



## TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306  
April 6, 2021

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, April 6, 2021 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 for the meeting were Mayor Chip Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Paula Covington, Mary Lucas and Vera Richardson, Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Lieutenant Austen Morton, Fire Chief Keith Byrd, and Town Clerk Amy Roberts. Absent: Police Chief Pat Preslar.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.  
MOMENT OF SILENCE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes as is. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. March 12 & 13 Budget Retreat Minutes – Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the March 12&13 Budget Retreat Minutes. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Curtis Speakman, 200 East Allenton St. – Mr. Speakman stated that there is a pipe that runs through his property and runs from the Gilead Assisted Living and up under the Fire Department. It has had a drainage problem for years and he feels like it needs to be repaired. He has fixed the issue many times over the years, but he would like to see the Town's maintenance crew fix it for good. He said he was coming before the Board to let them know he was going to clean out the pipe one more time unless the Board had another option. He also wanted to remind the Town that he owns the Garage behind the old Vintage building that has recently been bought by a new owner. He works in his garage late at night from Spring to Fall. He has air compressors running, lots of loud tools and cars running. He also wanted to remind the Board of the ordinance that states there is no parking on Main Street after 11 p.m. and he needs to be sure no one blocks his garage doors with a vehicle.

Mr. Pete Herron – Montgomery County Sherriff's Office – Mr. Herron introduced himself to the Board and the citizens as an upcoming candidate for Sheriff of Montgomery County. He is currently the Sergeant Major of the Montgomery County

Sheriff's Office as well as the Basic Law Enforcement instructor at Montgomery Community College. He has served our country through military, law enforcement as well as a retired NC Wildlife officer. He thanked the Board for letting him introduce himself to everyone.

Mr. George Knight – Julius Chambers Ave., Mt. Gilead – Mr. Knight spoke to the Board concerning the upkeep of a road that has been neglected that in his opinion is almost impassable currently. The name of the private drive is Dockery Lane and it is just outside of the city limits. The area surrounding the drive is inside the city limits and he thinks at one time the Town kept up this road. He asked that the Town look into this situation if possible. He also addressed the need of repairs and upkeep within the Town. He said he sees lots of areas that need some attention within the Town. He thinks Mt. Gilead is a beautiful place and he wants us to keep it attractive.

#### ITEM IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

##### A. LKC Engineering – Main Street Stormwater Project

Mr. Rob McIntyre of LKC Engineering presented the Board with an updated map and drawing of the Main Street/West Ingram Street Stormwater project. He showed the Board some new discoveries they have found while testing and inspecting this area. They plan to also fix an area a little further down West Ingram Street that is a meeting point of several pipes. When there is a lot of rain, these pipes are having a hard time handling the water flow and it is causing a backflow of water and flooding in that area. They plan to re-route the pipe to create a better flow and release of storm water into the runoff ditch. By doing this, it should also help with the overflow of water in the area of Church Alley and the Antique Mall. He also presented the Board with updated costs to complete the whole project with the new plans. The current projected estimate of the project is \$314,000 which is an increase from \$218,000 originally. He asked for the Board's approval to move forward with the project and start getting bids to complete the work. The consensus by the Board was to move forward. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley stated that the liability was too great not to continue with this project. Mr. McIntyre claimed they should be at the point to start receiving bids within the next two weeks.

#### ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Sewer Use Ordinance Proposed Amendments

Town Manager Hiram Marziano asked for an approval of the second reading of the amended Sewer Use Ordinance. First reading was at the March 2 regular meeting. Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt the proposed Sewer Use Ordinance amendments as read. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The proposed amendments were unanimously adopted.

##### B. Speakman Code Enforcement Abatement Decision

Town Manager Hiram Marziano asked for an official motion and vote to grant an extension to the code enforcement issue at the Speakman property until June 1. The Board had agreed to this extension at the March 2 meeting but Marziano stated that since the agenda item started with a vote, the extension needed an official vote as well. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to grant the extension. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Extension was unanimously granted until June 1.

##### C. Stanback Park Sidewalk Extension Contract

Town Manager Hiram Marziano presented a design services contract from WithersRavenel for the sidewalk extension project for Stanback Park along E.

Allenton St. NCDOT has released the funds to move forward with this project. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Contract was unanimously approved.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget Amendment BA21-0406-01 Police Equipment Grant

The Police Department has received notification that an Equipment Grant originally budgeted for the upcoming budget year FYE22 has been approved and they have been given the approval to purchase equipment now. The Budget amendment would allocate these grant funds in this current year's budget FYE21. Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve BA21-0406-01. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. BA21-0406-01 was unanimously approved.

B. Summer Park Activities Decision

Town Manager Hiram Marziano asked for a consensus as to whether to offer the annual Park Program this year as well as open the pool. Town Clerk Amy Roberts stated that we are going to need to advertise quickly to hire a Park Program and Summer Recreation Director as well as get lifeguards hired and certified. She also stated that the pool needs to be opened up and inspected by Public Works for issues and any possible repairs since it takes a while to get the pool ready for inspection. Summer School will be held this year through the end of June so Marziano and Roberts both suggested opening the pool only for the month of July and the first two weeks of August. This will hopefully also give COVID case numbers a chance to decrease some and time for more people to get vaccinated. Public Works Director Daniel Medley spoke and said that they would have to start work in May in order to get the pool ready and inspected. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to begin work in May to get the pool ready, open the pool from July 1 through August 15 and hold Park Program from July 5 through August 13. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Hearing Request-Zoning and Development Ordinance 160D Updates

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to set the public hearing for the proposed zoning and development text amendments for May 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Mt. Gilead 2021 Audit Contract

JB Watson and Co. presented the proposed 2021 Audit Contract for approval. Pricing per hour and the annual audit fixed fees will remain the same year for the upcoming FYE22 year. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to approve the 2021 Audit contract as is. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The 2021 Audit Contract from JB Watson and Co. was unanimously approved.

ITEM VII. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were given by Town Manager Hiram Marziano, Public Works Director Daniel Medley and Police Lieutenant Austen Morton and were attached to the Board packets.

ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Covington wanted to let everyone know that Snow Hill Methodist and Snow Hill Baptist Churches will be hosting a Covid vaccine site on April 21 from 2-5 p.m. They will be offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, and everyone is eligible over the age of 18.

Mayor Pro Tem McAuley announced that Highland Community Center will also host a Covid vaccine site on Friday April 16 from 5-7 p.m.

ITEM IX. BUDGET WORKSHOP

A. FYE22 Budget Workshop

A budget workshop was held as a follow up to the Budget Retreat held on March 12 and 13. The Board had requested Public Works to search for better comparative pricing for some items originally requested for the upcoming budget.

Public Works Director, Daniel Medley presented the Board with a spreadsheet showing the items requested for revision.

Ford F250 Pick Up Heavy Duty Supercab – Originally priced at an estimated \$53,000. New pricing was \$41,397. The Board approved this new pricing.

Generator Maintenance Agreement – Original price was estimated around \$15,000 for this annual contract. Medley was able to find a different company offering the same service for \$7,175. The Board approved this new pricing.

Sharon Cemetery paving – Medley was able to find a different paving company to quote pricing on paving the entrances to Sharon Cemetery. The original pricing from CK Earnhardt was estimated at \$38,000. Joe McManus Asphalt Services quoted a price of \$25,100 to pave both entrances and the circle drive around the flagpole. The Board approved this new pricing.

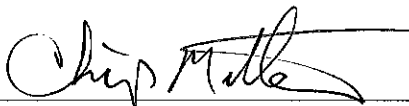
The Board also approved the project to repair the sidewalk on East Allenton Street. Pricing was between \$13,370 - \$16,000. The highest quote was a local company. The Board asked Medley to see if he could get the local company to come down on the pricing as the Board agreed they would rather keep the business local. The Board also agreed to allow Medley to move forward with getting a bid for re-sealing an area of Watkins Street that is in desperate need of repair. Medley agreed to get pricing for the resealing project. To completely pave this area of Watkins Street is an estimated \$19,950.

East Allenton Sewer Project – The Board had originally approved in the FYE21 budget a price of \$62,000 to repair the sewer main underneath East Allenton Street. NCDOT has updated this project to repair some items in a different way that will be a huge cost savings to this project. New pricing for this project is \$30,000.

The Board requested to hold another special Budget Workshop on April 21 at 6 p.m. to receive updates on the proposed projects and further discuss the budget.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board business, Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.



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Joseph M. "Chip" Miller, Jr., Mayor



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Amy C. Roberts, CMC, Town Clerk