



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Meeting Minutes

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
February 5, 2019

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Fire Department for their regular monthly meeting. Present were Mayor Chip Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Vera Richardson, Mitch Taylor and Paula Covington, Town Manager Matthew Christian and Clerk Amy Roberts.

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mitch Taylor seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted unanimously.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paula Covington made a motion to approve the January 8, 2019 minutes. Tim McAuley seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM III. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Boggess, 204 W. Ingram St., spoke about the Mt. Gilead museum and the Museum Committee's efforts to re-vamp the hours per week that it is open to the public. He reminded everyone that there will be an exhibit starting Sunday, February 9 honoring Julius Chambers. He also reminded everyone that the museum now had a Facebook page that is being monitored regularly and that any events and happenings would be posted on this page.

Ms. Patty Almond, 210 E. Allenton St., stated to the Board that she had heard rumor that the Town had received a \$200K grant and she was concerned about how this money was going to be used. She stated that the rumor was that the money was going to be used to paint three murals on the walls of some of the Historic Downtown buildings. She wanted to know the restrictions for the grant and wanted a clear transparent account of how the grant money would be used. She stated that we needed a Rural Center in Mt. Gilead. She states that we need a more valuable community center than what we currently have to offer.

Mr. Mitchell Lucas, 300 Cedar St., spoke to the Board about the need to change the speed limit on Cedar Street. He says that there is a lot of traffic coming by his home these days and requested that the MG Police Department possibly place their mobile radar on Cedar Street for a while to see if will help slow traffic down.

Mr. Jones Almond, 210 E. Allenton St., asked the Board if there was any head way being made on the tearing down of any old homes that are dilapidated in town. He also wants to know if there are any "No Jake Brake" signs being placed at the city limits of town.

Ms. Patricia Lilly, 3131 Pleasant Valley Rd., requested a speed hump be placed at the bottom of the hill on Pleasant Valley Rd. She also requested that someone come out and look and doing repairs to the Bridge on Pleasant Valley Road. She also stated that the roads in the Trailer Park on Pleasant Valley Rd. need to be cleaned up. There's lots of trash that needs picking up and she asked the Board if the property owners could be held accountable for the litter on their property.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

B. Car Wash Lease – Matt Christian presented the written car wash lease for the Car Wash on Alley Drive to the current tenant, Mr. Terry Dennis. The Board was provided a copy of the lease in the agenda packet and had previously proofread it. Tim McAuley made a motion to approve the updated Lease to Mr. Terry Dennis and his son Kyle as written. Vera Richardson seconded the motion. The new lease was unanimously approved.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A & B. Audit Presentation – FY 2017-2018 – Ms. Deneal Bennett, CPA and auditor with J. B. Watson, Inc. presented the 2017-2018 Town of Mt. Gilead Financial Statements* to the Board and gave the Board the Town of Mt. Gilead's current financial standings. She also presented the 2018-2019 Contract to Audit accounts with details of services that will be provided by J. B. Watson, Inc. Mitch Taylor made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Audit Contract. Tim McAuley seconded the motion. The contract was unanimously approved.


**NOTE – A copy of the 2018-2019 Town of Mt. Gilead Financial Statement is on file in the Clerk's office at the Mt. Gilead Town Hall, 110 W. Allenton St., Mt. Gilead.*

C. Utility Billing Policy Updates – Matt presented an updated version of the Town of Mt. Gilead's Utility Billing Policy with proposed changes. In the new version the billing cycle will change from the 14th of each month to the 6th of the month. He feels this will help cut down on the amount of customers getting water disconnected because they will now receive another water bill with the past due on it before the day water is due to be disconnected. He stated that this is just another effort to help the customer. He also changed the policy to no longer disconnect water services on Mondays or Fridays. Tim McAuley made a motion to adopt the updated Utility Billing Policy with the proposed changes. Paula Covington seconded the motion. The Policy was unanimously adopted.

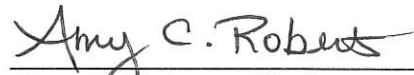
D. Budget Retreat Planning – Matt spoke to the Board about setting a date on the calendar for the upcoming Board Retreat. Matt suggested possibly trying to have the Retreat offsite and possibly splitting the Retreat between a Friday evening and Saturday morning rather than spending a long day on Saturday as has been done in the past.

Tentative dates of Friday, March 22 and/or Saturday, March 23 were discussed. Matt is going to explore options and sites and update the Board accordingly.

- ITEM VII. STAFF REPORTS – Attached to Agenda Packet
- ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Paula Covington reminded everyone of the Gospel Extravaganza to be held at Highland Community Center in honor of Black History month on Saturday, February 16 at 6 p.m.
- ITEM IV. CLOSED SESSION
None
- ITEM V. ADJOURNMENT
With no more business, Commissioner Tim McAuley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.



Joseph "Chip" Miller, Jr., Mayor



Amy C. Roberts, Clerk