

# MOUNT PLEASANT

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NORTH CAROLINA

**Board of Commissioners  
Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Mayor Tony Lapish  
Mayor Pro-Tem/Commissioner Lori Furr  
Commissioner Steven Dixon  
Commissioner Liz Poole  
Commissioner Mike Steiner  
Commissioner Justin Simpson  
Town Administrator Randy Holloway  
Town Attorney John Scarbrough  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

**Also Present:** Crystal Smith, Erin Burris, Ally Schueneman, Pastor Nile Sandeen, Mike Poole, Chris Smith, Austin McDonald, Scott O'Loughlin, Duncan O'Sullivan, William Keziah, Neil Stallings, Allen Dobson, Dustin Sneed, Rodney Schueneman, Jeff Cook and 4 family members, and Tony Brewer.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Tony Lapish called the meeting to order.

## **INVOCATION**

Pastor Nile Sandeen from the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity led the Board in prayer.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lapish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lapish thanked the Staff for keeping the Town running. The staff works like a well-oiled machine. Each one has a job they fulfill, and it is by the book. The Board also must make the right decisions for the Town.

### **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 corrected item #6B by changing FY25/26 to FY24/25.

## **TOWN OF MOUNT PLEASANT**

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

**4. Consent Agenda**

- A. Minutes February 10, 2026
- B. Minutes February 17, 2026 Special Called Meeting

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

**5. Staff Reports**

- A. Town Manager- Randy Holloway
- B. Town Asst. Manager- Planning & Economic Development Director – Erin Burris
- 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. Presentation**

**A. Fire Chief Dustin Sneed –Retirement of Firefighter Jeff Cook (postponed from February 10, 2026)**

Chief Sneed and Assistant Chief McDonald presented a plaque to Jeff Cook for the 20 years he served the Town of Mount Pleasant.

**B. FY 24/25 Audit Presentation by Tony Brewer, CPA**

Tony Brewer provided a handout to the Board that matched the presentation. *(Both are included in the Minute Book.)* The Town of Mount Pleasant received an UNQUALIFIED OPINION OR CLEAN - This means that the financials before you fairly represent the books and records of the Town as of 6/30/25 based on our audit procedures. General Fund revenues were up \$615,000 for the year. Also - expenses were up about \$325,000 mainly due to increases in capital outlay in the General Government, Salaries and wages in the Fire Department. The Street department and Cultural and Recreational departments showed decreases in expenditures compared to 2024.

As for the Bottom Line - Revenues were greater than expenditures in 2025 in the amount of 292K vs 568K in 2024.

Unassigned fund balance remains respectable at 102% of current year's expenditures compared to 114% in 2024

Water/Sewer revenues were up \$104,000. Total expenditures were down about \$35K mainly due to billing and water sewer administration and Water distribution expenditures.

As for the Bottom Line - Revenues were greater than expenditures by \$93K compared to a loss of \$49k in 2024. Collection rates remain well above the state average at 99.30%.

As you may recall from the last few years - LGC will no longer be issuing unit letters. Therefore, auditors are now required to report to the governing body Financial Performance Indicators and to notify the governing body of their requirement to submit a response to the LGC if there are Financial Performance Indicators of Concern Indicators OR if the audited financial statements included one or more deficiencies or other findings.

The governing body is required to develop a response and provide a plan of action to address each "Indicator of Concern". This response must be signed by a majority of the members of the governing body and be submitted to the LGC within 60 days of the auditor's presentation, For the 2025 year of Town of Mount Pleasant - there were no Performance indicators of concern nor deficiencies so the Town will not have to answer anything for 2025.

Several Board members asked questions about the performance indicators and if there was something to explain where the numbers came from. Mr. Brewer stated he would send the information to Town Staff to forward to the Board.

No action taken.

## **7. New Business**

### **A. Theater Presentation/CVB Request**

Allen Dobson, Board member of the Avett Theater, led the slideshow presentation (*copy in the Minute Book.*) on the plans for the renovation to the old Paula Theater. A fund-raising campaign is currently underway to raise \$4 million for the renovation and Audio-Visual equipment. Once \$2 million has been donated, construction will begin.

Erin Burris presented a Mount Pleasant Tourism Assistance plan (*copy in the Minute Book.*) to request \$800,000 (\$400,000 over two fiscal years) from the Cabarrus County Tourism Authority to assist in cost for the parking lot, building renovations, etc.

A motion to move forward with the CVB request was made by Commissioner Poole with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

### **B. Consider adopting the Parade Safety Policy**

Jim Sells presented the Parade Safety Policy. This policy is based on ANSI Parade Recommendations and what other local towns are doing. Several changes to the way parades will be conducted in the future are: limiting trailer size to 25', animals must be on a float or inside a car, candy must be handed out by walkers, etc. These changes will protect the participants and spectators while reducing liability on the Town.

A motion to approve the Parade Safety Policy was made by Commissioner Poole with a second by Commissioner Simpson. All Board Members were in favor. (5-0)

## **8. Old Business**

### **A. Receive update on the status of:**

#### Lower Adams Creek Sewer Outfall Project

On Wednesday, February 25, the Town held its monthly project meeting with Elite Infrastructure to receive updates on the Lower Adams Creek Sewer Outfall project. Included in this update is a summary of the work that has been completed since last month and work that is currently underway.

Here is a summary of the work that has been completed since last month and work that is currently underway. The Town has been providing the information it has been given by contractors and engineers working on the project:

- All sewer line installations have been completed and tested
- Punch list items identified by WSACC have been completed.
- Pasture Pump Station and Summer Street Pump Station have been inverted and decommissioned and are in the process of being removed. The sewer outfall is now active.
- Gates installation where the easement meets roads was postponed but will take place the first week of March.
- Soil and grass restoration will take place when the ground dries up from recent rain.

### Water Distribution Improvements Project

#### **N. Main Street** (including Crestwood and Cook Street)

On N. Main Street between North Drive and Hwy. 73 (Franklin Street), waterline installation, pressure testing, certification, and tie-ins are complete, and the line is active. Flowable fill and asphalt patch are complete. Final restoration of impacted sidewalk, curb, and pavement will be completed in March.

#### **S. Main Street**

On S. Main Street between Hwy. 73 (Franklin St.) and Lee Street waterline installation, pressure testing, certification, and tie-ins are complete, and the line is active. Flowable fill and asphalt patch are complete. Final restoration of impacted sidewalk, curb, and pavement will be completed in March.

#### **Hwy. 49**

On Hwy. 49 between N. Main Street and Hwy. 73 waterline installation, pressure testing, certification, and tie-ins are complete, and the line is active. Sidewalk restoration has been completed.

#### **W. Franklin Street (Hwy. 73)**

On W. Franklin Street between N. Skyland Drive and Main Street, waterline installation, pressure testing, certification, and tie-ins are complete, and the line is active. Flowable fill/ABC Stone and asphalt patch are complete. The road reopened on February 20. Final restoration of impacted sidewalk, curb, and pavement will be completed in March.

#### **E. Franklin Street (Hwy. 73)**

On E. Franklin Street between Main Street to Blueberry Street, main waterline installation has been completed. Flowable fill/ABC stone and asphalt patch for the main line are complete. Service tie-ins and side street cutovers and tie-ins will be taking place through the first part of March. Localized periodic service disruptions are expected from March 9 through March 19 as each tie-in is completed. Final restoration of impacted sidewalk, curb, and pavement will be completed at the end of March.

There are remaining funds in the water project and engineering is being completed to replace the waterline from the Water Treatment Plant to the North Drive water tank to use some of those funds.

### Water Treatment Plant Renovation Project

Randy Holloway updated the Board that the plant has been online since March 4<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the renovation it would take plant operators 12-14hrs to make 300,000 gallons of water. With the improvements, the same amount of water can be produced in 8hrs. The plant is operating 10hrs a day now, leaving time for the operators to do paperwork and backwash.

The Powder Activated Carbon (PAC) system still has not been permitted by DEQ yet because the water source has not been connected. The water source will be the new well which is being installed by Morgan Well this week.

#### **B. Receive update from the meeting with Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners Budget Workshop concerning the Rural Fire Tax Rate.**

Town Manager Randy Holloway, Chief Dustin Sneed, and Commissioner Dixon met with the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners at their Budget Workshop to discuss the Rural Fire Tax Rate for Mount Pleasant response area along with three other Fire Departments asking for increases. The Rural Tax Rate increase is to cover the increasing cost to equipment and apparatus. Mr. Holloway told the Cabarrus County Board of Commissioners that the Town of Mount

Pleasant would ask for no more than a 2¢ increase and it may be less. The Town will discuss the increase in the Town's Budget Workshop on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The County Fire Marshall presented a plan at the County's Budget Workshop to relocate Squad #410 to Mount Pleasant Fire Station. The Cabarrus County Board was very receptive to the plan because of the high regards held for the Mount Pleasant Fire Department and the ability to work with the Town of Mount Pleasant. Mr. Holloway will see if the Fire Marshall can condense the presentation and come to the Town's Budget Workshop. If the Squad is relocated to Mount Pleasant there will be 4 firefighters added to the Town per shift by Squad #410 which will continue to fall under the Cabarrus County budget. This is \$1.3 million in personnel cost to help not only Mount Pleasant, but Cold Water, Georgeville, Northeast, etc. The cost to the Town would be to additional cost in utilities, fuel, etc. Four more people per shift is a big benefit to the area with minimal cost to the Town. This arrangement would be good for 2-3 years to see how it works, but for the long term it would be best for the Town to make Squad #410 members Town employees and pay salaries/benefits to keep everything equal.


## 9. Adjournment

Town Clerk reminded Board Members of the Budget Workshop which will be held Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 8am-12pm in the conference room of Town Hall.

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

By our signatures, the following minutes were approved as submitted on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 in the Regular Meeting.

  
Town Clerk Amy Schueneman

  
Mayor Tony Lapis

