



# TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306  
December 7, 2021

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at Mount Gilead Fire Department, 106 East Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina for the regular monthly business meeting.

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda with a change request to switch the order of Item V (Public Comment) and Item VII (Statutorial Organizational Process) on the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. Agenda was adopted unanimously.

## ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### A. November 2, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Covington made a motion to adopt the November 2, 2021, meeting minutes as read. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Resolution R2021-0812 -Police Chief Pat Preslar

Service Recognition to the family of fallen Officer Robert C. Cloninger  
Police Chief Pat Preslar presented service and memorial plaques the family of reserve officer Robert C. Cloninger who lost his life on August 18, 2021, due to a medical emergency while on duty with the Mt. Gilead Police Department. Mayor Miller read a resolution and called for a motion to adopt R2021-0812 representing the retiring of Officer Cloninger's Badge number 723 and the End of Watch for this officer.

## ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Special Revenue Fund Ordinance – ARPA

This is a special revenue Fund Ordinance statutorily required to receive and disburse funds that are received by ARPA. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to approve the Special Revenue Fund Ordinance. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Ordinance was unanimously adopted.

## ITEM V. STATUTORIAL ORGANIZATIONAL PROCESS

- A. Oaths of Office – Newly Elected and Appointed Town Officials – Town Clerk Amy Roberts administered the required Oaths of Office for incoming Mayor Beverly A. Harris, incumbent Commissioner Vera C. Richardson and incumbent Commissioner Tim McAuley and newly appointed Town Manager David E. Smith, Jr.

### B. Changing of the Mayoral Seat – Ms. Beverly Harris

Newly appointed Mayor Beverly Harris thanked everyone for her support and thanked outgoing Mayor Chip Miller for his service as she took the seat at the Mayor's Table.

C. Election of 2021-2023 Mayor Pro-Tempore

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to re-elect Tim McAuley as the Mayor Pro Tempore with a second for Commissioner Covington. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM VI.

SERVICE RECOGNITION

A. Presentation of Service Plaque in Honor of Mayor Chip Miller

Mayor Pro Tem McAuley, along with all the Commissioners presented outgoing Mayor Chip Miller with a plaque of recognition for his service from 2015-2021 and thanked him for his dedication and love of Mount Gilead. Outgoing Mayor Miller thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve his town and the love and support the community has shown him and his family over the years.

ITEM VII.

PUBLIC COMMENT

**Mr. Matt Crump**, W. Allenton Street, Mt. Gilead, NC – Mr. Crump would like to see a Parks and Recreation Committee formed that would be a committee to support and manage all youth sports in Mt. Gilead. He suggested a committee of 5 members and possibly form a nonprofit 501C3 to start fundraising for these sports.

**Mrs. Mary Poplin**, W. Haywood Lane, Mt. Gilead, NC – Ms. Poplin has requested that the Town work on resources to be able to accept bank draft utility payments, online billing, and credit/debt cards inside town hall and over the phone. She says this is the only place she's been in a long time that she can't use technology to make payments and see her bill. She also requested the Town consider adding speed bumps on West Haywood Lane to reduce the number of speeders that are using it as a cut through. She is afraid of children and animals getting hurt in this neighborhood.

ITEM VIII.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Rezoning Request 306 North Main Street

- i. 306 N. Main St.-Amy Fuller-to amend zoning from General Business to Residential.
- ii. Public Hearing

Commissioner Covington made a motion to open the Public Hearing with a second from Mayor Pro Tem McAuley. Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. Council Discussion

Town Manager David Smith asked the Board to please consider tabling this rezoning request. The Planning Board met prior to this meeting and recommended that this request be denied. Town Manager Smith reminded the Board that when they passed the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, we adopted a zoning overlay that would allow for residential and general business to combine in this area. He would like to go back to the Planning Board and discuss this with them before they make any final decisions. Commissioner Covington made a motion to table this zoning request until the Town Manager can meet and discuss further with the Planning Board. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Rezoning Request 503 North Main Street

- i. 503 N. Main St.-Daisy& Edward-to amend zoning from Residential to General Business
- ii. Public Hearing

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to open the Public Hearing with a second from Commissioner Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. Council Discussion

Town Manager David Smith said this zoning request falls in line with the 2040 Comprehensive plan and stated the Planning Board recommended we approve this request to move their business to this location. Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the rezoning request for 503 N. Main Street to be rezoned from residential to General Business. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM IX. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were given by Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Pat Preslar and Town Manager David Smith and were attached to the Board Packets. Staff reports are available for public viewing in the Clerk's office at Town Hall.

ITEM X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Vera Richardson commended the Town and the Downtown Merchants for a wonderful Christmas Parade on December 4.

ITEM XI. CLOSED SESSION -- Personnel NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)

a. Motion to Open Closed Session

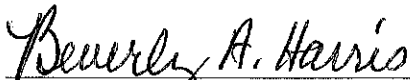
Commissioner Lucas made a motion to go into closed session with a second from Commissioner Covington. Motion carried unanimously.

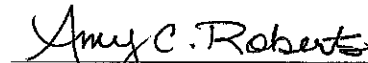
b. Motion to Return to Open Session

Commissioner Covington made a motion to return to open session with a second from Commissioner Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no more Board business, Commissioner Covington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

  
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Beverly A. Harris, Mayor

  
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Amy C. Roberts, CMC, Clerk to the Board