# Town of Mount Gilead Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes Regularly Scheduled Meeting Mount Gilead Fire Department September 6th, 2016 7:00PM

The Mt. Gilead Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00pm, at the Mt. Gilead Fire Department.

The following board members were present: Mayor Joseph Miller Jr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley; Commissioners: Paula Covington, Branson Webb, Mitch Taylor and Town Manager Justin Price.

Call to Order—Mayor Chip Miller Moment of Silence Pledge of Allegiance

- 1. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Agenda-September 6, 2016
  - b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes- August 9, 2016
  - c. Recessed Meeting Minutes August 25, 2016
  - d. Recessed Meeting Minutes August 26, 2016
  - e. Special Called Meeting Minutes August 30, 2016

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried.

2. Presentations/Proclamations:

Police Chief Preslar recognized Jason Hensley for his acts of bravery in the line of duty to save a young man life. Officer Hensley was present a plaque.

- 3. Public Forum/Comment Period---No Comments
- 4. Public Hearings- Street Closure

**Action: Open Public Hearing** 

 Petition and intent to close unopened street right of way in Pine Needles subdivision. (Includes portions of Loblolly, Lowdermilk, Longleaf, and Erie)

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to open the public hearing. Commissioner Paul Covington seconded the motion and it was carried.

Town Manager Justin Price stated that the Intents has been presented, the closing of the streets have been advertised for 4 weeks and now the public hearing. All of the property in question is land that is undeveloped and back in the woods. Mr. Jack Jordan stated that the land was developed during the textile years and no development has been in this area since. The property owners want to get this off the books as a development and convert to one piece of property. The owners have no plans for development and will let all property owners know before in the future.

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded the motion and it was carried.

#### 5. Old Business

a. North Main Street-73 Sidewalk Project-No update

#### b. Street Closure

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the resolution to close the unopened street right of way in Pine Needles subdivision. (Includes portions of Loblolly, Lowdermilk, Longleaf, and Erie) Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

### c. Street Paving Approval

Town Manager Price stated that only 2 companies gave bids for paving and they were C.K. Earnhardt and J.T. Russell. Of the 2 bids Earnhardt was the lowest.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the bid from C.K. Earnhardt for the paving of selected town streets. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried.

# d. Meeting structure

- i. Discussion on the use of consent agenda and the requirement of a second to authorize a vote on a motion.
- ii. Rules for Public Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to table this discussion until a later time. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried.

# 6. New Business

# a. Engineering Report

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the resolution to have LKC proceed to submit the funding proposal for the wastewater project. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

# b. Resolution of Support

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve a letter support for Montgomery County and their letter of petition to deny the Inter Basin Transfer request of Union County. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

# c. Budget Amendments

Fire Department: Plans have already been approved to expand the outdoor cooking area but plans need to be changed again to ensure an additional bay for a truck and equipment. This also includes the cost of the addition heat and air unit.

Police Department: There was equipment the police needed to purchase but was unable to due budget. Also beside the equipment needed, they would like to purchase holsters and ammo.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented to the board. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried.

## 7. Reports

- a. Manager's Report
- b. Waste Water Treatment—Included in Manager's Report
- c. Fire
- d. Police
- e. Public Works

# 8. Mayor – Commissioner Reports

- a. Announcement: Interim Town Manager Justin Price's last Day will be September 9th.
- b. Announcement: Mr. Matthew Christian has accepted the Town Manager position and will begin on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Committee Reports: No Reports

#### 10. Closed Session

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to enter closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11 (a) (6) (Personnel) 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. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

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Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to exist Closed Session. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to appoint Justin Price as acting Town Manager until September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

# 11. Adjournment

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mayor Joseph "Chip" Miller Jr.