



**TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA**

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
September 5, 2023

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Highland Community Center, 131 Hoffman Road., Mt Gilead, NC, for the regular monthly business meeting. Mayor Beverly Harris, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioner Paula Covington, Commissioner Mary Lucas, Commissioner Vera Richardson, Town Manager Dylan Haman, Interim Town Clerk Lessie Jackson, Public Work Supervisor Daniel Medley, Police Chief Talmedge LeGrand, and Fire Chief Keith Byrd.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Mary Lucas made a motion to adopt the agenda, Commissioner Vera Richardson second the motion and the motion carried.

ITEM III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. June 27th Meeting Minutes (Amend)

Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to amend and approve the minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley second the motion and the motion carried

B. July 11th Special Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Mary Lucas second the motion and the motion carried.

C. July 31st Special Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Paula Covington second the motion and the motion carried.

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Reading of the Rules for Public Comment

(Town Manager Dylan Haman)

-John Hall, who lives at 104 Cedar St., he wanted to address the side of the road, and the ditches. Going down Cedar St. on the left the ditch has been high for years, he could take his mower, but it is right on the road. In addition, Lt. Governor Bob Jordan mural on Julius Chambers the grass is high. Mrs. C. Beaman who lives on Cedar St. is not able to mow on the side of the road and that grass is high. Then he spoke of a video he had where he has been watching some of public works sit around, and he did not know if they was on break or just sitting there.

-David Hyatt, who lives at 406 W. Allenton St., is seeking support from the town on Urban Archery, and in condolences to NC Wildlife to where you can hunt inside city limits. I have 8 acres of land that he sees as an opportunity to move forward, he stated he had check and the homes in the area is in safe distancing. Mr. Hyatt just wanted the support of the Town to moving forward with NC Wildlife to make Urban Archery legal within city limits.

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Washington Park Rezoning

Manager Dylan Haman stated that rezoning of Washington Park was going to be part of the discussion at the last Planning Board meeting but we had to cancel the meeting because we did not have a quorum. We will discuss some of that when we discuss the Planning Board applications; in addition, I think the Board will select one of those applicants tonight so we can get a quorum in the future. We have discuss and we do have a map for the proposed rezoning of Washington Park Rd., it is an area of a number of manufacture homes. There is a new manufacture home, and we are looking at rezoning this location so the new manufacture home complies with our Zoning Ordinance. We will cover some applications tonight.

ITEM VI.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Stanback Park Sidewalk Project

This project has been going on for some time now. I think it originally open in 2017 or 2019 project to extend the sidewalk at Stanback Park where it ends now down to the second entrance. It is a grant project that has a 20% match for the town, which mean that for every dollar we get we have to put in .20 cents. Originally when that project started it had one cost, and over the years the cost have grown a bit, and new estimated cost from the Department of Transportation is \$277,000.00 we will have to pay 20% of that which is 55,400.00. If we do not want to pursue that then we need to repay what we have already receive from them, which is about \$16,000.00. I am seeking guidance from the Board as to whether you would like to pursue the project with the new cost, or if you would like to instruct the town to pay the money back to DOT. Commissioner Vera Richardson suggest that based on where the town is at financially, she thinks that we need to pay DOT back the 16,000.00, until we can see a much clearer path, or until we reconvene. Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley asked the Town Manager Dylan Haman what was his thoughts on the subject. Town Manager Dylan Haman stated that he thinks both Mayor Pro Tem McAuley, and Commissioner Vera Richardson both are right and make a good point. Ultimately, he thinks the question come down to whether or not that is a priority to the sidewalk cost is not going to go down an to Commissioner Vera Richardson point; there is no need to spend additional funding on it. Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley asked when the decision needed to be made by, and Town Manager Dylan Haman stated that they is still searching for additional funding that is potential available, and that it could be tabled and come back to it. Commissioner Vera Richardson asked do he think there will be the outcome about addition funding by next month, and Town Manager Dylan Haman stated he did not have an answer; it is kind of speculation on whether or not DOT would be able and willing to provide additional funding. Commission Vera Richardson asked the Town Manager has he spoke to DOT, and he state as of right now they are searching but as of now, there is none also, it is always possible things could change. Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to table Stanback Park Sidewalk Project until the next Board meeting, Commissioner Mary Lucas second the motion and the motion carried.

B. Storm water AIA Acceptance Resolution

Town Manager Dylan Haman spoke about the Storm water AIA Acceptance Resolution, he Stated that this is just a Resolution to accept a grant that the town received 100% funded by the Department of Environment of Equality. From the town perspective there is no money coming out of the town budget, this is to create an inventory and a Capital improvement plan of the Waste Water Treatment Assets. This is not a budget for this project, just a Resolution stating we will accept this project and we want to move forward. Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley made a motion to accept the Storm water AIA Acceptance Resolution, Commissioner Vera Richardson second the motion and the motion carried.

C. Clerk Applications

Town Manager stated that he had submitted four application to the Town Board for the clerk position, and some of the Board wanted him to interview or the Board. Town Manager Dylan Haman stated that at least three of the candidates need to be interview, he need to know how the Board would like him to move forward. Commissioner Paula Covington stated she would like the Board to interview for the clerks' position, discussion happen between the Town Board, and the Town Manager Dylan Haman. The final decision was for the Town Manager to organize the interviews, and the Board will interview the candidates.

D. Event Request Form and Potential Fee

The town has created an event form for the downtown merchants association to put in request for port johns, event boxes, and what other items they need from the town. Question for the board; do you want a fee to be attach to the request or not. Discussion happen between the Board, and the Town Manager Dylan Haman. Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley made a motion to table the event request form until the next meeting, Commissioner Vera Richardson second the motion and the motion carried.

E. 500 West Allenton Street

Code Enforcement Officers Nicole Mabe and Justin Bateman came before the Board seeking an approval of the new ordinance in reference to 500 W. Allenton St. Discussion went on between the Town Board, Town Manager Dylan Haman and Code Enforcement. The final decision at this

meeting is to table 500 West Allenton St. until the next meeting. Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to table the decision on the Ordinance until next meeting, Commissioner Mary Lucas second the motion and the motion carried.

F. Mount Gilead Fire Department Bank Account Resolution

Recently the town auditor was in for about two weeks, during this time the auditor discovered that the town has three CD's at Truist bank under the town EIN number, and the Mt. Gilead Volunteer Fire Department owns all three of them. All the Resolution does is to direct town staff to correct the issue, and work with Chief Keith Byrd to get that EIN number transferred over to the Fire Department name. Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion to transfer the EIN number to the fire department and Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley second the motion and the motion carried.

G. Planning Board Applications

Four candidates applied for the Planning Board due to one seat being open. Mayor Pro Tem made a motion for Mary Poplin and the motion did not carry. Commissioner Vera Richardson made a motion for Sam Everhart and Commissioner Paula Covington second the motion and the motion carried with 3-yes, and 1-No.

ITEM VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Garden

Mary Poplin stated summer is approaching an end, and they will start working on fall gardening. She started encouraging others to join in with the community garden, and the harvest from this year was given to the food pantry so that all their customers have fresh vegetables from the community garden. Mary states that she has applied to Nassau for a type of tree for the garden that has been in outer space.

ITEM VIII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Public Works – Public Works Director Daniel Medley

Repaired pump at lift station #12 at Twin Harbor, unclog sewer main, read some of town water meters, put in several taps in town, repaired sewer at Swift Island Plantation, repaired effluent pump at WWTP, clean all the towns entrances, mowed, and repaired alarm at DDC. Also, we completed routine equipment and vehicle maintenance, our routine monthly activities, and some things we have in progress is Cotton Gin Dr., AIA study, and grant study for the park.

B. Police Department – Chief Talmedge Legrand

Chief Talmedge LeGrand stated that they monitor the 4 way stop at S. Wadesboro Blvd and W. Allenton St., and he also point out the 4 way rules to following. During the month, there has been 50 citations and 24 warning citations. On August 28, the officers interacted with the kids at Mt. Gilead Elementary School. The police department completed Blood borne Pathogen in-service along with the fire department on August 14. Police department along with Concern Citizens hosted National Night out on August 1. Police department is short staff, no application or have any inquiries has been received to date.

C. Fire Department – Chief Keith Byrd

Chief Keith Byrd stated that the progress is being made on the LMTV military vehicle that we acquired from NCFS. The Bar-B-Que will be October 7, 2021 at the fire department from 11a.m. until 6p.m. plates are \$12.00 and there will be a silent auction from 11a.m.-5p.m. Then the Board had a discussion with Chief Byrd about the items that they will be using for the silent auction.

D. Code Enforcement Report- Nicole Mabe and Justin Bateman (See VI. E above)

E. Wastewater Treatment Plant- ORC Manager, Donna Mills (Information in Packet)

F. Town Manager- Dylan Haman

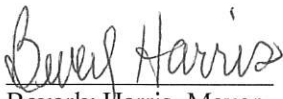
Auditor came in for their two weeks site visit. Town Manager Dylan Haman shared with the Board some of the things he covered with the auditor, and that he wanted to have four people in town hall instead of three. Mollies' class was cancelled due to an active shooting on campus. August 31, 2023, the Planning Board will meet to discuss the rezoning of Washington Park Rd. He will provide the Planning Board with a list of proposed parcels to rezone, and they will give direction on how they will want the Town Manager Dylan Haman to move forward. The town is selling Fall Festival T-Shirts for only \$10 each; colors are orange, green, and now black. Then Town Manager read a statement in reference to ACH tax payments that have been missing since

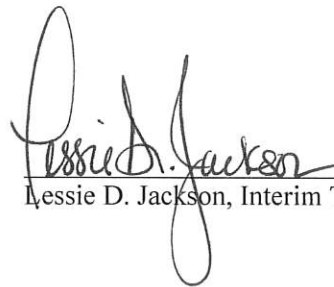
ITEM IX. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mayor did not have anything. Commissioner Vera Richardson is requesting prayer for the Devon Little and family his son D.J., Jr. was in a car accident and is at Duke. Commissioner Paula Covington is also seeking prayer for Madison Grace Thomas. There will be a fundraiser for her family on September 8th and 9th at Highland Community Center beginning at 11 a.m until, also on Saturday, September 9 will be a motorcycle ride.

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Paula Covington made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Vera Richardson second the motion and the motion carried the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Beverly Harris, Mayor


Lessie D. Jackson, Interim Town Clerk