

Town of Mars Hill

MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Monthly Meeting

February 3, 2015

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: Jon VanHoff; Sylvia Pearl; Pam Hysong-USDA Rural Development; Eddie Fox; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager

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

Under Agenda Modification, Darhyl requested a closed session to discuss possible property acquisition. Bob Zink made a motion to approve the Agenda with the requested change as requested by management. Nick Honeycutt gave a second to the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Pam Hysong with USDA Rural Development, discussed with the Mayor and Aldermen, the affordable home ownership and loan programs available through USDA. Ms. Hysong explained there is a significant demand for affordable home ownership and USDA has a site loan program available for public bodies and non-profits, to acquire land and install infrastructure to properties in order to make the home ownership available. There was discussion and questions from the Mayor and Aldermen concerning the program and how it works.

The next item of business was Mr. Eddie Fox, Fire Chief, who gave a annual report concerning the Fire Departments 2014 activities. Mr. Fox provided each member with a incident type fire report which included the number of fires responded to for this year and the report also included other type calls the department responded to throughout the year. The Mayor and Aldermen expressed appreciation for the report by Mr. Fox and commended the Department for the fine work done throughout the year.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley, second by Larry Davis to approve the December 31, 2014, Financial Statement as presented. Unanimous decision.

Darhyl explained a concern from a resident in the SpringSide Subdivision about road safety near the entrance to the Subdivision. Darhyl has met with a NCDOT traffic engineer at the site and received recommendations concerning the issue. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt that any customers not connected to the Town sewer system, which the system serves, will only pay a minimum sewer charge for this service. The motion received a second by Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Darhyl explained the Dr. Dan Lunsford, President, MHU, wishes to reveal the new design plans for the new Allied health Building to be constructed this year. Darhyl will arrange a meeting and notify each member of the date and time.

With no Old Business, the next item of business was New Business. Nick Honeycutt expressed appreciation to the Town for assisting the Elementary School with road salt, for the School driveway, during the recent snow storm. He explained that the Town assistance was most helpful in getting the children home safe.

Under Public Comment, Jon VanHoff asked for further explanation concerning the USDA loan program. Bob Zink explained the program to Mr. VanHoff.

With no further Public Comment, Bob Zink made a motion that the meeting go into closed session. Larry Davis gave a second and it was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Stuart Jolley, that the meeting go back into open session. Motion received unanimous approval.

Stuart Jolley made a motion, second by Larry Davis, that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous approval.


