



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306

February 1, 2022

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met virtually via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on February 1, 2022, for the regular monthly business meeting. Present via Zoom were Mayor Beverly Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Paula Covington, Mary Lucas and Vera Richardson, Town Manager David Smith, Town Clerk Amy Roberts, Police Chief Pat Preslar and Public Works Director Daniel Medley.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to adopt the agenda as is. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 4, 2022 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to adopt the January 4, 2022, minutes.

Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of the Parks and Recreation Committee Members

Commissioner Covington made a motion to elect 11 members to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The new members of the Committee are Matt Crump, Chris Lucas, Justin Shoemaker, Taryn Gross, Jennifer Haywood, Derrick Richardson, Dawson Thompson, Vera Richardson (Council member), Linda Piros, Nikki McLendon, and Daniel Medley. (The Town Manager and Clerk are members and act as secretary/treasurer by default, per ordinance).

B. Adoption of the Community Appearance Board (CATb) and New Members

Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt the Community Appearance Board and elect 7 members to the new Board. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The new members are Myra Poplin, Casey Smith, Susie Routh, Nikki McLendon, Taryn Gross, Tim McAuley (Council Member) and Patsi Laracuate. (Town Manager and Clerk are members and act as secretary/treasurer by default).

ITEM V.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation of the 2021 Financial Statements

Ms. Deneal Bennett, Auditor with JB Watson and Co., LLC presented the 2021 Audited Financial Statements to the Board. Final financial statements were submitted to the Local Government Commission timely. She also presented an annual management letter and analysis explaining any findings and the financial status of the Town. She noted that the Town has a hefty fund balance, and the Town is in good financial standing. (*Copies of the completed Financial Statements are available for public view in the Clerk's office at Town Hall*).

B. Renewal of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) Policy

Town Manager Smith explained to the Board that the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy (EPSL) that had been put in place annually since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic expired as of December 31, 2021. The Town is asking to extend the policy until December 31, 2022, to help ensure that employees can receive compensation if they must quarantine or get sick due to the coronavirus. The only change to the policy is reducing the amount of EPSL to 40 hours in a calendar year rather than the previously approved 80 hours. This is changing based on the most recent recommendation of the CDC and staying compliant with their guidelines. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to renew the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Policy. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget Amendment BA2022-02-01

This is a budget amendment to reclass the Public Works salaries line item to be distributed correctly. The current budget does not have any of the salaries budget being distributed in wastewater collections. BA2022-02-01 corrects that error. Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt BA2022-02-01 with a second from Commissioner Richardson. BA2022-02-01 was unanimously approved.

D. 2022 Board Calendar

Town Manager Smith presented a Board meeting calendar with dates for regular meetings and special budget work sessions and retreats through the end of the calendar year. All Commissioners were in agreeance with the calendar except for Commissioner Richardson who explained that she needed to look at her calendar at work before agreeing to the dates for these meeting. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to table the passing of this meeting calendar until she could review the dates with a second from Commissioner Covington. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Richardson stated she would email Town Manager Smith once she reviewed her calendar.

ITEM VI.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports were presented by Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Pat Preslar and Town Manager David Smith and were attached to the Board packets. Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Emory submitted a written report and was also attached to the Board Packet. These reports are available for public view in the Town Clerk's office.

ITEM VII.

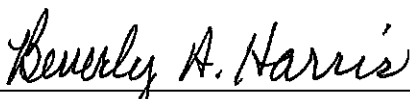
COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

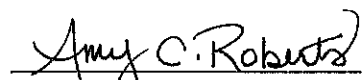
ITEM VIII.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board Business Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Richardson. Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Beverly A. Harris, Mayor



Amy C. Roberts, CMC, Town Clerk