

**MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jack Loftis, Commissioners Dean Brown, David Beal, Deborah Cochran, Tom Bagnal, and Todd Harris

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Cochran and passed unanimously, the amended agenda was approved with the addition of items 9-c-Resolution #08-056 and 9-d-Resolution #08-057.

CONSENT AGENDA: On motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Beal and passed unanimously, the following items were approved by way of consent agenda:

- **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 17, 2008 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:**
- **RESOLUTION #08-054-AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY FUNDING THROUGH NC GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM:**

Resolution #08-054

**NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM
LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOLUTION
Form GHSP-06-A**

(To be completed, attached and become part of Form GHSP-06 Highway Safety Equipment Project Contract.)

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy Police Department (herein called the "Agency") has completed an application contract for traffic safety funding; and that the City of Mount Airy Board of Commissioners (herein called the "Governing Body") has thoroughly considered the problem identified and has reviewed the project as described in the contract;

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN OPEN MEETING ASSEMBLED IN THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA, THIS THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the project referenced above is in the best interest of the Governing Body and the general public; and
2. That Don Brookshire, City Manager is authorized to file, on behalf of the Governing Body, an application contract in the form prescribed by the Governor's Highway Safety Program for federal funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be made to the Governing Body to assist in defraying the cost of the project described in the contract application; and
3. That the Governing Body has formally appropriated the cash contribution of \$375.00 as required by the project contract; and
4. That the Project Director designated in the application contract shall furnish or make arrangement for other appropriate persons to furnish such information, data, documents and reports as required by the contract, if approved, or as may be required by the Governor's Highway Safety Program; and
5. That certified copies of this resolution be included as part of the contract referenced above; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

• **RESOLUTION #08-055-APPOINTMENTS TO CEMETERY COMMISSION:**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-055

APPOINTMENT TO CEMETERY TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, the City Board increased and expanded the membership to the Cemetery Board of Trustees by Ordinance #08-014:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT AIRY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING IN OPEN SESSION THAT:

- Section 1. The City of Mount Airy Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Mrs. Nancy Malone to serve a four year term on the Cemetery Trustee Board and that said term will expire February 28, 2012.
- Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy.

Approved and adopted this the 7th day of February, 2008.

• **RESOLUTION #08-056-INTERLOCAL MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TOWN OF DOBSON:**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-056

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy and the Town of Dobson have been negotiating an interlocal municipal agreement for the Town of Dobson to purchase bulk water from the City of Mount Airy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Airy has an average daily water volume capacity in excess of eight (8) million gallons per day and produces approximately 3.4 million gallons of water daily; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town of Dobson to purchase an average of 300,000 gallons per day with a guaranty volume of 9,000,000 gallons per month:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy in open session that:

- Section 1. The Interlocal Municipal Agreement between the City of Mount Airy and the Town of Dobson defining the terms in which the city will sell bulk water to the Town of Dobson and the guaranteed usage and rate as specified in the attached agreement is hereby approved.
- Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute all documents.
- Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon approval by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Mount Airy.

Approved and adopted this the 7th day of February, 2008.

(End of consent agenda)

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Board to hear comment on incentives for company “Princess” to locate in Mount Airy:

Mayor Loftis opened the public hearing for comments.

Robin Rhyne, SCEDP President, said she has been working with this company since November 2007. This company creates knitted barriers for mattresses. They will be employing 10 people. The incentive requested came as a range of \$17,917 to \$26,876 over a 5 year term. The minimum investment for the company is anticipated to be \$1.2M with the possibility of being \$1.8M. At no time do they pay money out of existing tax revenue to give incentives to a company.

Paul Ike asked if the \$1.2M-\$1.8M was the value of the machinery or including the building? Will the 10 jobs employees they bring with them or Mount Airy employees?

Robin Rhyne said this company the incentives are based on newly created tax base. This company is expanding its operation in High Point and will be hiring locally. She can't guarantee the person they hire lives in Mount Airy but they are seeking to hire locally.

With no further discussion, Mayor Loftis declared the public hearing closed.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Loftis opened the public forum for anyone to speak. There were no speakers, so Mayor Loftis declared the public forum closed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

a) RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS/MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS PRESENTATION:

Mayor Loftis presented the following with retirement resolutions: Ron Hill, Anise Hickman, and Price Hawks. (Doug VanHoy was not present to receive his retirement resolution).

Mayor Loftis presented the families of the following with memorial resolutions: Frank Lowry, Billy Gammons, and Jack Van Nieuwkoop.

b) POWER POINT PRESENTATION BY “CREATE AND SKATE” TEAM:

Wes Haymore put together a power point presentation and also presented a list of supporters for a skate park to the Board.

Commissioner Bagnal stated he thinks this is a good idea and is support of it.

Commissioner Brown is in favor of it also. They need to continue to look for things to encourage the youth and keep them on task and in Mount Airy.

RESOLUTION #08-057-RESOLUTION TO SELL PROPERTY AT 305 CHERRY STREET:

Commissioner Harris made a motion to table this matter, Commissioner Bagnal seconded it and it was passed by a 4-1 vote.

Vote Aye: Commissioners Harris, Bagnal, Brown, and Cochran

Vote Nay: Commissioner Beal

REMARKS BY OFFICIALS:

David Beal: In the midst of the retirement/memorial resolutions tonight, they need to mention former police officer Burl Fleming. He was a wonderful person and his family has been a big part of Mount Airy for many years. Our condolences go out to the memory of Burl Fleming and his family.

Thanks to Chief Brannock for the Fire Department's Annual Report.

He has heard many favorable comments on the Citizen Police Academy class.

The Sports Hall of Fame meets Monday, February 11th to discuss the next class of the nominees. The ceremony is in April.

Deborah Cochran: Thank you to Mr. Wes Haymore for the power point presentation. She has followed this from the beginning and wants them to know they don't need to give up on their dream.

Dean Brown: He believes that the selling of water to Dobson will bring some much needed water revenue and will improve relations with the other municipalities in the county and the county as well. Maybe they can sit down and talk about other ways they can work together.

He has had an ongoing project for the last 6 months with a community group to help achieve a community youth council for Mount Airy. They are to the power point presentation and he was pleased to learn that a similar group did exist several years ago. He encourages all the commissioners to be receptive to looking at actions and activities by the youth.

Tom Bagnal: It is great to see the crowd at this meeting. Wes did a great job with the power point presentation.

Todd Harris: He is in favor of a skate park. He was pleased that the "Create and Skate" Team said the goal was to raise the money because the city budget realities are vexing.

Hugh Campbell: No comments.

Nicki Brame: No comments.

Mayor Loftis: The Board Retreat went well and they addressed a lot of the challenges and opportunities and had some real candid and open discussions. They have the staff working in a direction that will hopefully bring back a result they can live with and accept and continue to make progress.

Ribbon cutting tomorrow at the D&L Custom Jewelry at 12:00 pm.

WPAQ had their 60th anniversary at the downtown cinema on Feb. 2nd.

On February 12th, the Local Officials Meeting will be held in Dobson.

Perry Manufacturing announced layoffs and we are sorry for that. They understand those things happen and it is something they have to do. We wish their employees well as they go through this.

Barbara Jones: It is a pleasure to see everyone out tonight.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Brown and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved and adopted this the 21st day of February, 2008.

ATTEST:

Jack A. Loftis, Mayor

Barbara A. Jones, City Clerk