

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
 Monthly Meeting

February 1, 2016
 7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Larry Davis, Stuart Jolley, Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt, and Robert W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT: Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Larry Leake, Town Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with the first item of business being approval of the January, 2016 Minutes. Minutes were approved as written on a motion by Stuart Jolley, second by Nick Honeycutt, and unanimous vote.

Bob Zink made a motion to approve the Agenda with no modifications. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Next item of business was discussion concerning a possible electric vehicle charging station located in Town. Darhyl has discussed this proposal with Bill Eaker at the Land of Sky Regional Council. Brightfield Transportation Solutions, Black Bear Solar Institute and Clean Vehicles Coalition of the Land of Sky Regional Council of Governments are teaming up to apply for a Clean Fuel Advanced Technology Grant from NC State University and Clean Energy Technology Center to bring level 2 electric vehicle charging to destinations in Western North Carolina. Darhyl will continue working with Mr. Eaker on a possible station in Mars Hill.

There was discussion about the July 4th fireworks display. With the retirement of Fire Chief Eddie Fox, the Town will need a new certified operator to perform the fireworks. Darhyl will instruct the new Fire Chief, Bryan Hopps, to select a fireman and send to the school for certification.

The Fire Department will be replacing the 1984 GMC Fire Truck this year. Specifications will be completed soon and advertisement for bids will be accepted. Darhyl explained to the Mayor and Aldermen the cost savings if the Town can finance this purchase with reserve funds. The Mayor and Aldermen advised Darhyl to work on the town financing this purchase through reserve funds.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second from Nick Honeycutt, to approve the December 31, 2015, Financial Statement.

With no Old Business, the next item was New Business. Nick Honeycutt commended the Public Works for their snow removal efforts from the past snow storm.

With no Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters. Motion received a second by Stuart Jolley and unanimous approval.

The meeting returned to Open Session on a motion by Bob Zink and second by Stuart Jolley with unanimous acceptance.

A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve a \$1,500 per year salary increase for Brian Bailey and \$1,000 per year for Derral Jenkins retroactive to January 1, 2016. These salary increases are compensation for additional responsibility due to the retirement of Public Works Director Robert Sams. The motion received a second by Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned following a motion by Bob Zink and second from Larry Davis.


