



TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
June 1, 2021

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 1, 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 were Mayor Chip Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Paula Covington, Mary Lucas and Vera Richardson, Town Manager Hiram Marziano, Police Chief Pat Preslar, Fire Chief Keith Byrd, Public Works Director Daniel Medley and Town Clerk Amy Roberts.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a welcome, moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the May 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Minutes were adopted unanimously.

ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ITEM IV: PUBLIC HEARING

A. FYE 2022 Proposed Budget

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to open the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Linda Piros, 151 Forest Hill Village Rd., Mt. Gilead, NC. – Ms. Piros addressed the Board with a request to review the costs of starting up (under new management) and revitalizing the Montgomery Youth Soccer Association (MYSA). MYSA was disbanded after the previous Director stepped down. Ms. Piros stated that she felt like the youth of our area need this program and having helped with this program for 13 years, she wants to see it revitalized and started up again. As a result, she is requesting a donation from the Town be added to the FYE 22 budget. She provided a detailed worksheet of estimated start-up costs that totaled \$5,515. Town Manager Marziano stated that in previous years, the Town has provided an annual donation of \$500. He stated that if the Board was interested we could provide for whatever amount they choose to be added to the FYE 22 budget. The Board agreed that \$1500 would be a great help to the start up of this program and suggested she look for private donors to raise the rest of the funds needed.

Marziano stated that the FYE22 budget was complete and a Budget message and ordinance have been prepared for approval and adoption.

With no more comments for the Public Hearing Commissioner Lucas made a motion to close the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the public hearing was closed.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. FYE 2022 Budget Ordinance

Town Manager Marziano presented the FYE 2022 Budget Ordinance with a completed, balanced budget. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to adopt the FYE2022 Budget as is. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The FYE2022 budget was unanimously approved and adopted.

B. Special Meeting for Main Street Stormwater Project

Town Manager Marziano requested the Board call a special meeting to discuss bids for the Main Street Stormwater Project. LKC Engineering has reported that as of meeting time the three bids required were not all complete. They requested a little extra time to be in complete compliance and receive all bids. The Board agreed to call a special meeting on Monday, June 14 at 6 p.m. at the Mount Gilead Library to hear the results of the bid awards. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to hold a special meeting on June 14 at 6 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Speakman Property Code Enforcement Action/Abatement Decision

Town Manager Marziano presented some updated pictures and an email from Code Enforcement Officer, Brandon Emory showing the Speakman property and the improvements that have been made to date to become compliant with Town ordinances. Emory stated that the property owners are doing their best to become compliant and are making progress. He requested the Board make a decision on how to proceed. The Board had made a previous decision to allow the property owners an extended date of June 1 to become compliant. Although progress has been made, the privacy fence/screen has not been erected that was part of the agreement. Because the owners are making an honest attempt to become compliant, Commissioner Lucas made a motion to grant an extension to the property owners of September 1, 2021 to become in complete compliance per the original agreement between the Town of Mount Gilead and the property owners (Speakman) at 201 East Allenton Street. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the extension was granted until September 1, 2021.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution for Receiving ARPA Funds

Town Manager presented a resolution required by the American Rescue Plan Act to accept the federal funds.

ITEM VII. STAFF REPORTS – Staff reports were given by Public Works, Police and Fire and were attached to the Boards packets.

ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – Commissioner Richardson stated that there would a virtual Zoom Juneteenth presentation on June 18 at 6 p.m.


ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION (Pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (6) to conduct personnel evaluation)
Commissioner Richardson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the six-month evaluation of the Town Manager. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Commissioner Lucas made a motion to return to open session with a second from Commissioner Covington. Motion carried.

After discussion with Town Manager, Hiram Marziano II, the Board of Commissioners will be re-evaluating his performance again in 90 days from today's date which will be on or about September 1, 2021.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT
With no more Board business Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.



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



Amy C. Roberts, Town Clerk