Town of Mars Hill

MAYOR & BOARD OF ALERMEN

Monthly Meeting

June 29, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Larry Davis, Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt, Stuart

Jolley, Robert W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT: Jon & Dianne Van Hoff; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Larry Leake, Town

Attorney

Mayor Chandler called the meeting to order with the first item of business being approval of the May, 2015, Minutes which were approved unanimously on a motion by Nick Honeycutt and second from Stuart Jolley.

Under Agenda Modification/ Acceptance, Stuart Jolley made a motion to modify the Agenda in order to approve the Audit Contract for Fiscal Year 2014 -2015. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve a Budget Amendment for the 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year as requested by management. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Bob Zink that the meeting go into a Public Hearing concerning the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal Year Budget. Nick Honeycutt gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Darhyl gave a brief review of the Budget and explained that under the Water & Sewer Fund revenues, there will be a modification showing an additional \$6,000.00 for the Timber Shed Improvement Project under Appropriated Fund Balance and an additional \$10,700.00 in revenue received from a Forest Service Grant, making an additional \$16,700.00 of Revenue. Expenditures will increase an additional 16,700.00 under Operations. He further explained that the Budget included a \$1,000.00 cost of living increase for employees in both General and Water & Sewer Funds. The Water & Sewer rates will increase 2 ½ %.

With no further discussion or public comment, a motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Larry Davis, that the meeting go back into regular session. Unanimously approved. Stuart Jolley made a motion that the Budget be adopted as adjusted by management. Nick Honeycutt gave a second and motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve a Subdivision for Mr. Tracy Shinn located on Ponder Street. The motion was seconded by Stuart Jolley and unanimously approved. The Subdivision request was recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Board at the June, 2015, meeting.

Petitions for Annexation by Tracy Shinn and Don and Kathleen Clark were presented to the Mayor & Board of Aldermen. A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve a Resolution Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition. The motion received a second by Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved. A motion to approve the Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing for Annexation was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

Under Old Business, there was discussion about parking and one-way traffic on College Street. At this time the street will continue to be two-way traffic until further review.

Under New Business, Bob Zink made a motion to approve the Audit Contract with Johnson, Price & Sprinkle for the audit of the 2014 - 2015 Fiscal Year. Motion received a second by Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approved.

Other New Business regarding Fireman Alan Wyatt leaving the Department due to acceptance of other employment was reported by Darhyl.

Under Public Comment, Jon Van Hoff asked what the status of the possible Smith property purchase is? Darhyl explained that the Hoffman's are working on an option to buy and there has been discussion with the Parks & Recreation Trust Fund about possible purchase.

With no further business, Bob Zink made a motion, second by Stuart Jolley, that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous decision.

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