



**TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

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110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306  
April 4, 2023

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The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Highland Community Center, 131 Hoffinan Rd, Mt Gilead, NC, for the regular monthly business meeting. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Tim McAuley, Commissioners Vera Richardson and Mary Lucas, Interim Manager Bill Zell, Town Clerk Amy Roberts, Police Chief Talmedge Legrand, Public Works Director Daniel Medley and Fire Chief Keith Byrd.  
Present by Zoom: Mayor Beverly Harris and Commissioner Paula Covington.

**ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adopt the agenda as is with a second from Commissioner Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A. March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the March 7, 2023 regular meeting minutes with a second from Commissioner Richardson. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. George Knight, 2773 Hwy. 109 S, Mount Gilead – Mr. Knight addressed the Commissioners about the need for the Commissioners to make themselves more available to the citizens. He said he lives outside the city limits and he feels like he can't speak to the Board Members. He asked them if they know what the Pledge of Allegiance meant. He said that if you are going to be on the Town Board you need to show Allegiance.

Ms. Patty Almond, East Allenton St., Mount Gilead – Ms. Almond spoke to the Board and the citizens about a new program that was starting at the First Presbyterian Church. AL-ANON is a group that has helped numerous people over the years cope with family members that have addictions. They will meet every Thursday from 12-1 pm and it is open to everyone. She stated she hoped the Board would help her spread the word.

**ITEM VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**ITEM VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Piedmont Triad Regional Council Lake Tillery Annexation Analysis

Mr. Adam Schull and Mr. Jesse Day of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council presented a Power Point about the analysis they have completed at the Town's request concerning the annexation of the large Lake Tillery Development by Lennar, LLC. *NOTE: Copies of the power point presentation are available for public inspection at Town Hall.*

B. Approval of the Town's Response to the Local Government Commission (FPIC) from the 2021-2022 Audit Findings.

Manager Bill Zell presented the Response to the LGC Audit Findings and stated that measures have been put in place to resolve any issues. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the responses to the LGC with a second from Commissioner Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Lake Tillery Development Agreement (Developer/County/Town)

Interim Manager Zell presented the Finalized Development Agreement between the Lake Tillery Developers, Montgomery County and the Town of Mount Gilead. This agreement had already been reviewed by the County Commissioners and approved as well as reviewed by the Town Attorney for accuracy. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the Lake Tillery Development Agreement. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The Agreement was unanimously approved.

- D. Capital Project Ordinance -SRP-W-ARP-0102-Sewer Improvements  
Interim Manager Zell presented a Capital Project Ordinance for the 2023 Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve SRP-W-ARP-0102-Sewer Improvements. Commissioner Covington seconded the motion. The Ordinance was unanimously approved.
- E. Agreement -R5826B-Sewer Force Main Reduction – LKC  
Interim Manager Zell presented an Agreement for Service from LKC Engineering to relocate the Hwy 109 Sewer Force Main (R-5826B) that will be disturbed during the roadway widening project to be constructed by NCDOT. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Update on Status of Community Appearance Board and Parks and Recreation Committee  
Interim Manager Zell spoke to the Board on behalf of the incoming Town Manager Dylan Haman, who had recently attended a CATb meeting. It is the strong recommendation by the Interim Manager and the incoming new Town Manager that both committees be suspended until an Ethics Policy and Parliamentary Procedures for Open Meetings of any Town affiliated committees are put in place. He stressed that these committees should be representatives of our Town and uphold its policies and procedures. He reminded them that these committees are a reflection of the BOC, and they feel that currently these policies and procedures are not being followed. Commissioner Richardson made a motion to immediately suspend these committees until further notice. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Incoming Town Manager Dylan Haman will review these committees and work on policies when he begins full time employment in May.
- B. Community Garden  
A written update on the Community Garden was given in writing by Chairman Mary Poplin and was presented in the agenda packet. *NOTE: A copy of this report is available for public inspection at Town Hall.*

**ITEM VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

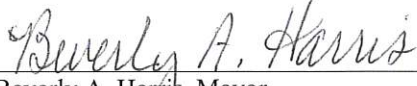
Staff reports were given by Public Works Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Talmedge Legrand, Fire Chief Keith Byrd and Interim Manager Bill Zell and were attached to the Board agenda packets. Written reports were provided by ORC Manager Donna Mills and Alliance Code Enforcement and were also attached to the Board agenda packets.

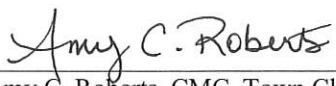
**ITEM IX. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

Commissioner Richardson wanted to remind everyone about the Easter Egg Hunt at Highland Community Center on Saturday, April 8 and asked Chief Legrand if they could have extra police presence since this is usually a rather large event. Commissioner Richardson also reminded everyone of the May Day celebration which includes a parade. Line up for the Parade is at 9 am at the First United Methodist Church. Parade is at 10 am and festivities will begin immediately following the parade at Highland.

**ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT**

With no more Board business, Commissioner Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion. Motion unanimously adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
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Beverly A. Harris, Mayor

  
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Amy C. Roberts, CMC, Town Clerk

