

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

August 4, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Larry Davis, Stuart Jolley, Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt, Robert W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon & Dianne VanHoff; Sylvia Pearl; Thomas Glanville; Mary Glanville; Ellen Coomer; Chris Trickler; Robert Trickler; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Larry Leake, Town Attorney

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order with the first item of business being approval of the June, 2014 Minutes which were approved unanimously on a motion by Nick Honeycutt and second by Stuart Jolley.

Under Agenda Modification/Acceptance, Mayor Chandler requested a modification to the Agenda to allow residents located on Mountain View Road to address the Board concerning speed humps on this road. Ms. Ellen Coomer spoke for the residents and presented petitions from residents on Mountain View Road to install speed humps on this section of road. After comment and discussion, the Mayor & Aldermen requested that management review the specifics for this request, location, signage, etc., and proceed with proper installation of the humps.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second by Stuart Jolley, that the meeting go into a Public Hearing to review Petitions requesting Non-contiguous Annexation and a Technical Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. Unanimous decision. The first Petition requesting Non-contiguous Annexation was from Ms. Carol Roberts located at 180 California Creek Road with 5.2 acres. There was review and discussion and no Public Comment concerning the request.

Another Petition was submitted by Mountain Housing Opportunities – Mars Hill Commons, LLC. There was review and discussion but no Public Comment.

A Technical Zoning Amendment was presented by Attorney Larry Leake concerning Non-conforming Uses in Sub-section 4, Article 411 of the Zoning Ordinance. The Amendment would read as follows: 'Reconstruction of any damaged property, if that damage exceeds 40% of its assessed value at the time of destruction, including a total loss, must occur within six months after the damage is incurred, and after the repair work has occurred, the reconstruction must be substantially identical and have at least 90% of the value of the building at the time of destruction. There was review and discussion by the Mayor and Aldermen but no public comment.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Nick Honeycutt, that the Public Hearing end and the meeting go back into regular session. Unanimous decision.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Request for Non-contiguous Annexation by Ms. Carol M. Roberts of 5.2 acres located at 180 California Creek Road. The motion received a second by Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

A motion as made by Larry Davis, second by Stuart Jolley, to approve the request for Non-contiguous Annexation by Mars Hill Commons, LLC of 6.0 acres located at 75 Roy Edwards Land. Unanimous approval.

Stuart Jolley made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning damaged or destroyed property considered as Non-conforming Uses. Nick Honeycutt gave a second to the motion and motion was unanimously approved. A copy of the amendment is included with these Minutes as a reference.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve the Amendment to the Rules and Regulations for Water and Sewer Service, deposit fees as follows:

5/8" meter – commercial \$250.00

1" meter - \$350.00

2" meter - \$600.00

3" meter - \$1,200.00

4" meter - \$1,700.00

Stuart Jolley gave a second to the motion was it received unanimous approval.

Under Old Business, Nick Honeycutt asked for an update on the Child ID System discussed by the Police Department. Darhyl has discussed with Police Chief, David Lewis, and requested this be pursued as a joint venture with the Madison County Sherriff's Department. There is a possible loan program through the State Bureau of Investigation Office available for this same purpose.

With no New Business, the next item on the Agenda was Public Comment. Mary Glanville asked the status of the Small Town's Main Street Grant. Darhyl explained there has been no word due to the Legislature not approving a budget.

With no further Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go into Closed Session to discuss a legal matter. Larry Davis gave a second and it received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Larry Davis, unanimous approval, that the meeting go back into Open Session.

A motion as made by Bob Zink that the meeting be adjourned. Motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.
