



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
March 21, 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.; 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 Pat Preslar

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the adoption of the agenda with the change of under New Business to rotate Item B and Item C. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2017

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to approve the minutes for March 7, 2017. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

ITEM V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Budget Amendment # 2017-03-21

Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. This budget amendment was for the insurance proceeds to cover the cost of repair for the Police car that was struck by a deer. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM VII. OLD BUSINESS

ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MeterSYS Presentation

Mr. Andy Huneycutt presented a presentation on MeterSYS. This system the staff has been looking at to better our metering service. Mr. Huneycutt stated that MeterSYS is a “pure play” advanced metering solutions company focused on financial, operational, and customer service enhancements for public water utilities. They will provide full program management support for all aspects of utility metrology, including feasibility analysis, network design, procurement, project management, and post-deployment business process improvements. Mr. Huneycutt reviewed with the board how this system could save the town money not only in water capacity but also relieve the maintenance staff of dedicating days of meter reading and re-reads. After some discussion the board will address the decision at a later meeting.

B. State Health Insurance Plan

Town Manager Matthew Christian expressed to the Board that the Town has an opportunity to participate in the State Health Plan. The rate of this plan would be \$479 per employee verses our rate of plan now at \$730 per employee. There is a small window of opportunity to join this health plan and if the board would like to enroll in the State Health Plan they would need to pass Resolution Order No. 2017-001. This resolution be it resolved that the Town Manager is hereby directed and authorized to enroll the Town of Mount Gilead employees and dependents of employees in to the NC State Employees’ Health Care plan, effective July 1, 2017. After some discussion, Commissioner Mitch Taylor made the motion to approve the resolution giving the Town Manager to proceed with the NC State Healthcare Plan. Commissioner Branson Webb seconded the motion and it was carried. Commissioner Paula Covington voted NO, she was not in favor of the State Health Insurance Plan.

C. Wastewater Grant Recommendation

Town Manager Matthew Christian gave a brief history and accounting of the wastewater grant award. Also reviewed were the costs and benefits of public utilities, the strengths and weaknesses of the wastewater grant. After some discussion and questions to the Town Manager and Adam Kiser, LKC Engineering the Wastewater Grant Award was tabled to a later meeting.

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried.

Town Clerk Mary Lucas was excused at this time and Commissioner Mitch Taylor was to take minutes.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

Joseph Miller Jr. Mayor

Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk