

Town of Mars Hill  
Mars Hill, North Carolina

## **MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

October 7, 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:** Anna Freeman, The News Record and Sentinel; Rob Bowling; 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 August, 2013, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the August Minutes as written. The motion received unanimous approval.

Bob Zink made a motion to accept the Agenda with modifications to hear Rod Bowling concerning the Heritage Festival and a Closed Session to discuss possible property acquisition. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Rod Bowling, director of the Mars Hill Heritage Festival, expressed thanks to the Town, Police Department and Public Works Department for all the help with the Festival. Mr. Bowling explained that the Festival has become a big deal. There were 102 paid vendors which is one of the biggest shows in Western North Carolina. Bob Zink requested a financial statement for the Festival and Mr. Bowling explained that he would be glad to provide this information.

There was discussion concerning possible alternatives to provide sidewalks on North and South Main Streets. Darhyl will work with the French Broad MPO for approval to get this included on the NC D.O.T. Long Range Transportation Plan.

Bob Zink made a motion, second by Stuart Jolley, to approve the 2012 Water Supply Plan Resolution. The motion received unanimous approval.

Under New Business, Mayor Chandler expressed appreciation for the Town's help with the Shriner's Auction at the Town's Recreation Park. This year's event raised approximately \$17,000.00.

Being no Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go into Closed Session to discuss a possible property acquisition. Nick Honeycutt gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bob Zink made a motion, second by Stuart Jolley, that the meeting return back into Open Session. The motion received unanimous approval.

Mr. Larry Leake explained the procedures for the Town to refinance approximately \$625,000 of USDA debt through BB&T Bank. A motion was made by Bob Zink to allow Larry Leake to work with the Local

Government Commission and proceed with a loan from BB&T to pay off the USDA debt and authorize Mayor Chandler to sign a Resolution to proceed with the loan from BB&T to pay off the debt. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously accepted. The Town had previously worked with Asheville Savings Bank concerning this debt pay off, but the rate of interest is lower through BB&T.

With no further business, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Stuart Jolley gave a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

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