

**Town of Mount Gilead
Board of Commissioner
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Mount Gilead Fire Department
November 1, 2016
7:00PM**

The Mt. Gilead Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Mt. Gilead Fire Department.

The following board members were present: Mayor Joseph Miller, Jr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Time McAuley; Commissioners: Paula Covington, Mitchell Taylor, and Town Manager Matthew Christian

Call to Order—Mayor Chip Miller
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Mitchell Taylor made a motion for the adoption of the agenda, and Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley seconds the motion and it was carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes

a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes- October 4, 2016

Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion for the approval of the minutes from October 4, 2016 meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley second the motion and it was carried unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

No Items.

4. Presentations/Proclamations

a. Community Service Recognition

Police Chief Pat Preslar gave recognition to Johnny Greene and Keith Haywood in their joint effort to deliver more than 400 cases of water to victims affected by Hurricane Matthew. Johnny Greene expresses the need of the people affected by the hurricane, and Keith Haywood a local farmer drove his own truck to deliver the water to the Mayor of Lumberton, Bruce Davis. Johnny Greene, leader of the Concern Citizens Organization in Mt. Gilead, has accomplished a lot of positive things in the community.

5. Public Forum/Comment Period

None

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

9. Reports

a. Manager's Report- Gave information on various ongoing projects

- i. New phone service with Vonage phone service.
- ii. Had a meeting with Ellerbe Telephone Company about offering their services to residents.
- iii. Street paving will be done by Earnhardt.
- iv. Downtown parking lot that the Town Manager and Mayor have discuss, will reach out to the committee to see what their vision is for the project, and what will be the cost, this is an ongoing project.
- v. Street signs cost of the company out of New Jersey is almost \$55.00 per sign. Prison division will do the street signs starting with all roads along highway 73, highway 109, and highway 731 are the roads that will be completed first. Once the final cost is given, then the other roads will be looked at for new street signs.

b. Fire-None

Fire Department wanted to thank everyone for their continued support of the bar*b*que sale and the smokin' 5k.

c. Police-None

d. Public Works-None

All three department information is included in board packet

10. Mayor – Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Paula Covington asks if accepting debit/credit card could be investigated. Question came up about open burning and Town Manager stated that a law was passed back in mid-70's that prohibited open burning when leaf and limb pickup is available.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley inquired about the mowing along highway 73 and the sidewalks. Town manager Matthew Christian explained to the Board that some of the equipment used in the process have been broken and is being repaired.

11. Committee Reports: On November 8, 2016 election night service will be held at First United Methodist church, it is a community wide. Highland annual bake sale will be on November 12, 2016 at Food King in Mt. Gilead. Concern Citizen and community watch meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month, and the Christmas senior dinner will

be December 10, 2016 at Highland Community Center. Johnny also has tickets that he is selling for a t.v., kindle, and \$25.00 cash.

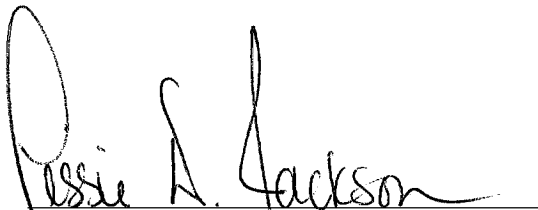
12. Closed Session

- a. Closed session for personnel matters pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)
Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to go into close session, and Commissioner Mitchell Taylor second the motion and it was carried unanimously.

After closed session, a motion was made to enter into an employment contract with the Town Manager, Matthew Christian. This motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley second the motion and it carried unanimously.


Acting Town Clerk Lessie D. Jackson


Mayor Joseph "Chip" Miller Jr.