



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

**110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
June 4, 2024**

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Community Center, 131 Hoffman Rd, Mt Gilead, NC, for the regular monthly business meeting. Present: Mayor Sheldon P. Morley, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioner Paula Covington, Commissioner Vera Richardson, Commissioner Mary Lucas, Town Manager Dylan Haman, Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Talmedge LeGrand, and Town Clerk Lessie D. Jackson. Absent: Fire Chief Keith Byrd.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEM II. CONSENT AGENDA

(Action)

- A. Adoption of the Agenda
- B. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. May 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- C. Staff Reports
 - a. Public Works- Public Works Director Daniel Medley
 - b. Police Department- Chief Talmedge Legrand
 - c. Fire Department- Chief Keith Byrd
 - d. Code Enforcement Report-(Information in Packet)
 - e. Wastewater Treatment Plant- ORC Manager, Donna Mills (Information in Packet)

Mayor Morley asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Town Manager Haman noted before the motion there is a couple of changes that needs to be made. One is the consent agenda has two other items in addition to what is on the front page and they are NFOCUS renewal and Resolution MultiModal Application. In addition, a correction is needed to the minutes to reflect the Board awarding the town clerk a 5% increase in salary.

*Mayor Morley asked for a motion to approve the revised consent agenda to be remove the May 7 2024 minutes to old business. Commissioner Richardson made the motion to approve the revised consent agenda, Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Reading of the Rules for Public Comment

(Town Manager Dylan Haman)

- Sue Brookshire-100 Highland Ave.-Requesting the Board to consider making the park more handicap accessible.
- Patsi Laracuenta-305 Stanback St.-Suggesting ways to keep events in town.
- Mary Poplin-201 S. Main St.-Asking the Board's opinion about street art, and suggesting other ways to make and keep Mt. Gilead a beautiful place. Mrs. Poplin will submit a proposal next month to give the Board ideas of what this project would cost.
- Charles Bud Young-208 W. Ingram St.-Mr. Young complimented the Board for all they have done for the community, and how the Board has supported Mr. Bob Lowdermilk. Mr. Young also wanted to compliment Tammy Dunn and the Montgomery Herald for their support over the years.

ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Town Manager Dylan Haman explained to the Board the May 7, 2024 minutes needs updating to reflect the 5% increase approval for the Town Clerk. Mayor Morley asked for a motion to amend the May 7, 2024 meeting minutes to reflect the 5% increase in the clerks' salary. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to amend the previous minutes to include a 5% raise added to the clerks' salary, Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

ITEM V.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Competitive Pay Resolution
Town Manager Dylan Haman and the Board went into a discussion about competitive pay for three of the town employees. After the discussion with the Board. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to table this item for another time or until the Board sees what everyone is making, Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3-1
- B. 2024-2025 Budget
Mayor Morley asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve an ordinance establishing revenues and authorizing expenditures for fiscal year 2024-2025 for the Town of Mt. Gilead, NC, Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0
- C. Ball Field Rental Policies/Fees
Town Manager Dylan Haman gave a briefing on the proposed ballfield policy. Commissioner Lucas inquire about smoking and drinking signs posted at the ballfield. Town Manager Dylan Haman responded by stating that signs will be order and posted at the ballfield. Mayor Morley asked for a motion to approve the propped ballfield policy. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed ballfield rental policy, Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0
- D. Redevelopment Corporation Appointments
Town Manager gave a brief overview on the candidates to be appointed to the Redevelopment Corporation. The Board and Town Manager Dylan Haman went into a discussion about the appointee and their duties. Mayor Morley asked for a motion, Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve LeeAnn Haithcock, and Shannon Browning to the Mt. Gilead Redevelopment Corporation Board of Directors. The motion carried. 4-0

ITEM VI.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Garden **(Mary Poplin)**
Mary Poplin gave a brief overview of the progress that is happening at the Community Garden.

ITEM VII.

MANAGER REPORT

(Information)

- Manager Haman's report included:
- Attending the RC2 Rural Capacity Building May 30-31
 - Attending NCCCMA Conference June 20-22
 - Working with LKC Engineering to design and construct improvements to Stanback Park Drainage System
 - Under the Mt. Gilead Budget Ordinance which allows the Town Manager to move small amounts of money from one line item to another. Town Manager Dylan Haman moved \$2500.00 from the police department to the cemetery.

ITEM VIII.

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT

(Information)

- Mayor Morley shared with the Board some of the things he learned while attending the RC2 Rural Capacity Building Program.
- Commissioner Covington said thanks to everyone for a good day in the Park, also Commissioner Covington gave updates on other events happening in town.
- Commissioner Richardson gave a special thank you to everyone who participated in May Day 2024.

ITEM IX.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to NC GS 143-318 to consider the performance of a public employee.

*Morley asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC GS 143-318. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to go into closed session in pursuant to NC GS 143-318 to consider the performance of a public employee, Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. 4-0

*Commissioner Richardson made a motion to come out of closed session, Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0

ITEM X.

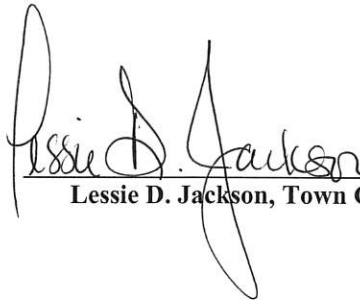
ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The motion carried. 4-0


Sheldon Poplin, Mayor




Lessie D. Jackson, Town Clerk