



# TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

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

June 6, 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: Paula Covington, Mitch Taylor, and Branson Webb

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

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

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mayor Miller stated that under OLD BUSINESS the board needed to add “ C. Street Maintenance Plan” and to delete Closed Session under Item VII and add Mayor-Commissioners Reports.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes presented by Mayor Miller. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. May 16, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and motion was carried.

ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS:

A. Mayoral Proclamation

Mayor Miller stated that the Town would like to present Mr. Johnny Greene with a Mayoral Proclamation on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Ford Place. This will be the Friends In Focus Celebration. The Town would like to recognize Mr. Greene for all of the hard work and dedication he has done in our community over the past years.

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jones Almond:

- a) He was having problems with the past minutes on the website
- b) With sewer rates to increase, why can't there be a higher charge for the Industrial Rates.
- c) The new fire hydrant in front of Food King needs to be fixed, because it sets to low into the ground. If the fire department has a fire they will have to dig it out in order to hook up the hoses.
- d) There is a website you go on and it still states that Katrina Tatum is the Manager and Earl Poplin is the Mayor. Don't how this can be fixed, but needs to be corrected.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Revised MeterSYS pricing options:

After some discussion, the board decided to stay with our current radio read meters and upgrade our software with Itron. The project with WWTP will be time consuming and maybe by the time 3 years are completed the board can revisit the purchase of new water meters. It was requested of the Town Manager to check with Itron on the software and give a report at the next meeting.

B. FY 2017-2018 Budget:

Town Manager Matthew Christian stated that the enclosed with the board packet is the new updated proposed budget for FY 2017-2018. A five dollar (\$5) sewer increase has been added across the board on the base rate. Another change was the part time position for the town office has been moved from general fund to water/sewer fund.

Public Hearing will be held June 20 2017, at the Mt. Gilead Fire Department at 7pm for the 2017-2018 Budget.

C. Street Maintenance Plan:

A list of streets and sidewalks in need of repair was presented to the board. The board requested of Maintenance Supervisor Daniel Medley to get a quote for the repair of all listed and then the board would review and prioritize the according to money available.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mt. Gilead Redevelopment Corporation Update:

Former Mayor Earl Poplin and Chairperson Carrol Hurley of the Mt. Gilead Redevelopment Corporation gave a brief updated report on the work being done at the Arts Building on North Main Street. A new tenant will be moving into the building after some renovations are completed. The new business will be arts related and more space was needed. The corporation has proposed to open the back part of the building which would include the clock shop by tearing down a wall. All of this work will require the experience of an engineer to approve the removal of this wall and to help with the needed permits from the county. Former Mayor Earl Poplin ask the Town Board for the help in the way of prison labor, dump truck, contractor supervision for about week as in-kind labor.

After some discussion, Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the request of the Redevelopment Corporation providing the Building Permit is in good standing. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and the motion was carried.

B. Budget Amendment:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and the motion was carried.

ITEM VII. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley suggested that the town look into installing ceiling fans at the Stanback Park Pavilions
- Commissioner Paula Covington asked if some of the new business in town are going to have a grand opening or a ribbon cutting
- Commissioner Mitch Taylor informed the board that he attended the Park Program Reunion and was pleased with turn out and the bond that the ones attended still had with the Town of Mount Gilead
- Mayor Miller informed the board that on July 31, 2017, that he would like to host the Mayor-STEP meeting at the Ford Place. Mr. Art Jackson, with the STEP Program has ask that Mt. Gilead do this due to the town was in the first round of the STEP Program. Approximately 10 mayors will be attending and the meeting at the Ford Place will be provided by the Town.

ITEM VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried.

  
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Joseph Miller, Jr., Mayor

  
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Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk