



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Meeting Minutes

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

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 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 Town Clerk Amy Roberts.

CALL TO ORDER
MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 5, 2019 - Tim McAuley made a motion to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes. Paula Covington seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.
B. February 12, 2019 – Paula Covington made a motion to approve the February 12, 2019 minutes. Vera Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM III. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

None

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chuck Routh a new business owner on Main Street in Mt. Gilead, spoke about speeding on Main Street and the worry that current business owners have concerning the speeding. He asked that the Town Board consider enforcing the speed limit through town and he also has been in contact with NCDOT in reference to other options to help resolve the traffic problem.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

None

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments

Mr. Kelly Larkins from the Piedmont Triad Regional Council presented some amendments to the Transportation plan proposed by the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization (PTRPO). Matt presented a Resolution for Endorsement for Montgomery County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments. Paula Covington made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Amendments with a second from Mitch Taylor. Resolution was adopted unanimously.

B. CWSRF Bid Discussion

The Town of Mount Gilead is in the process of accepting bids for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund project to rehabilitate the Wastewater Treatment Plant and several pump stations within the collection system. On February 26, the Town only received two (2) sealed bids. The statute requires a minimum of three (3) sealed bids to be received. If the minimum number of bids is not received, the bid must be re-advertised for a minimum of 7 days before the Town can accept sealed bids again. Following the second advertisement, the Town can open and review the bids regardless of the number of bids received.

Matt asked the Board to consider re-advertising for bids on the Town's website only, which is allowable by statute and following the re-advertisement, the Town can open and review the bids regardless of the number of bids received.

Vera Richardson asked that Daniel Medley's name be added as a contact to the Advertisement for Bids because of his position as Public Works Director.

Vera Richardson made a motion to re-advertise on the Town of Mt. Gilead's website with requested changes. Mitch Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Main Street Traffic

In recent months the Town has received multiple complaints about speeding around town, especially on Main Street. In the downtown area, Main Street has a posted speed limit of 20mph. Despite multiple strategies to slow traffic, we have continued to receive concerns from our business operators and property owners.

Matt presented a copy of an email from Chuck Routh. Mr. Routh recently purchased a building in the downtown historic district and is in the process of making renovations in order to open a new business. He summarizes the traffic issues, his observations during his time here in Mount Gilead, and possible solutions to this problem. Mr. Routh has reached out to NCDOT Traffic Engineer David Willet, who suggested the possibility of converting the intersection of Ingram and Main Street to a 4-way stop; this is currently a signalized intersection. Implementing this change would require all traffic to stop when approaching this intersection. Matt explained that one of the first steps to convert this intersection to a 4-way stop is a resolution of the governing body formally requesting NCDOT to make the conversion. After NCDOT receives the resolution from the Town of Mount Gilead, they will commission a traffic study to review the technical aspects of this request. Following the results of that traffic study, the Town and NCDOT would work cooperatively to make any changes consistent with the original request and NCDOT standards and specifications. The Board directed Matt to ask a NCDOT representative to attend the next regular meeting to discuss this topic and out options in more detail.

ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Attached to Agenda Packet

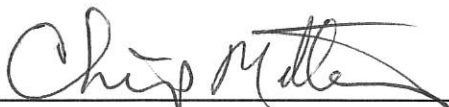
ITEM IV. CLOSED SESSION – Personnel

Vera Richardson made a motion to go into closed session. Tim McAuley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

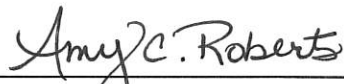
Tim McAuley made a motion to adjourn from closed session. Paula Covington seconded the motion. Motion unanimously carried.

ITEM V. ADJOURNMENT

With no more business, Commissioner Mitch Taylor 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