



# TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306  
October 4, 2022

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Gilead Fire Station, 106 E. Allenton St., Mt. Gilead, NC on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, for the regular monthly business meeting. Present were Mayor Beverly Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Mary Lucas and Vera Richardson, Town Manager David Smith, Town Clerk Amy Roberts, Police Lieutenant Austen Morton, incoming Police Chief Talmedge Legrand, Fire Chief Keith Byrd and Public Works Director Daniel Medley.

**ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda as is with a second from Commissioner Covington. Agenda was unanimously adopted.

**ITEM III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt the September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Town Manager David Smith read aloud the approved rules for Public Comment.

Ms. Patsi Laracuate, 305 Stanback St., Mt. Gilead – Ms. Laracuate spoke about the Story Walk that was being installed in conjunction with the Partnership for Children as well as the Born Learning Trail at Highland Community Center. She stated that the sidewalks would begin being painted on October 18, 2022 and volunteers were needed.

**ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ARPA Funds**

- i. ARPA Project Request and Eligibility Determination  
Town Manager Smith presented the ARPA Project Request and Eligibility Determination that had to be approved in an open Board meeting. This request would allow ARPA funds to pay for already budgeted payroll expenses for the 22-23 fiscal year and in turn free up the budgeted payroll money to use on special projects throughout the year. Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the ARPA Project Request and Eligibility Determination. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii. ARPA Grant Project Ordinance  
Town Manager Smith presented an ARPA Grant Project Ordinance which is required to proceed with receiving and disbursing ARPA funds. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to approve the ARPA Grand Project Ordinance. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Water AIA Project Ordinance**  
Town Manager Smith presented a Water AIA Project Ordinance which is required to proceed with receiving and disbursing AIA Grant funds. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the Water AIA Project Ordinance. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Wastewater AIA Project Ordinance**  
Town Manager Smith presented a Wastewater AIA Project Ordinance which is required to proceed with receiving and disbursing AIA Grant funds. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the Wastewater AIA Project Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. ABC Board Recommendation**  
The ABC Board sent a letter to the Board recommending Mr. Jones Almond to replace deceased representative Mr. Ben Haithcock. Mr. Almond had already agreed to serve if the Board so chooses. Commissioner Covington made a motion to accept the recommendation of naming Mr. Jones Almond as the representative for the Montgomery ABC Board. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. New Police Chief – Introduction and Oath of Office**  
Town Clerk Amy Roberts administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Chief Talmadge Legrand. The Board welcomed Mr. Legrand to the Mount Gilead team.
- B. Recognition of newly appointed Assistant Chief Morton and Lieutenant Shuping**  
Town Manager Smith recognized Officers Austen Morton and Jake Shuping as they accepted their new positions as Assistant Chief and Lieutenant. He spoke to the Board about the excitement within the Police Department about the new structuring and positions within the department.
- C. Budget Amendment – BA22-10-04-01**  
Town Manager Smith presented a budget amendment BA22-10-04-01 for approval. This amendment is to account for the personal donations received to upgrade the Tennis and Pickleball courts at Stanback Park. Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the budget amendment BA22-10-04-01. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Community Appearance Board**  
Ms. Susie Routh, Chairman of the CATb updated the Board on the progress of the Town Entryway sign on Highway 109. She also updated the Board on the Story walk signs being installed as well as the Born Learning path at Highland Community Center.
- B. Parks and Recreation Committee Update**  
Town Manager Smith updated the Board on the progress of reforming the Parks and Rec Committee. He stated that an email had been sent to all the current members asking if they plan to continue their membership with the committee. Applications will be accepted for a designated amount of time in the near future to complete the re-formation of this committee.

**ITEM VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reports were presented by Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Assistant Police Chief Austen Morton, Fire Chief Keith Byrd, and Town Manager David Smith and were attached to the Board packets. A copy of these reports is on file in the Clerk's office and are available for public viewing.

**ITEM IX. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

None

**ITEM X. CLOSED SESSION – Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)**

*The open meetings law authorizes a public body to meet in closed session for: Confidential Records, Attorney Consultations, Economic Development, Purchase of Real Property, Employment Contracts, Public Employees, and Criminal Investigations, which is listed in NC GS 143-318.11(a) (1) through (9).*

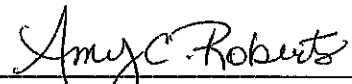
Commissioner Lucas made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Covington made a motion to return to open session with a second from Commissioner Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM XI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no more Board business Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

  
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Beverly A. Harris, Mayor

  
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Amy C. Roberts, CMC, NCCMC Town Clerk