

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

December 5, 2011
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: Dr. John Hough; Anna Freeman, The News Record and Sentinel; Dr. Harley Jolley; Jon VanHoff; Jackie, Jonathan & Sam Jolley; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Joanne Rice

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler who administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Aldermen, Larry H. Davis and Stuart Jolley. After their oath and signatures, the meeting continued with the Agenda.

The first item of business on the Agenda was approval of the November, 2011, Minutes. A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second from Larry Davis, and unanimous approval of the November Minutes as presented.

Under Agenda Modification/Acceptance, Darhyl Boone added a Budget Amendment for the Library Solar Project to be added with the scheduled Budget Amendment; under New Business, reappointment to the Fireman's Relief Fund Board and a Closed Session for discussion of property acquisition following Public Comment. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Agenda with the noted modifications. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Next item of business was a request from the Mars Hill Housing Authority to re-appoint Kevin Barnette to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Mr. Barnette has agreed to serve another term so a motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second by Stuart Jolley, to approve this re-appointment. The motion received unanimous approval.

Darhyl presented an amendment for the Weaverville Waterline Extension Project Budget Ordinance. He explained that as the Project progressed and Change Orders were approved, certain expenses changed. While the total budgeted revenue and total authorized expenditures remain the same, the line item numbers for expenses changed. This Budget Amendment reflects those changes. A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve this Budget Amendment as presented by Management. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Darhyl explained that the Library Solar Project Ordinance also needed an Amendment. The General Fund Budget Amendment presented to the Board reflects the sales tax, approximately \$6,000.00, on the solar panels purchased. The funding agency will not allow sales tax to be paid from grant funds; therefore, the sales tax will be paid from the General Fund but will be reimbursed at year end when the sales tax reimbursement report is submitted. If the Board approves, the Project Budget Ordinance will also be amended to reflect this \$6,000.00 in local funds. This will bring the total local funds on the Project to \$10,000.00. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Budget Amendment for

the General Fund as presented and to approve the corresponding Amendment to the Library Solar Project Budget. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved. The next item on the Agenda was to set a date for a Public Hearing on the Zoning Amendment request by Joy Anders. Darhyl explained that Ms. Anders has a parcel of land approximately .25 ac. joining commercial property off I-26 that she would like zoned C-2 (Highway Business) so that all the property would have the same zoning. The Planning & Zoning Board has reviewed her request and recommends rezoning of this property. A motion as made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Larry Davis, to set the date of this Public Hearing for January 9, 2012.

Being no Old Business, Darhyl stated under New Business, that John Chandler's term of office on the Fireman's Relief Fund Board has expired and it has been requested that the Board re-appoint him to another term. A motion was made by Bob Zink to re-appoint Mayor Chandler to this Board with a second from Stuart Jolley and unanimous approval.

There was discussion concerning the Town Board's monthly meeting in January. The first Monday will be on a holiday so it was suggested that the monthly meeting be postponed until January 9, 2012. A motion was made by John Chandler, second from Larry Davis, to reschedule the January, 2012 meeting. The motion received unanimous approval.

Darhyl reported that a grant through the Mission Hospital System has provided two defibrillators , one placed near the Police Department and one outside the large conference room. Training has been provided by Madison County EMS and these devices are now available in the event of an emergency.

Being no Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion to go into Closed Session for discussion of property acquisition. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously accepted.

Stuart Jolley made a motion, second from Larry Davis, to return to Open Session. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Larry Davis, second from Stuart Jolley. Both motions received unanimous approval.
