



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
August 1, 2017

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met at 5:00 p.m. at Mount Gilead Fire Department, 106 East Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina for the regular monthly business meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Miller, Jr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley; Commissioners: Branson Webb and Mitch Taylor.

STAFF: Town Manager Matthew Christian, Town Clerk Mary H. Lucas, Asst. Town Clerk Lessie Jackson, Maintenance Director Daniel Medley, and Police Chief Patrick Preslar.

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Miller
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to amend the agenda and add 2 items. The following items will need to be added to agenda: Discussion of the Editorial in the Charlotte Observer and Mayor and Commissioners Reports. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 20, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS--None

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jones Almond: Mr. Almond had several items to address before the Board.

- 1-Staff should make sure that Boone McAulay start receiving an agenda packet since is running for the position of a Commissioner.
- 2-Pleased that the board is starting to address the Noise Ordinances
- 3-Questioned the cost of a parking space and maybe charge the business owner on the parking lot project. Just how many times will this overflow parking lot be needed in a year, maybe 2 or 3 times.
- 4-Questioned the Annual Bond Payment

Patty Almond: Mrs. Almond gave appreciation to the board for addressing the Nuisance and Property ordinances. Community One group has identified several areas that are at top priority.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS - None

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Street Paving Bids:

Town Manager Matthew Christian and Maintenance Director Daniel Medley presented to the Town Board bids for paving and concrete work from 3 different companies. The following companies submitted bids: C.K. Earnhardt, Smith Asphalt and Riley Paving. The board has already reviewed the streets on the priority list for paving and sidewalk work that needs to be redone.

On the sidewalk work/concrete Smith Asphalt stated that they would complete this work even if they did not receive the bid for the paving of streets. So with statement made by Maintenance Director Medley, Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to grant the paving bid to Riley Paving and the sidewalk/concrete bid is still pending. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried.

B. Water Tower Demolition:

Town Manager Matthew Christian informed the board that he had received 2 bids on the demolition of the old water tower. Iseler Demolition, Inc. submitted a bid of \$22,800.00 and Pittsburg Tank Tower Group submitted a bid of \$32,076.00. There is no grant money for this project but the Town does have a pledge acquired in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the removal of the old water tower.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to accept the pledge in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the removal of the old water tank and to grant the bid to Iseler Demolition, Inc. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried. The board did request that the Town Manager check with Iseler Demolition, Inc. and require a bond of no less than \$1 million and the Town would require a certificate of insurance before the removal of the water tank.

C. Text Amendments – First Reading:

Town Manager Matthew Christian reviewed with the first reading of the new language for the Nuisance provision. Next month the Staff will issue Notice Procedures and the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing at the next scheduled Town Board meeting on September 5, 2017. After the Public Hearing the Board will be able to proceed with a vote.

D. Article in the Charlotte Observer:

Mayor Joseph Miller, Jr., expressed his opinion on the article in the Charlotte Observer about the incident at Myrtle Beach and the Town of Mount Gilead. The title of the article read “Drugs, Gangs, in Mount Gilead”. It was totally unfair for the Charlotte Observer to put this on the front page hurting our youth and the image of our Town. Mayor Miller stated that he would like to respond to this article in an editorial and let everyone know that there is more to the Town of Mount Gilead and to invite the Charlotte Observer staff to come and visit and see the real side of our town. Mayor Miller looked to the Board for direction on this matter.

Commissioner Mitch Taylor and Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley both agreed that Mayor Miller should respond to the article in the Charlotte Observer.

ITEM VII. REPORTS:

Town Manager Matthew Christian stated that the Town has begun the new fiscal year and as you see that purchases will come out of the budget early.

Piedmont Center of the Arts on Main Street: Mayor Miller hosted the STEP Program for Mayors and it was a success.

Park Program ends on August 4, 2017.

In the coming year, the board and maintenance will need to consider the repair of the pool due to at this time is losing a large amount of water daily.

Staff has been in contact with Itron on the water meters, some improvements but some water meters will need to be replaced.

WWTP is being operated on a mobile pump, with a lot of hours of stress and cost. LKC Engineering is working on getting relief on this situation before the project starts.

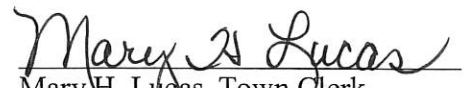
ITEM VIII. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT: None

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION: None

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT:

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


Joseph Miller Jr., Mayor


Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk