



**Board of Commissioners
Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 11, 2023 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
Town Attorney John Scarbrough
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

Also Present: Erin Burris, Crystal Smith, Brian & Rita Gilmore, Jim & Leigh Ann Sells, Gail & Terry Scott, Jennifer Blake, Eddie Garmon, Vickie Lapish, Presley Armstrong, Jeremy & Tracy Cauble, Mike Steiner, Ryan Shaver, Harvey Barringer, Scott O'Loughlin, Dustin Sneed, Frankie Barringer, Fred M. Mills, Earl Bradshaw, Tim Snodgrass, Genna & Kate Dixon, Woody Foil, Charlie James, Sherri Cook, Scott Barringer, Lewis Whittington, Richard & Betty Lapish and two unknown.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Lori Furr called the meeting to order.

Presentation of Gideon Bible to Mayor Elect Tony Lapish by Gideon Mike Steiner

Oaths of Office were administered for Mayor Tony Lapish, Commissioner Steven Dixon, and Commissioner Justin Simpson by Town Clerk Amy Schueneman.

INVOCATION

Pastor Earl Bradshaw from Mount 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)

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No one had a conflict.

3. Approve Agenda

Mayor Lapish added two items to New Business.

- E. Consider appointing 2 members to the NCSFA Relief Fund Board of Trustees for a one year term.
- F. N. Washington Street Project

A motion to approve the Amended Agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr. All were in favor. (5-0)

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes November 13, 2023
 - B. Budget Amendment #14 FD Radio Upgrades
 - C. Budget Amendment #15 FD Enclosed Trailer
 - D. Internal Control Policy
 - E. Community of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - F. Resolution to Adopt the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - G. Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
 - H. Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Emergency Operations Plan
 - I. Resolution to Adopt National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Add Ons:**
- J. Budget Amendment #16 Reallocation of Funds
 - K. Appendix C: State Grant Certification-No Overdue Tax Debts
 - L. Resolution to Open Account for "State Grant of \$100,000"
 - M. Resolution to Open Account for "State Grant Skyland Waterlines"
 - N. Resolution to Open Account for "State Grant-Sidewalk Capital Project"

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

5. Staff Reports

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

6. Presentation

Town Christmas Decorating Contest Winners announced by Crystal Smith
Winners for the Residents were: 1st Place-The Smith Family at 8628 Lee St. (Basket and \$100 gift card), 2nd Place The Bowman Family at 8822 Oldenburg Dr. (Basket and \$75 gift card), and 3rd Place The Fox Family at 754 N. Main St. (Basket and \$50 gift card).
Business Winners were: 1st Place- down South on Main (\$100 gift card), 2nd Place-Uwharrie Bank (\$75 gift card), and 3rd Place- The Bakery of MP (\$50 gift card).

Ms. Smith thanked the sponsors, Cantina 73 and Mt. Pleasant Animal Hospital, that paid for the gifts.

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7. Old Business

A. LKC Engineering to discuss Downtown Stormwater Study

Mr. Holloway commented that LKC was not here tonight, and this was a place holder in case they were able to attend. It was on the agenda because Staff thought it was necessary for the BRIC grant. Erin Burris stated FEMA had reached out for additional information to be added to the Stormwater Study and LKC would need an extra month to get the information ready.

8. New Business

A. Consider selecting a Board member to act as Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) for a 2-year term and administer the Oath of Office.

Commissioner Simpson thought Commissioner Furr has been doing an outstanding job as Mayor Pro Tem and if she was willing, he would like to nominate her for the position.

A motion to approve Commissioner Lori Furr as Mayor Pro Tem until December 2025 was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

The Town Clerk administered the Oath of Office to new Mayor Pro Tem Lori Furr.

B. Consider appointing a replacement for the WSACC Board to represent the Town of Mount Pleasant.

Mr. Holloway stated Jim Sells turned in his letter of resignation to WSACC and the Town on November 28, 2023 for his position on the Water and Sewer Authority of Cabarrus County Board, since he has a conflict now. He would like to step down on December 31, 2023. Mr. Sells will continue to serve as the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Holloway asked if the Board would put him in the position since there is so much going on in Cabarrus County and he did not feel right putting someone else in that position.

A motion to appoint Randy Holloway as the Town representative for the WSACC Board was made by Commissioner Carter with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

C. Consider appointing a TAC and TCC representative and alternate for 2024.

Phil Conrad of Cabarrus Rowan MPO is requesting the names for the TAC and TCC appointments by January 1, 2024. The MPO would like to know who will serve in 2024 as our designated appointees to the TAC (elected officials only), as well as the TCC (staff) appointee and alternate.

Erin Burris is currently the TCC representative with Crystal Smith as alternate. Staff is recommending reappointing Erin Burris as TCC representative and Crystal Smith as alternate.

Currently, Commissioner Simpson is serving as TAC representative for the Town with Mayor Pro Tem Lori Furr listed as alternate.

A motion to appoint Justin Simpson as TAC representative was made by Commissioner Furr with a second by Commissioner Carter. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

A motion to reappoint Erin Burris as the TCC representative with Crystal Smith as alternate was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Furr. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

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A motion to reappoint Commissioner Furr as TAC alternate was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

D. FIP 2023-01 Mount Pleasant Animal Hospital Façade Improvement Program Request

Erin Burris presented the packet of information on the Façade request by Mount Pleasant Animal Hospital. It is for a Tier 2 façade grant for up to a 50% reimbursement for no more than \$5,000. It includes new awning replacement, sign replacement, and new stone wainscoting. They have already painted the building. It has more of an industrial look. They meet the requirements for the Mount Pleasant Development Ordinance and the Façade Improvement Program. Estimates for the proposed work total \$14,538.89. Staff recommends approval.

A motion to approve the Façade Improvement request in accordance with the parameters of the Façade Improvement Program was made by Commissioner Meadows with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

ADD On: E. Consider appointing 2 members to the NCSFA Relief Fund Board of Trustees for a one-year term.

Mr. Holloway stated that the Fire Department needs two people to be on the Relief Fund Board which helps firefighters due to illness or injury.

A motion to appoint Mayor Lapish and Commissioner Furr to the NCSFA Relief Fund Board of Trustees was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

ADD On: F. N. Washington Street Project

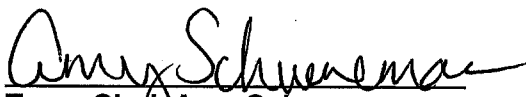
Mr. Holloway explained the Washington St. Project to widen the road and put sidewalk in started 18 months ago. Funding was approved by Federal CMAQ grant for approximately \$500,000. What the Staff would like to do is set aside the CMAQ grant and use part of the \$2.7 million received from the State budget for sidewalks to do the project. Why would you not want to use the \$500,000 in Federal grants is because it would greatly reduce the time by half by not "jumping through hoops" to do the project and it would cost 40% less. As it stands the new Cabarrus County park would be completed and opening when the Town would be shutting down the road.

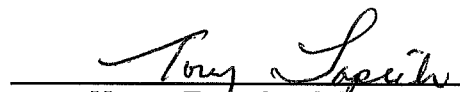
A motion to change the funding plan for Washington Street project upon confirmation from the State was made by Commissioner Simpson with a second by Commissioner Meadows. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

9. 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)

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted on Monday, January 8, 2024 in the Regular Meeting.


Town Clerk Amy Schueneman


Mayor Tony Lapish

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