



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
September 5, 2017

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 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, Paula Covington, 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 Joseph Miller, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 1, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017 as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

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

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stephanie Ross, resident of the old water department on Hwy 731 West and part owner of the Mt. Gilead Antique Mall, came before the board representing a group of people that are interested in saving the old water tank. This group would like for the board to take a little more time before making the decision to tear down the old water tank. The group that was represented would like to ask some questions of the board and have time to get someone in here to see if the old water tank can be saved.

ITEM V. PUBLIC HEARINGS (2)

A. Nuisance Text Amendments

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss and hear any comments from the public on the Nuisance Text Amendments. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Nuisance Ordinances have been approved by the Town Attorney and have met all

Town Manager Matthew Christian stated that he would glad to meet with anyone and explain all ordinances.

Shaun Welland questioned if these new nuisance ordinances changes included jake braking by all of the big trucks that come through town. Town Manager stated that noise violations are part of a separate section of the Town Code.

Patty Almond stated that she hoped that the following 3 items will be addressed:

1. Boarded windows to be replace (Wilder's Building)
2. Old two-story home at the corner of 109 and 731 (Wilder's)
3. Paul Phillips old home place to be torn down at 306 North Main Street

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to close the public hearing on the Nuisance Text Ordinance. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the Nuisance Text Amendments as presented in the public hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

B. Surplus Property Ordinance

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to into the public hearing to discuss and hear any comments from the public on the Surplus Property Ordinance. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Surplus Property Ordinance prescribes procedures for disposing of personal property valued at less than \$30,000. This ordinance would authorize the Town Manager to dispose of any surplus personal property owned by the Town of Mt. Gilead.

Jones Almond asked if this would include real and personal property.

Patty Almond asked would affect a general or enterprise line item.

Shaun Welland stated could the public be notified of any items that would be up for sale by the town or would they have to look at the GovDeals page on line.

Town Manager stated that the Town did have the opportunity to sell all items on GovDeals, and the town's goal would be to make to sale as widely known as possible.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to close the public hearing for the Surplus Property Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the Surplus Property Ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS: None

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sidewalk Paving Bids

The Board review sidewalk bids C.K Earnhardt, Smith Asphalt and the Dunlap Brothers. After much discussion, the board asked maintenance to look into where the sidewalk existed in from of the truss plant to the corner of Pleasant Valley Road, to see the cost of removing the existing broken sidewalk and replacing it with gravel in 100 ft. This could lower the cost that was presented to the board.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to award Smith Asphalt the bid to do West Allenton St from South School Street to South Wadesboro Blvd (Hwy 109). Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

B. Budget Amendments

- 1) NCLM Body Armor Reimbursement
- 2) Water Tower Demolition
- 3) NCCCMA Scholarship

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve Budget Amendments #1 and #3 as presented to the Board. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Miller informed the concerned citizens that in favor of saving the old water tank, that in the last town board meeting the board approved to proceed with the removal of the old water tank. An agreement has been signed with a contractor and the removal is scheduled to begin on September 17, 2017.

Mayor Miller stated that the removal of the tank had been funded through a private donor and the town has received that donation. This has been discussed in previous meetings and people have been asked what would the town like to see done and one of the things stated was the removal of the old water tank to the concerns of it falling on businesses.

Shaun Welland stated to the board that he has expressed his opinions before on the saving of the old water tank.

After some discussion the board agreed to call the contractor and see if a delay can be approved.

C. Fall Grant Funding Applications

- 1) Asset Inventory Assessment (Water & Sewer)

LKC has requested that the town approve an Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant Resolution by the Governing Body of Applicant. This will help in the grant process for water and sewer.

After review of the resolution, Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

2) Regionalization Feasibility

Montgomery County has requested the town to participate and cooperate with the completion of a Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study. This would include a study to further investigate potential options and alternatives for regionalization of utilities for the betterment of the Town and County.

By submittal of this letter of support, we commit our willingness to participate and cooperate to the extent necessary to complete the Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study for the purpose of ensuring long-term viability of all systems involved. The Town's collaboration and support in these efforts does not bind us to act on recommendations and conclusions presented in the report.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the letter of support for the Regionalization Feasibility Grant Application. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

3) PARTF

Mayor Joseph Miller, Jr. stated to the board that he would like to appoint a steering committee of 7 to 8 people to work on the PARTF Grant.

ITEM VII. REPORTS

Staff reports were given by each department.

Mayor Miller informed the board that a generous donation has been made by Jordan Lumber in the amount of \$50,000. This money will be used on behalf of the park. The PARTF grant will need a match and many repairs are needed within the park.

ITEM VIII. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to accept the Letter of Resignation/Retirement for Mary H. Lucas effective January 1, 2018. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

ITEM IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Paula Covington seconded and motion was carried unanimously.

Joseph Miller, Jr. Mayor

Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk

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