

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

October 6, 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 VanHoff; Sylvia Pearl; Larry Leake, Town Attorney; Eddie Fox, Fire Chief; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager

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

Being no Modifications to the Agenda, Stuart Jolley made a motion, second from Nick Honeycutt, that the Agenda be approved as presented. Unanimous decision.

Nick Honeycutt made a motion to approve a Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week, support for a Drug Free environment through the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League. The motion received a second by Larry Davis and was unanimously accepted.

Bob Zink made a motion, second by Stuart Jolley, to approve an Agreement between the Town and Madison County for the county to administer and enforce the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Unanimous decision.

There was discussion concerning water and sewer fees for rental units in Town. No action was taken and Darhyl will provide the Mayor and Aldermen with additional information.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve the new water and sewer tap fees to become effective immediately (copy attached). The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second by Stuart Jolley, to approve a Budget Amendment for the 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year (copy attached). Unanimous approval.

Under Old Business, Darhyl reported that the Town was given notice that it was not awarded the Small Town Down-town Main Street Grant but will be considered in next year's review of applications.

Under New Business, John Chandler reported that the Shriner's Benefit held at the Town's Recreation Park, raised \$16,300.00 for the Shriners Children's Hospital. He also expressed appreciation from the Shiners for the Town's help with the facilities.

Under Public Comment, Jon VanHoff questioned if the Town had completed the mapping system on the water and sewer system. Darhyl commented that this work was complete and the entire water and sewer infra-structure system was now mapped and on Google Earth. It is a very good system with many assets.

With no further Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go into Closed Session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Stuart Jolley and unanimously approved.

Bob Zink made a motion, second by Stuart Jolley, that the meeting to back into Open Session. Unanimous decision.

John Chandler made a motion to award Stephanie Payne a \$3,000/year salary increase and Shawna Mace a \$2000/year salary increase for successful completion and certification of software training and additional responsibilities accepted since the retirement of Joanne Rice. The motion received a second by Bob Zink and was unanimously approved. The increase in salary will be retroactive to September 1, 2014.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve three new full-time firemen for the Town. Asheley Bailey Davis, \$28,000/year; Alan Wyatt, \$27,500/year; and Chris Parks, \$27,000/year starting salaries. The motion received a second by Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

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