

TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306

May 2, 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.; Commissioners: Branson Webb and Mitch Taylor

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

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

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to adopt the agenda with the omission of Item #2 due no minutes to report.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (Omit)

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

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

To start the public comment, Mayor Joseph Miller, Jr. stated that he knew some of the visitors present for this meeting were here about rate increases at Twin Harbor. At this time we have nothing on the agenda about rate increases. At the last meeting the Board did vote to upgrade the WWTP with a cost of \$2.9 million project with a \$500,000 grant. The cost of this project would be \$117,000 a year in payments for 20 years. The town has been researching on what would be the best way for this investment to be paid. Everyone who is on sewer is invested in this project, not just the customers that live in town.

Jimmy Christopher, Chairperson of the Twin Harbor Association, stated that he had met with Town Manager Matthew Christian about this subject already. Twin Harbor usage has been projected as 1/3 full-time residents and 2/3 is seasonal residents. Our complaint is already the cost of sewer and the town is talking of raising the rates for Twin Harbor. Mr. Christopher expressed several concerns about the price increase and has asked Town Manager Matthew Christian to speak with the Twin Harbor Association on June 3, 2017.

Vicky McPherson, resident of Twin Harbor Association, stated that she was a full time

resident of Twin Harbor. According to when the Town took over the sewer at Twin Harbor the association has paid all of the agreed fees and has invested in the Town. A lot of the residents are on a fixed income and an increase would hurt them in paying a higher sewer bill. We question what was done with the money that was given to the Town in the past, what was it budgeted for? Twin Harbor has spent and invested a lot of money in the home park and the Town took over Twin Harbor with their equipment upgraded.

ITEM V. CONSENT AGENDA: None

ITEM VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ITEM VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property:

The Town owns certain item of personal property that have become surplus for its current needs. General Statue 160A-266 permits the town to sell such property by private sale, upon authorization by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting and notice to the public. Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Town Manager to sell by private sale items of surplus personal property. The Town Clerk will need to publish a notice summarizing this resolution and items and no sale may be executed pursuant to this resolution until at least 10 days after the day of notice is published.

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to authorize the Town Manager to dispose of the surplus items as stated. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and the motion was carried.

B. Budget Amendments:

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and the motion was carried.

C. Street Paving Presentation:

Maintenance Director Daniel Medley presented to the Board a Street Maintenance Plan for FY 2017-2018. Medley stated that this document describes the condition of the streets and sidewalks within the Town. We have roughly 10.75 miles of streets and 2.87 miles of sidewalk. Staff has carefully examined the streets and compiled a list of problem areas which are in critical need of improvement. Areas currently identified vary from fair to poor condition. Upon direction from the Board of Commissioners, town staff will repair, reconstruct, or resurface problem areas to maintain the infrastructure which is essential for public health, safety, and welfare.

The Board requested that they ride thru the Town with the Maintenance Director Daniel Medley to see firsthand the problems with the streets and sidewalks. This will give them a chance to prioritize for FY 2017-2018 Street Maintenance.

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D. FY 2018 Budget Update

Town Manager Matthew Christian reviewed with the Board a Draft copy of the FY 2017-2018 Budget. The review consisted mainly of the expenditure side of the budget.

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION:

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a Personnel issue. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to come out of Closed Session back into regular session. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and the motion was carried.

No decisions were made.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Joseph Miller, Jr. Mayor

Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk

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