC Pump Station at GMAX on Hwy 49 (currently with 95% capacity). It will also take care of all the sewer needs in that basin for the next 50 years.

Since the current USDA interest rate is 1.875% for 40 years, the Town needs to do as much as possible to improve the water/sewer systems. Mr. Holloway thinks that once the Bond Attorney looks at the project an increase to the water/sewer rates will be necessary to make the payments for the loan. All the upfront expenses can be reimbursed with the FEMA loan, including the Bond Attorney and work by John Scarbrough.

4 motions were needed:

1. A motion to approve Randy Holloway as authorized person to communicate with USDA on the water/sewer projects 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)

2. A motion to approve Robert M. Jessup, Jr. of Sanford Holshouser Law Group LLC as the Town's Bond Attorney for the USDA Project and accept the contract 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)

3. A motion to approve the Letter for Identifying Applicant Representatives for the USDA projects to be sent to Lynn Whittington at USDA was made by Commissioner Simpson 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)

4. A motion to approve Budget Amendment #6 Bond Attorney for USDA Project 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)

*The Letter for Identifying Applicant Representative, the contract for the Bond Attorney, Robert Jessup, Budget Amendment #6, and the maps are included in the Minute Book.*

**C. Discussion of the Interchange Gateway Sign (Hwy 49 & Hwy 73)**

Erin Burris presented slides showing a rendering of the Welcome sign by Bizzell Designs, Inc. Original designs were not representative of the Town. Samples of current architecture within the Town are shown on the last design and make it a more meaningful representation of past architecture.

The Board was expecting a horizontal sign and not a vertical sign. They liked the fact it would be visible from all 4 directions. If the base were wider and maybe a change to the building material, they would like it better. The Board consensus was to continue to move the project forward even if the cost would be more than the \$25,000 originally planned. It will be something that lasts many years. The limit of less than \$50,000 was the amount that the Board considered acceptable for the project at this time.

No motion was made. Consensus on direction of project moving forward.

**D. Discussion on upcoming Christmas Events**

Assistant Town Manager Crystal Smith informed the Board that she is working on Christmas Events and checking with other municipalities in the area to see what they are doing. She would like the Board to consider ways to do have a virtual tree lighting and light decorating contest for the Town and to join with other municipalities for a County-wide virtual tree lighting.

It was asked if the City of Concord has cancelled their parade. At this time, we do not have a definite answer.

Staff requested the Board to think about our Christmas Events including the town Christmas party and be prepared to decide at the October meeting.

Commissioner Ashby felt the later a decision was made the better.

No motion. Discussion only.

**E. ADD ON- Consider replacement for vacant "alternate" seat on Planning & Zoning Board.**

Brad Hinson was selected by the Town Board on March 9, 2020 as an "alternate" to fill the term vacated by Jeff Helmtoller. Mr. Hinson moved out of Mount Pleasant on August 24, 2020 and is no longer eligible to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Mr. Hinson was a resident in the Oldenburg area, to continue fair representation within the Town, it is recommended to replace him with one of the two other candidates interviewed from Oldenburg: Shelia Chapman and Gary Cooper which are both still interested in serving.

The replacement person for this position will complete the existing term expiring June 30, 2022.

The Town Board requested to post the vacancy to see if more people would apply to serve on the Planning & Zoning Board.

No motion. Consensus to post the vacancy was decided.

**8. Adjournment**

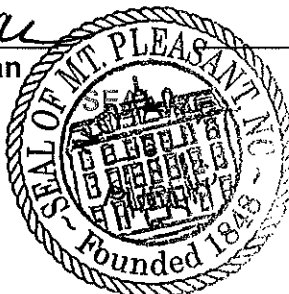
With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Simpson seconded the motion.

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, October 12, 2020 in the Regular Meeting.

*Amy Schueneman*  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman



*Del Eudy*  
Mayor W. Del Eudy