

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

June 24, 2013
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; Anna Freeman, The News Record and Sentinel; Larry Leake, Town Attorney; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Joanne Rice

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order with the first item of business being approval of the May, 2013, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the May Minutes as written with unanimous approval.

The Agenda was accepted as presented with a Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue added per a request by Darhyl Boone.

Mayor Chandler declared the meeting move into a Public Hearing for consideration of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014. The Public Hearing began with Darhyl Boone offering a brief description of revenues and expenditures per department for both the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund. The Police Department budget was increased due to needed replacement of the 2008 police vehicle. The water/sewer revenue includes a 2.5% increase in rates to off-set capital debt as a result of the replacement of the main water line which is nearing completion. Mr. Boone submitted the budget to the Council for questions and/or approval.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve the 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year Budget as presented by management. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and received unanimous approval. The public was given opportunity for questions or comments. Mr. VanHoff questioned the prior year tax collections with Darhyl explaining that the line item includes any taxes collected for tax years prior to the current year.

With no further questions or comments, a motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Nick Honeycutt, and unanimously approved to close the Public Hearing and return to Open Session.

Being no Old or New Business, the next item was Public Comment. The Board expressed appreciation to Manager Darhyl Boone for the great job he did in preparing the upcoming year's Budget. With no further comments, the meeting moving into a Closed Session for discussion of a personnel issue.

A motion was made by John Chandler to return to Open Session. The motion received a second from Bob Zink and was unanimously accepted.

A motion was made by John Chandler to award Bryan Hopps a \$600.00 per year salary increase for completion of the Driver Operator Certification, which involves pump operations, pump maintenance, truck maintenance, water supply, water system operations and driver certification. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Chandler requested that the Minutes show that the 2013 – 2014 Budget includes a \$900.00 per year cost of living increase for all employees.

Bob Zink made a motion to approve the Audit Contract for the Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 with Johnson, Price & Sprinkle. Stuart Jolley gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second from Bob Zink, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was unanimously accepted.
