

Town of Mars Hill
Mars Hill, North Carolina
MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Monthly Meeting

November 6, 2017
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: Paul Eggers, News Record and Sentinel; Scott Greene; Tim Moran, Madison County Youth League Baseball; Sara Nichols; Larry Leake; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Jamie Stokes, Town Attorney

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with the first Agenda item being approval of the October, 2017, Minutes. Minutes were approved on a motion by Bob Zink and second from Nick Honeycutt, with a unanimous vote.

The Agenda was unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Bob Zink and second by Larry Davis.

Mayor Chandler announced that the meeting would go into a Public Hearing to consider economic development incentive for Project Super 2. Advanced Superabrasives is proposing to build another facility and create between 40 – 44 new jobs. The County and Town are offering tax incentives of up to 70% tax credits up to ten (10) years to assist with this industrial growth. The maximum benefit of tax credits from the Town would be \$515,000 over a ten (10) year period. Taxes received over this time will be approximately \$250,000. A motion was made by Mayor Chandler with a second from Nick Honeycutt to approve this tax incentive for Project Super 2. The motion received unanimous approval.

The Public Hearing was closed and moved back to Open Session on a motion by Bob Zink and second from Nick Honeycutt with unanimous acceptance.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt to approve a Budget Amendment for fiscal Year 2017 – 2018 concerning revenues received and expended in the Police Department. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second by Larry Davis, to approve the Firemen's Relief Fund Treasurer, Bill Zink, for signature on the Relief Fund Bank Account. The Relief Fund Bond Insurance requires the Relief Fund Treasurer sign all fund disbursement checks or financial instruments. Motion received unanimous approval.

With no Old Business, Nick Honeycutt questioned under New Business the number of businesses that do not have Knox boxes. Darhyl will check and report back to the Mayor & Aldermen.

Under Public Comment, representatives from the Youth Baseball Program requested use of the Town's ballfield. Darhyl explained that it would need to be coordinated with the Youth Softball Program and days will be allotted to each Program. The two leagues will meet and contact the Town about selected days and times.

Sara Nichols announced that a clean-up day for the low intensity demonstration project at Town Hall is scheduled for November 14, 2017, by Soil and Water Staff and volunteers.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Larry Davis, that the meeting to into Closed Session for legal matters. Unanimous decision.

A motion was made by Bob Zink, second by Nick Honeycutt, that the meeting return to Open Session. Unanimously accepted. A motion was made by Bob Zink to approve an amended contract with Johnson, Price and Sprinkle for the 2017 audit. The motion received a second from Mayor Chandler and was unanimously accepted.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Bob Zink and a second by Mayor Chandler.


