

TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
August 11, 2021

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Gilead Fire Department, 106 East Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina for a special meeting workshop. Present were Mayor Chip Miller, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Paula Covington, Vera Richardson and Mary Lucas, Town Manager Hiram Marziano, Town Clerk Amy Roberts and Public Works Director Daniel Medley.

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. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM II. WASTEWATER COLLECTIONS SYSTEM AND WWTP DISCUSSION

A. Introduction

Town Manager Hiram Marziano and Public Works Director Daniel Medley, along with LKC Engineer, Rob McIntyre, presented a topic of discussion to the Board concerning the Town's current sewer capacity and future expansion needed to be able to handle any incoming growth to the Town and lake area.

B. Discussion

The Town has been approached by developers in the past and more recently wanting to expand home growth at Lake Tillery. They would like to be able to utilize the Town's sewer system in order to expand. LKC Engineer, Rob McIntyre, explained that currently our Wastewater Treatment Plant is running at half capacity. He gave some scenarios to help the Town understand what expanding the capacity could mean. He stated that running the WWTP at 80% capacity would allow for an additional 700 possible homes and that the State would be expecting to see plans for a possible upgrade or expansion of our current system. If you increase that number to 900 possible homes that would increase the plant use at 90% and the State would put a moratorium in place and demand an upgrade to our system. The developers that have approached the Town are wanting to expand by approximately 1200 homes which our system currently could not handle.

In addition to this, Public Works Director Medley stated that we have approximately 60 in town customers who currently don't have sewer because our infrastructure won't allow for it and he feels like we should look after in town tax payers first. Mayor Miller reminded the Board that the Mount Gilead Industrial Park located across from Unilin on Hwy. 109 is also being marketed to be sold/leased with the understanding the Town would provide sewer.

Hiram Marziano stressed to the Board the urgency of completing a study to better understand what the true needs of our sewer system and the estimated costs to increase our capacity would be.

C. Action for Engineering Study Services
Commissioner Richardson made a motion to have LKC Engineering develop a quote
for performing a study of our sewer system capacity and future needs of our system
as well as the costs to do any needed expansions or upgrades. Commissioner Lucas
seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM III. ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board business Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Amy C. Roberts, CMC, Town Clerk