

Town of Mount Airy  
Council Meeting  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Gary E. Morris                      Councilmember Adam Tullis  
            Councilmember Linda Hughes              Councilmember McCoy  
            Councilmember Bobby Ayers  
            Clerk Sheri Berrong                              Chief Corey Allen  
Absent: Councilmember Ray McAllister

- Mayor Morris called to order the regular scheduled council meeting, then led the invocation and pledge.
- Agenda was accepted as presented.
- The Minutes from meeting held February 1, 2016 were presented. Councilmember Ayers made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- During Public Comments, resident Bonnie Hall addressed the council about stray animals in her neighborhood, garbage cans being left in the road after collection and trash left on the roadside. Also present was Mack Booth, who addressed the council about a damaged tree he felt needed attention, brush pile and garbage piled at a neighbor's residence. County Commissioner Andrea Harper was also present.
- During department reports, Clerk Berrong reported that SPLOST V funds were depleted, and spending from SPLOST VI had started.
- Next, Mark Wiles from the Georgia Forestry Commission gave a short presentation of their Tree City USA program. He requested that the council consider becoming a member but no action was taken at this time.
- Georgia Cities Day events were discussed. It was decided that we would ask Ebenezer Baptist Church to host our Senior Breakfast once again. There will be train rides, a cake walk, a bounce house will potentially be scheduled for the children's activities and we're still waiting to hear from the National Guard about the rock climbing wall. A Clean-Up Day will be held in conjunction with Keep America Beautiful. Brush will be collected from the right-of-ways by McAllister's Tree Service.
- Next up for discussion was consideration of renewal of a Mutual Aid Agreement with Habersham County. Councilmember McCoy made a motion authorizing Mayor Morris to sign. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- Also discussed was a request from the City of Cornelia for a letter of support needed for a CDBG grant. Councilmember McCoy made a motion authorizing Mayor Morris to sign said letter once all concerns were addressed with Cornelia City Manager Donald Anderson. Councilmember Tullis seconded the motion, passed with all in favor.
- Mayor Morris then opened the discussion regarding progress at the Old Schoolhouse. HVAC was nearly complete. Next big projects to be completed are parking, floor refinishing, elevator, cabinets. He also reported our contractor had a family emergency and asked that the council keep him and his family in their thoughts. He requested that a work session be scheduled to further discuss how to proceed with the project. A work session was scheduled to be held at the Old Schoolhouse on Wed. March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5 pm.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember Ayers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.

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Mayor Gary E. Morris

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Councilmember Mike McCoy

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