

Town of Mars Hill  
**MAYOR & BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
Monthly Meeting

September 10, 2012  
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:** Anna Freeman, The News Record and Sentinel; Michael McCarthy; Tim & Linda Scoggin; Ron Hancock, Division of Community Assistance; Bill Zink; Jon & Diane VanHoff; Deborah Turner; L. Weixler; Lila Nikla; Dorlas Chandler; Darhyl Boone, Town Manager; Joanne Rice

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Chandler with the first item of business being approval of the August, 2012, Minutes. A motion was made by Nick Honeycutt, second from Stuart Jolley, to approve the August Minutes as written. The motion received unanimous approval.

A motion was made by Stuart Jolley to approve the Agenda as presented with no modifications. The motion received a second from Larry Davis and was unanimously approved.

The next item on the Agenda was a Public Hearing which was convened. The purpose of the Hearing, as explained by Darhyl Boone, was a proposed Amendment to the Town of Mars Hill Zoning Ordinance for permitted uses in the C-1 (Central Business) and C-2 (Highway Business). The Amendment states that the permitted use of Indoor Amusement (Recreation) and Tattoo Parlors as defined in the proposed amendment be changed from C-1 to the C-2 District. This Amendment would not affect current establishments; however, if these establishments are out of business for a period of six (6) months, they could not be re-opened as stipulated in the Zoning Ordinance.

Bob Zink questioned if the Tattoo Parlor definition would also include body piercing. Ron Hancock responded that since the definition stipulates producing scars, puncturing by use of needle or any other method, it could be interpreted to mean piercing as well. Bob also questioned if Indoor Amusement/Recreation could include whether or not there is a charge. He feels both should be stipulated in the Ordinance so that there would be no questions.

There were no public comments with regards to this proposed amendment and the Board agreed that they could act on the Amendment contingent upon the Attorney's review and approval of the changes discussed. Bob Zink made a motion to approve the proposed amendment removing Indoor Amusement/Recreation and Tattoo Parlor from the C-1 (Central Business) to the C-2 (Highway Business) Districts contingent upon Indoor Recreation stating 'regardless if it is revenue producing' and also to include body piercing in the definition for Tattoo Parlor. The motion received a second from Stuart Jolley and was unanimously approved.

Darhyl updated the Board on a number of projects that are pending or underway. The Water Transmission Line Replacement Project is progressing extremely well. Approximately 1.5 miles of line has been completed reaching to the foot of Murray Mountain. Clean up has been done on this stretch

of line with the earlier sections showing almost no sign of the construction. A second crew is beginning work on what is commonly known as 'John White Hill' (North Main Street off of Highway 23) and it appears the project is ahead of schedule.

Re-roofing of the Town Hall and both Fire Department Buildings has been completed. It was determined that faulty shingles were used on these buildings so cost was borne by the manufacturer with the exception of incidentals.

A red metal roof has been placed on the concession stand, both dug-outs and the large picnic pavilion at the Recreation Park with the remaining buildings to be done in the near future. This roofing is funded by the hail damage settlement received from the Town's insurance company.

The paving for a number of the Town streets is now underway. Chip sealing (tar base with chat on top) has been completed on some streets with resurfacing of these chip sealed streets beginning tomorrow (9/11/12). The paving should be completed in its entirety by mid-October.

The Young Generation Leaders Grant from the Rural Center will hold the kick-off meeting on September 18, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

The Land of Sky Regional Council's Annual Celebration will be held at the Asheville Ballroom on October 10, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Being no Old or New Business, the floor was opened for Public Comment. Dorlas Chandler revisited the issue of a dangerous dog in her neighborhood and stated that certain restrictions had been imposed for the animal. She asked if the Police Department could monitor the compliance with these restrictions. Mayor Chandler responded that if the dog is allowed to run loose, the Police Department can take action but did not have authority to monitor the restrictions in place. Dorlas stated that the neighbors should call if they witness any inappropriate actions of owner and animal and have Police call animal control.

With no further business or public comments, a motion was made by Bob Zink, second from Stuart Jolley to adjourn the meeting. The motion received unanimous approval.

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