

## NORTH CAROLINA

# Board of Commissioners Town Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: Mayor Tony Lapish

- Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr

Commissioner Chris Carter Commissioner Steven Dixon Commissioner William Meadows Commissioner Justin Simpson

Town Administrator Randy Holloway (absent, Asst. Town Manager Erin Burris)

Town Attorney John Scarbrough
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

**Also Present:** Crystal Smith, Ashley Starnes & spouse, Ally Schueneman, Deputy O Grimes, Deputy C Smith, Mike Steiner, Brian & Rita Gilmore, Pastor Earl Bradshaw, and Mike Steiner.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tony Lapish called the meeting to order.

## INVOCATION

Pastor Earl Bradshaw of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church led the Board in prayer.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Lapish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1. Public Forum

No one spoke.

### 2. Conflict of Interest

The Mayor and Commissioners are asked at this time to reveal if they have a Conflict of Interest with any item on the Agenda in order to be recused for that item.

(No member shall be excused from voting except upon matters involving the consideration of the member's own financial interest or official conduct or on matters on which the member is prohibited from voting under G.S. 14-234 or 160D-109(a). NC State Statute 160A-75 and no public official shall knowingly participate in making or administering a contract, including the award of money in the form of a grant, loan, or other appropriation, with any nonprofit with which that public official is associated.NC State Statute 14-234.3)

No one had a conflict of interest.

## 3. Approve Agenda

Mayor Lapish added:

**Add on :** Consent Agenda I: Resolution to Allow Assistant Town Manager to Sign Any Official Documents When Town Manager is Unable to Sign for State Grant Projects

#### **TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT**

A motion to approve the amended Agenda was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

## 4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes September 9, 2025
- B. PFAS Settlement Payment #2 letter
- C. Budget Amendment #2 Change Order #1 Water Project
- D. Budget Amendment #5 Change Order #2 Water Project
- E. Budget Amendment #6 Change Order #1 Sewer Project
- F. Resolution of Designation of Applicant's Agent for NCDEM grant application
- G. Approve a 2.4% increase to the North Carolina State Retirement System employer's contribution rate from 14.35% to 16.75%.
- H. Approve part-time and elected officials being able to self-contribute, through payroll deduction, to the State of North Carolina Retirement System 401K program beginning January 1, 2026.
- I. Add On: Resolution to Allow Assistant Town Manager to Sign Anny Official Documents When Town Manager is Unable to Sign for State Grant Projects

Commissioner Simpson made a motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

## 5. Staff Reports

- A. Town Manager-Randy Holloway
- B. Town Asst. Manager- Planning & Economic Development Director -
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Officer Amy Schueneman
- D. Human Resources/Events- Crystal Smith
- E. Code Enforcement/Grant Writer- Jim Sells
- F. Public Works- Daniel Crowell
- G. Fire Department-Dustin Sneed
- H. Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department

### 6. Public Hearing

## A. ANX 2025-02 Byrd Property

A motion to open the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Erin Burris reminded the Board at the September meeting that the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency was accepted as well as adopting the Resolution to set the Public Hearing for this meeting. The report was presented at the September meeting and based on the information in the report the results were considered "favorable."

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Ms. Burris asked that if the Board is in favor of the petition, the motion for the petition would also include the annexation.

A motion to approve the voluntary contiguous annexation was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

### 7. Old Business

A. Receive update on the status of:

Ms. Burris distributed a sheet (included in the Minute Book) containing information about all the projects by the Town within the last two years:

- Fire Station renovation & expansion
- McAllister Park upgrades
- 4+ miles of water lines installed
- 4+ miles of sewer lines installed
- 12 worst sewer manholes replaced
- Water Treatment Plant rehabbed
- 12 streets/3+ miles paved
- Utilized approximately \$16.8 million in grants & \$9 million in low interest loans

## **Water Distribution Improvements Project**

Map of the current status of the water line project was displayed to show completed water lines and where State Utility Contractors are currently working. Work crossed Hwy 73 onto S. Main St. and is progressing quickly towards Lee St. Work on W. Franklin St. from Skyland Dr. has reached Eagle St. and will reach S. Halifax by next week. A crew is working inward on E. Franklin St. towards the square and are near A St. N. Main St. was supposed to be open; however, there were delays from tying in Hardee's to the new line and paving. N. Main St. should be open on Friday. 2-5 days later digital signage will be moved on W. Franklin St. to notify travelers of the closure from Main St. to S. Halifax which should last 2 months. The area will be open to local traffic and businesses. NC DOT has required the closure due to narrow width of street. Expectation is for the project to finish in December.

# **Lower Adams Creek Sewer Outfall Project**

The project is ¾ completed. The blasting part of the project is over. The two branches down from Summer Street Pump Station and Pasture Pump Station have been completed. Elite Infrastructure is currently working under Mt. Pleasant Rd South to connect the line. Expectation is for the project to finish in December.

### Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project

This project is also ¾ completed. The upgrades to the water "trains" by WesTech to the Water Treatment Plant have been completed. The Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) system has been delivered. The building to house the PAC system has been constructed. NC DEQ has preliminarily approved the well to be used with the PAC system. The Town is waiting on the final DEQ approval for the engineering of the PAC integration to the water system. The ground storage tank has been cleaned and coated. Awaiting the arrival of pipe and pump fabrication for the ground storage tank and the clear well to be installed. Plant Operators went to Monroe to see how the PAC system operates. The plant is anticipated to be operational in December.

A motion to consider approving a contract with Harper General Contractors to repair/replace pumps, motors, and piping for ground storage tank and clear well was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0) (previously approved by email due to urgency)

### B. Discussion on Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting

Crystal Smith asked the Board to provide guidance on how the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting would look like this year. If the Board would like to move forward with the events this year, announcements and postings are ready to go out this week.

Commissioner Carter expressed concern for the safety of parade participants and observers due to the closure of W. Franklin St. for construction and N. Main St. for the parade, if some type of emergency occurred.

Discussion concerning the state of the roads led to the decision to add to the Parade Application words of caution to participants about possible walking hazards along the parade route.

Consensus of the Board was to move forward with the Parade and Tree Lighting.

# 8 Adjournment

With nothing else to come before the Board, Commissioner Furr made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Meadows seconded the motion. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

Town Clerk reminded the Board the November meeting would be held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> due to the Veterans Day Holiday.

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted on Monday, November 10th, 2025 in the Regular Meeting.

Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Mayor Tony Lapish