



# TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306  
August 2, 2021

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Monday, August 2, 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, Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Pat Preslar, Fire Chief Keith Byrd and Town Clerk Amy Roberts.

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

## ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. June 14, 2021, Special Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021, Special Called Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously adopted.

### B. July 6, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to adopt the July 6 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously adopted.

## ITEM III. PUBLIC HEARING-2040 Mt. Gilead Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to open the Public Hearing to hear any public comments or present any discussion concerning the 2040 Mt. Gilead Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Miller called upon the public for any comments or discussion. There were no public comments.

Town Manager Marziano updated the Board and stressed that all research and data had been complete by Mosaic Civic Studio and that they felt comfortable and were ready to move forward for an approval of this plan.

With no more discussion, Commissioner Covington made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and the Public Hearing was closed.

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution to Adopt 2040 Mt. Gilead Comprehensive Plan

Following the Public Hearing, Town Manager Marziano presented a resolution to adopt the 2040 Mt. Gilead Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the 2040 Mt. Gilead Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The plan was unanimously approved.

B. Patrol Vehicle Purchase Proposal

Police Chief Pat Preslar presented a purchase proposal to replace two out of service patrol vehicles. The proposal in summary was for \$82,972.46 to purchase two new vehicles, which also covered the cost of equipment installation, paint marking and tax and tags. He also explained that the Town received a total loss insurance claim for the 2016 Ford Taurus of around \$20,000 which will help recover some of the costs to purchase these vehicles. He felt that the best financing option would be a lease purchase for 3 years. Commissioner Richardson suggested he look at all options and find the best deal for financing these vehicles. Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the purchase proposal. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The Patrol Vehicle Purchase Proposal was unanimously approved.

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Board Vacancies

Town Manager Marziano stated that the Planning Board has recently lose two members, Mr. Max Joyce retired, and Mr. Sam Elkins resigned his position for personal reasons. Marziano requested approval to advertise for the two open positions (1 position to represent inside the city limits and 1 position to represent the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)). Commissioner Richardson made a motion to advertise for the Planning Board open positions. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Acceptance of Town Manager's Resignation

Town Manager Hiram Marziano submitted a request for resignation of his position by email on July 20 stating that he didn't feel he could adequately fulfill his duties to the Town and Board and also sited the fact that he was truly not happy in his position. The email stated that he would be willing to work a required 30-day notice per his contract which would make his last official day of work August 20. Commissioner Richardson spoke to Marziano saying that she appreciated and admired his honesty and willingness to back down when he knew he was not fully engaged in the position. The Board thanked him for his service. Commissioner Covington made a motion to accept Marziano's resignation. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The resignation was unanimously accepted.

ITEM VII. STAFF REPORTS

Department reports were presented by Town Manager Hiram Marziano, Chief Pat Preslar, Fire Chief Keith Byrd and Public Works Director Daniel Medley and were attached to the Board Packets.

Public Works Director Daniel Medley and Town Manager reminded the Board about the upcoming special meeting on Wednesday, August 11 at 7 p.m. at the Fire Station. LKC Engineering representative, Rob McIntyre will be in attendance to discuss the pros and cons, the costs and details of expanding sewer service to the Lake areas and the upgrades that would be needed to handle the extra capacity.

ITEM VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Richardson told the Board about a back-to-school bash on Friday, August 6 at the high school. She also spoke of the open house at Montgomery Central High School on August 17 beginning at 5 p.m. The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, August 24.

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION-Pursuant to 143-318.11 (a) (6) – personnel

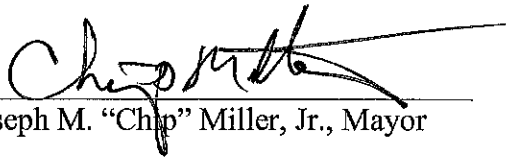
Commissioner Richardson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the options for hiring an interim manager. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Commissioner Richardson made a motion to return to Open Session. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lucas then made a motion for Mayor Miller to call former Interim Manager, Bill Zell, to see if he would be interested in serving another 90-day interim position with the Town. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

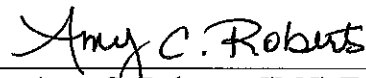
ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board business Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



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



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Amy C. Roberts, CMC, Town Clerk