



**TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES**

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
July 31, 2023

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Highland Community Center; 131 Hoffman Road, Mount Gilead, NC 27306, for the special called business meeting. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Mary Lucas, Paula Covington, and Vera Richardson via Zoom. Town Manager Dylan Haman, Deputy Clerk Mollie Lee, Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Talmedge LeGrand, and Fire Chief Keith Byrd.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to adopt the agenda with a second from Commissioner Mary Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. Commissioner Vera Richardson made the motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting held on July 6th. Commissioner Paula Covington seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Town Manager Dylan Haman read the rules of the Public Comment portion of the meeting,

A. Sheldon Morley- 201 South Main Street, Mount Gilead NC 27306- Sheldon Morley goes to explain to the board and the audience why he is running for Mayor. Mr. Morley states that he was sad at the lack of people running for mayor when he checked the newspaper. Mr., Morley states that the children coming up deserve to have a nice place to grow up in. He goes to say that he will do whatever he has to do to make that happen. As Mayor he would like to be a bridge between the voices and the decisions that will change our lives. He also states that he will try to take the ideas given to him and put them into action.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS- None

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town Manager Dylan Haman tells the Board that the first document they see is the current ordinance for the ARPA fund. The auditor asked the Town to adjust the ordinance. The main issue with the current ordinance is that it does not align with what has been reported to the State of North Carolina. The new ordinance does the same thing as the old it just corrects the issue. Commissioner Mary Lucas makes a motion to resend the current ARPA ordinance with a second from Commissioner Paula Covington. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Vera Richardson to adopt the new ARPA ordinance with a second from Commissioner Mary Lucas. The Motion carried unanimously.

B. Town Manager Dylan Haman tells the Board that the Wastewater AIA ordinance is an unbalanced ordinance in accordance with the general statutes. Commissioner Mary Lucas made a motion to resend the current Wastewater AIA ordinance with a second from Commissioner Paula Covington. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to adopt the new Wastewater AIA ordinance with a second from Commissioner Paula Covington. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Town Manager Dylan Haman tells the Board that the Water AIA ordinance is the same situation as the Wastewater AIA ordinance as it does not balance. Both Ordinances were supposed to be for \$140,000 for each one. Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to resend the current Water AIA ordinance with a second from Commissioner Mary Lucas. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to adopt the new Water AIA ordinance with a

second from Commissioner Vera Richardson. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Town Manager Dylan Haman goes to tell the Board that for the Budget Amendment that there were some typos previously. He continues to say that the only real difference is \$25.00 in expenditures. Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to adopt the budget amendment as corrected with a second from Commissioner Paula Covington. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Town Manager Dylan Haman states to the Board that the 30 fund has been open in the town's books for quite some time now. The fund has not been used for anything recently, so the auditor has recommended that the town close out the 30 fund and move it into the general fund. The 30 fund is a project fund that has been used in the past but not for anything recently. Currently in the fund is \$4,000 per the question asked by Commissioner Vera Richardson. With that being said, Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to close the 30 fund and return the rest to the general fund. A second was made by Commissioner Mary Lucas. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Town Manager Dylan Haman explains that the Stormwater AIA project that is a grant funded project. That means that this project is 100% covered by the grant the town does not have to spend anything. The purpose of this project is to gain an asset inventory on our Stormwater assets. This will help us tell in the future what we need to do as far as funding improvements of our Stormwater. Mr. Haman goes to tell that they have looked for request for qualifications for this project. The committee members for this are Commissioner Mary Lucas, Public Works Director Daniel Medley, and Town Manager Dylan Haman. The committee recommends because of our prior experience with this firm that LKC develop the Stormwater AIA. Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to have the firm LKC to develop the Stormwater AIA. This motion was second by Commissioner Vera Richardson. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Town Manager Dylan Haman explains that the Stanback Park Drainage Improvement is a similar situation as the Stormwater AIA Project. We have received a grant for Stanback Park. This project will help us look at ways to help prevent from the park flooding as it has in the past. Just like the other project this is 100% funded by a grant, this grant is for 1.8 million. This means the town will not spend any money on this project. The committee recommends that due to prior work with the firm LKC that we let LKC develop the Stanback Park Drainage Improvement Project. Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion for LKC to develop the Stanback Park Drainage Improvement Project. A second was made by Commissioner Paula Covington. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM VII.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Mary Poplin over The Gathering Garden gave her report on the thriving garden. Mrs. Poplin loves the fact that everyone can come together and help the community. She also states that they continue to give a lot of food to the Food Pantry, and they even help pass it out! She thanked everyone for their continued support of the garden and will welcome anyone who would like to come help!

ITEM VIII.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Public Works Director Daniel Medley gave his monthly report stating what all they have done in the town such as repairing pump stations and all their regular routine maintenance. Mr. Medley states that there is a lot of growth in the town, which is shown by the amount of sewer and water taps that have been purchased.
- B. Police Chief Talmedge Legrand gave his monthly report stating that the department was involved with a variety of events. He also stated that their department assisted in serving search warrants at several locations for fugitives. The officers completed their CPR training that was hosted at Mount Gilead Fire Department. 2 Officers attended a 5-day training course for crisis intervention training at Montgomery Community College in Troy. Lastly Chief Legrand stated that an officer has turned in a two-week notice and the department will be two positions shorter than this time last year.
- C. Town Manager Dylan Haman gave his monthly report stating that we have a finance firm that is working remotely for the Town of Mount Gilead. He also states that we are continuing to work with Gary VonCannon to address questions that the Town has regarding the relationship with Truist Bank. We are also using Poyner Spruill (which we have used in the past) to provide guidance and expertise. He also thanks Mollie Lee for all her hard work with the Fall Festival and raising over \$5,000 for the festival. Later in August we are going to be working with our Auditor, Deneal Bennet, on our FY 22-23 audit.
- D. Code Enforcement Report (Information in Packet)
- E. Wastewater Treatment Plant – ORC Manager, Donna Mills (Information in Packet)

ITEM IX.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Vera Richardson goes to tell us that the Back to School Bash for Montgomery County Schools will be August 3rd from 6pm-8pm at Montgomery Central High School. Also, Friends In Focus will be sponsoring a Back to School Rally on August the 19th from 11am-3pm at the Methodist Church in Mount Gilead. On August 23rd from 5pm-7pm will be an open house for Montgomery Central High School. Our rising 9th graders will meet at 4pm in the auditorium.

Chief Talmedge Legrand tells us about National Night Out being at 6pm-8pm at the park. There will be something there for everyone, even the kids so be sure to come on out!

ITEM X.

ADJOURNME

With no further discussion Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Commissioner Mary Lucas. The motion carried unanimously.

Beverly A. Harris

Beverly S. Harris, Mayor

Mollie Lee

Mollie Lee, In Absence of Interim Town Clerk

