

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

March 3, 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: Mr. & Mrs. Jon VanHoff; Sylvia Pearl; Matthew McCombs, U.S. Forest Service; Anna Freeman, The News Record and Sentinel; Larry Leake, Town Attorney; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order with the first item of business being approval of the February, 2014, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve the Minutes as written. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Bob Zink made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. Nick Honeycutt gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Matthew McCombs, District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service introduced himself and gave a brief update on the National Forests Plan Revision. The Assessment (Phase I) was conducted from November, 2012 – Fall, 2013. The Planning Period (Phase II) began in full 2013 and will continue until 2015/early 2016. The Monitoring Phase (Phase III) will begin early, 2016 and beyond. The Plan will include study of plant and animal species, water quality, recreation, timber, wildlife, etc. A Public Hearing will be conducted to allow for input into the Plan revision.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve the Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2013 – 2014. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second by Larry Davis, to approve a Resolution Approving the Financing Terms for the purchase of a 2013 Ford Fire Truck, \$165,000.00 @ 1.55% interest for a four (4) year term. The motion received unanimous approval.

There was discussion about Zoning Amendments that will be necessary to reflect the 2013 State Statutes concerning Board of Adjustment procedures. It may be necessary to have some review of firing ranges within the Town's jurisdiction. No action was taken at this time.

There was discussion about the need for future Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements. An evaluation conducted by McGill Engineers indicates that improvements to the 30 year old plant are necessary for proper operation. Projected costs total about \$625,000.00. The Town will search for possible funds for these improvements.

Being no Old Business, New Business, or Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion, second from John Chandler, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was accepted unanimously.
