



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
September 3, 2019

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 pm at Mount Gilead Fire Department, 106 E. Allenton Street, Mt. Gilead, NC 27306. Present were Mayor Chip Miller, Mayor Pro Temp Tim McAuley, Commissioners Vera Richardson and Paula Covington, Town Manager Matt Christian, Town Clerk Amy Roberts, Public Works Director Daniel Medley and Police Chief Pat Preslar.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vera Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda. Paula Covington seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted unanimously.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 30, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes – Tim McAuley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mitch Taylor seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bud Young – East Ingram Street, Mt. Gilead

Mr. Young wanted the Board to know that he will be opening a non-profit business in the very near future. The business will basically be selling online as well as in store. He wanted them to know that any profit made will go directly back in to the community.

Mrs. Cheryl Hall – Hwy 109, Mt. Gilead

Mrs. Hall spoke on behalf of the Mount Gilead Community Foundation and she gave the Board a handout to show a proposed drawing of a Pocket Park that the Foundation is raising money to build in the empty grassy area between A&J's and the Automotive Shop. Mayor Miller asked that the Foundation gather information about cost(s) and a map of the project. He also would like to know who would be in charge of the project.

Ms. Patricia Lilly, Pleasant Valley Road, Mt. Gilead

Ms. Lilly spoke to the Board about her concern for the Town and asked what the Commissioners role actually was in the community. She would like to see the Police Department enforce the No Trespassing signs. She noticed that signs have been put up but no one is actually enforcing it. She also asked the Board if there are any grants out there that could help Senior Citizens in the community.

Mr. Tim Patterson – 505 N. Pine Street, Mt. Gilead

Mr. Patterson spoke concerning the increase violence in the community. He spoke about how he used to blame the Police Department for not doing their job and stopping some of the crime and violence and he now realizes that the biggest problem is the community not

reporting the problems. He advised that there was a shooting this past weekend and there was never even a call made to report it. He asked what we could do to help the growing problem of violence in the communities and stated that we all need to do better as a Board and a town to help clean up the trash around our town. Mayor Miller asked if he could speak more about this with the Police Chief after the meeting.

ITEM IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Pat Preslar introduced new Patrol Officer, Matthew Reeder. Matt joined the force on August 12 and lives in Candor. He graduated in May of 2019 from BLET at Stanly Community College.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Update – Matt updated the Board on the Plan and showed a chart with a target timeline and an updated schedule of the work to be completed.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Advisory Board Consolidation Resolution – Matt presented a resolution to consolidate the Town’s multiple advisory boards and quasi-judicial boards. Vera Richardson asked Matt if there has been any feedback from the multiple boards as to whether they want to be consolidated. Matt said that they are aware. Vera Richardson made a motion to approve the Resolution with the understanding that all the Boards are made aware and understand this change. Mitch Taylor seconded the motion. Resolution was adopted unanimously.

ITEM VII. STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports were presented by Public Works Director, Daniel Medley and Police Chief Pat Preslar and were included in the agenda packets.

ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION

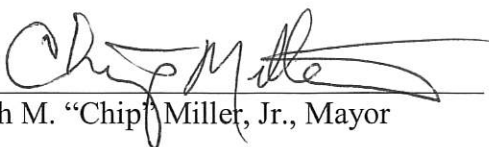
- A. Attorney-Client Privilege G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3)
- B. Personnel GS 143-318.11(a)(6)

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

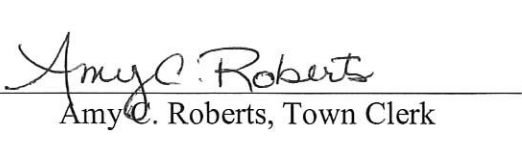
Vera Richardson made a motion to go back in to open session. Paula Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board business, Mitch Taylor made a motion to adjourn. Vera Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Joseph M. "Chip" Miller, Jr., Mayor



Amy C. Roberts, Town Clerk