



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
May 5, 2020

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met remotely at 7:00 p.m. for the regular monthly business meeting. Information on how to attend the meeting was posted on the town webpage at www.mtgileadnc.com. or the public was provided access to call into the meeting by dialing 929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 893 7004 2584.

Present for the meeting via Zoom were Mayor Chip Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Paula Covington, Vera Richardson and Mary Lucas, Town Manager Matt Christian, Town Clerk Amy Roberts. Police Chief Pat Preslar and Public Works Director Daniel Medley.

ITEM I. INTRODUCTION & ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone and asked to add a couple of items to the agenda under NEW BUSINESS. D. Renewal of Republic Services Contract and E. NCDOT Title VI Policy Resolution. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda with the added changes. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted unanimously.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes - Mayor Pro Tem Mcauley made a motion to approve the March 3, 2020 regular Meeting minutes as read. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- B. March 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the March 20 Special Meeting Minutes as read. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- C. April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the April 7 Regular Meeting Minutes as read. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Emergency Leave Policy - Town Manager Christian presented an Emergency Leave Policy that mirrors the Federal Policy that was signed into law by Congress and the President – the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The policy provides employees with emergency paid sick leave under certain conditions and does not affect any other employee paid accrued leave. A copy of the complete policy is attached to the Board Packets. Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt the Emergency Leave Policy. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The Policy was adopted unanimously.

B. Utility Policy – Town Manager Christian presented an update to the current Utility Policy that grants the authority to the Town Manager or a designee to make crucial operational decisions concerning fees and customer’s account status while the Town is under a State of Emergency. Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt the Utility Policy as read. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The policy was adopted unanimously.

C. Budget Amendments

1. BA20-0505-01 – Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve Budget Amendment BA20-0505-01 as read. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The Budget Amendment was approved.
2. BA20-0505-02 – The Board agreed to table approving this Budget Amendment after noticing a clerical error on this amendment. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to table the review of this Budget Amendment until the June 2 regular business meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McAuley. The Budget Amendment was unanimously tabled.

D. Republic Services Contract Renewal

Town Manager Matt Christian presented the renewal agreement for Republic Services. There will be no increase in rates or fees. The contract will continue services and will be extended until 2025. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Contract was unanimously approved.

E. NCDOT Title VI Policy Renewal and Resolution

Town Manager Christian presented a yearly renewal and resolution of a Title VI Policy that is required by North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Office of Civil Rights. The North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Office of Civil Rights is requiring that municipalities enact a formal Title VI Policy. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 states that no person shall on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The 1987 Civil Rights Restoration Act extended these protections to all NCDOT programs and activities, whether federally-assisted or state-funded. Additional categories of protection have been enacted including sex, sexual orientation, low-income, limited English proficiency, age, disability, and religion/creed. The Title VI Policy must be renewed each year and submitted to NCDOT. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

ITEM IV. STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Medley, the Public Works Director presented his monthly report that was attached to the Board Packets provided. He asked if anyone had questions for him. Commissioner Richardson asked if the Town would consider budgeting some funds for beautification of the grassy area leading into Parkertown from Hwy. 73. Daniel agreed to look into this further and see what it will take to get this done.

Mayor Pro Tem McAuley asked Daniel to update the Board on the situation with the culvert at a residence owned by Mr. James Lilly on Hwy, 109 South. Daniel said he had been working with Mr. Lilly. Public Works moved some rocks from the culvert and Mr. Lilly was satisfied that this would help.

ITEM V. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Richardson stated that she has had several phone calls asking about when the courts at the Park would open back up from the mandatory closure due to COVID-19. Governor's Order No. 138 that was given on May 5, 2020 states that parks and trails can re-open to the Public with restrictions in Phase I of this order that begins on May 8, 2020 at 5 p.m. After much debate and concern about fairness and well-being of all citizens, the Board came to the agreement to re-open the Pickle Ball/Tennis Courts and Basketball Courts. All Pavilions, bathrooms and playground equipment will remain closed through Phase I or until further notice or until the Town receives updated guidelines from the Governor.

ITEM VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

NOTE: Public comments were requested to be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk clerk@mtgileadnc.com, in the chat section of the Zoom meeting, or by texting 910-439-6687. No requests from the public came in.

ITEM VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board business, Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.



Joseph "Chip" Miller, Mayor



Amy C. Roberts, Town Clerk