

Town of Mars Hill
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

March 5, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor John Chandler; Aldermen Nicholas (Nick) Honeycutt and Robert W. (Bob) Zink

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Goodwin, The News Record; Lucy Pearson; Robert Moore; Allison Wilder; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Jamie Stokes, Town Attorney

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

Nick Honeycutt made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented with one modification being for a Closed Session for legal matters. The motion received a second by Bob Zink and was unanimously approved.

Meeting was moved to a Public Hearing for a re-zoning request by Alex & Audrey Worley on the old Rock Building property at 734 Bailey Street from R-2 to R-3. The Worley's gave a power point presentation about their company and what they propose to do with the building; proposal being to develop apartments for work force housing. Following the presentation, the Mayor & Aldermen questioned the amount of rent (\$700 - \$875 – 2 bed room; \$685 – 1 bedroom) which is the rate at Bearwood Complex. Mayor Chandler questioned if rent was subsidized and was assured that there was no subsidized rent. In response to question, the renovation costs will be approximately \$600,000. Discussion followed concerning parking, historical designation, etc. With no further discussion or public comment, Nick Honeycutt made a motion, second from Bob Zink, to approve re-zoning from R-2 to R-3. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Chandler made a motion, with second from Nick Honeycutt, to approve a Safety Policy Amendment as requested by the Town's insurance carrier, Glatfelter Insurance, that the Town perform motor vehicle record checks yearly on all employees driving Town vehicles. This Amendment also included post-accident driver's training. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion by Nick Honeycutt, second by Bob Zink, to allow times for allowed parking in down-town from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Unanimous approval.

With no Old Business, a motion was made by Bob Zink to approve a Proclamation for Recognition Day for National Service under New Business. The motion received a second from Nick Honeycutt and was unanimously approve.

With no Public Comment, the meeting moved into a Closed Session on a motion by Mayor Chandler, second by Bob Zink and unanimous acceptance.

Mayor Chandler made a motion to return to Open Session with a second from Bob Zink and unanimous approval.

Meeting was adjourned on a motion from Bob Zink and second from Nick Honeycutt.


