



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
November 7, 2017

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Highland Community Center, 131 Hoffman Drive, Mount Gilead, North Carolina for the regular monthly business meeting.

Board members present: Mayor Joseph Miller, Jr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley; Commissioners: Branson Webb, Mitch Taylor and Paula Covington.

Staff present: 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:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and motion was carried.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. October 3, 2017 – Regular Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconded and motion was carried.

ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS:

A. Amity Club 50th Anniversary
Mayor Miller read and presented a group of ladies representing the Amity Club a proclamation recognize the club for 50 years of service the Mount Gilead community.

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Stephanie Ross: Ms. Ross state that they had received quotes for a fully function tower and a non-functioning tower. No reports have stated that it was unsafe for drinking water. And no one has come forth saying it was an eye sore.

*Shaun Welland: Mr. Welland had a picture of an old water tank that was used in the television program. Please look for attractions like this and appreciate their beauty. Our town has this beauty and we need to appreciate it.

*Sue Brookshire: Mrs. Brookshire held up a copy of the Charlotte Observer that displayed our water tank a couple of months ago. Some people said it was a disgrace for the paper to put this water tank on their front page, that it misrepresented the Town of Mount Gilead. Mrs. Brookshire stated that she had talked to the editor and told her

what some people thought was the reason behind the picture. The editor stated that the picture was taken due to the historic value and charm of the tower. This tower represents the past and the present and they would love for their town to still have a landmark like this.

*Melody Flemming: Mrs. Flemming stated that her Dad was 8 years old when the old water tank was built, now he is 89 years of age. He stated to me he feels like the old water tank, he don't have a purpose anymore. Please let restore for a purpose.

*Jack Boone: A young lad of 10 years old stated how much he enjoyed looking at old antiques that represent our past.

*Rodney McRae: Mr. McRae stated that we all need to blame someone. People express their concerns, some like antiques, some like the past history and we are all part of Mt. Gilead. We are all a team! He still has some questions on keeping the water tank for a backup reserve. I hope we can find a way to save it.

*JoAnne Adams: Ms. Adams has restored 3 properties and now working on one on Main Street. She thanked the Board of Commissioners for their time and patience for letting citizens voice their opinions. She stated that he loves Mount Gilead and the town does have the "CAN DO" spirit.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Water Tower Demolition

The Town Board reviewed and discussed the proposals from Southern Corrosion. The total on the two proposals was approximately \$130,000. The town does not have the money to maintain this old water tank. The town has other projects that need to be addressed especially with our old water lines and infrastructure.

There were two (2) options on the table: To demo the old water tank or To give the citizens 6 months to raise the money to up keep the old water tank.

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to go with Option #2 which would to give the citizens 6 months to raise the money. Commissioner Branson Webb agreed 6 months would be fair to the citizens.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS: None

ITEM VII. STAFF REPORTS: Attached to Agenda Packets

ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley reminded everyone about the Highland Bake Sale on Saturday, November 11th, Food King.

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION:

A. NC General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-client privilege
Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to go into Closed Session.
Commissioner Branson Webb seconded and motion was carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to come out of Closed Session.
Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded and motion was carried.

No action was taken.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

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

Joseph Miller Jr., Mayor

Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk