



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

**110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306
November 12, 2024**

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Gilead Fire Department, 106 East Allenton St, Mt Gilead, NC 27306, for the regular monthly business meeting. Present Mayor Sheldon P. Morley, Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioner Paula Covington, Commissioner Mary Lucas, Commissioner Vera Richardson, Town Manager Dylan Haman, Police Chief Talmadge LeGrand, and Town Clerk Lessie D. Jackson.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Morley)
Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley 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. Adoption of October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- C. Staff Reports
- D. NFOCUS Code Enforcement Agreement
- E. Structured Pay Implementation MGPD
- F. Multimodal Grant Agreement
- G. Pocket Park Transfer

*****Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the revised consent agenda. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

ITEM III. PUBLIC COMMENT (Town Manager Dylan Haman)
Reading of the Rules for Public Comment
*****NO PUBLIC COMMENT*****

ITEM IV. Presentation from Assistant District Attorney (Arthur Denadio)
*****District Attorney Arthur Denadio came before the Board to explain some of the activities of gangs in the area, and how the gangs are connected to other areas. Mr. Denadio gave examples of other cases, and the steps law enforcement is taking to try to cut down on crime in all areas. Mr. Denadio went into deep explanation to the Board on how they build cases first, and then arrest the proper suspect. Mr. Denadio gave a great overview to the Board to help them to understand what steps law enforcement is taking to solve a case.**

*****Swearing in of Trevor L. Wood as a Police Officer by Mayor Sheldon P. Morley. *****

ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Lead Service Line Inventory Submission**
****Town Manager Dylan Haman gave details on successfully submitting the initial Service Line Inventory to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality by the October 16, 2024 deadline. Town Manager Dylan Haman explained to the Board that it is our responsibility to identify the material of all service connections by November 15, 2027. Town Manager Dylan Haman did a question and answer for the Board in reference to any concerns that they might have.**
- B. CDBG-I Application**
***** Town Manager Dylan Haman discussed applying for grants to assist with the infrastructure project. If awarded, the project will replace asbestos cement water lines.**

ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Additional Funding for Ladder Truck Fund (Action)**
 Mayor Sheldon P. Morley asked for a motion to approve the proposed additional transfer of a \$10,000.00 to go into the Ladder Truck Account. Commissioner Richardson made the motion to approve the proposed addition \$10,000.00 transfer to the Ladder Truck Account. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. Stanback Park Drainage Improvements Proposed Layout (Discussion)**
 Staff is pleased to submit a 60% construction drawing for the Stanback Park Drainage Project, which includes the layout of a new stream channel, as well as plans for portions of the Hammer Creek Ditch. The project will also replace the 42-inch culvert on Park Avenue, and replace the pedestrian bridge, and has potential funding available for grading work on a new playground. Town Manager Dylan Haman asked the Board would they be in in pursuing buying a piece of playground equipment each year. After a brief discussion, the Board gave the Town Manager approval to move forward.
- C. Parks and Recreation Committee Applications (Action)**
 Town Manager Dylan Haman discussed with the Board the need to replace an open seat on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Going over with the Board the two applicants that have applied for the open seat. Town Manager Dylan Haman points out to the Board that there are five seats for this committee. The Board asked Town Manager Dylan Haman to increase the committee to six seats instead of five. Mayor Sheldon P. Morley asked for a motion to change the Charter to add one additional member to the Parks and Recreation Committee, and accept both applicants to the Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley made the motion to change the Charter to add one additional member, and to accept both applicants to the Committee. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- D. Sidewalk Bids (Action)**
 Town Manager Dylan Haman briefed the Board on receiving bids for the sidewalk repair on main. The question for the Board is would you proceed with sidewalk repairs, or would you prefer to do paving. If paving, staff recommends that we wait until next year and do a larger paving project, and save some of the Powell Bill Funding this year. After discussing options with the Board, Mayor Sheldon P. Morley asked for a motion. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to commit to the paving of the streets. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- E. Sanitary Sewer Bid Award (Action)**
 Town Manager gave the Board a summary of the bids received for this project. After some discussion, Mayor Sheldon P. Morley asked for a motion. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the resolution of Tentative Award to award the Sanitary Sewer Project Construction to SKC, INC for \$2,030,705.50. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- F. Will Taylor Easement (Action)**
 Mr. Taylor came before the Board requesting approval for an easement at the end of Industry Avenue. After a question from the Board, Commissioner Covington made a motion to approve the sale of the propose easement for \$XYZ dollars, contingent on Mr. William Taylor paying any relevant attorney fees. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- G. Downtown Streetscape Project Ordinance (Action)**
 The Town of Mount Gilead was awarded \$45,000.00 by the North Carolina Department of Commerce for developing a Historic District Streetscape Concept Plan. Mayor Sheldon P. Morley asked for a motion, Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the proposed Historic District Streetscape Project Fund. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- H. Downtown Streetscape Project Award (Action)**
 The Town of Mount Gilead announced an RFQ for the Historic District Streetscape Concept plan several months ago. The responding firm is Destination by Design, which staff recommends. A brief discussion took place between the Board and Town Manager Dylan Haman. Mayor Sheldon P. Morley asked for a motion, Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made a motion to award the Downtown Streetscape Design Project to Destination by Design. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ITEM VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Community Garden

(Mary Poplin)

Mary Poplin came before the Board and gave an update on the Community Garden.

ITEM VIII. MANAGER REPORT

(Information)

Town Manager updated the Board on the different projects staff has been working on.

***Chief LeGrand came before the Board to recognize two of his officers for outstanding work in his department. The two officers are Adam Lucas, and Eric Williamson. Congratulation of a job well done!

ITEM IX. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT

(Information)

Mayor Sheldon P. Morley thanked everyone for his or her participation in fall festival, and stated it was amazing. Mayor Morley is working on getting funding for the elementary school.

***Commissioner Richardson thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the breakfast at Highland Community Center. Highland Community Center will be hosting a bake sale on Saturday, November 23, 2024 in front of Food King. On December 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., Highland Community Center will be hosting its annual Christmas Banquet.

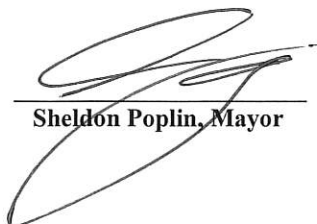
***Commissioner Lucas thanked Public Works Department some of the things that have been done in town, and would like to extend sympathy to the family of Cathy Haithcock.

***Commissioner Covington thanked everyone for his or her participation in the fall festival, and Lessie D. Jackson completed the UNC School of Government Clerk Institute.

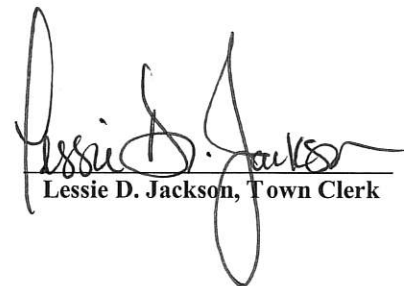
ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

(Action)

Mayor Sheldon P. Morley entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem McAuley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried.



Sheldon Poplin, Mayor



Lessie D. Jackson, Town Clerk