

Town of Mount Airy
Council Meeting
Monday, April 3, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Gary E. Morris Councilmember Bobby Ayers
 Councilmember Linda Hughes Councilmember Mike McCoy
 Councilmember Ray McAllister Councilmember Adam Tullis
 Clerk Sheri Berrong Interim Chief Tim Jarrell

- Mayor Morris called to the meeting to order, then led the invocation and pledge.
- The agenda was accepted as presented.
- Councilmember McAllister made a motion to accept the minutes from March 6, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ayers, passed with all in favor.
- During public comments, resident Tim McAllister from Towerview Subdivision requested again that the Town take over the street lights in the subdivision. Mayor Morris apologized for not following through and explained that HEMC recommended that we put two additional lights and remove the others. They recommend two lights be installed at the entrance and the others be removed. The lights currently in place are for aesthetic purposes, not security lighting. Mayor Morris suggested Mr. McAllister speak to the HOA to see if they would like to pay for the cost of installing a pole at the back of the subdivision. Mr. McAllister said he would take it back to the HOA and get back with us. Habersham County Commissioner Andrea Harper was present, said the county was starting their budget process. Also, that the airport construction was underway and that the Bicentennial committee was scheduled to meet again next week.
- During department reports, Evan Shirley from Public Works reported that our connection project with the City of Demorest was still under way, hoping to be complete in two weeks. He also reported that EPD continued our current drought level (Level2). He expressed thanks to the City of Cornelia for their assistance during a recent repair. Clerk Berrong reported the February 2017 SPLOST VI distribution was \$9,515.89. Mayor Morris reported that GCIC numbers were down from the previous year but not as much as expected. Interim Chief Jarrell updated the council on progress about sanitation trucks not securing their loads. He said he had made contact with them and was assured the issue would be addressed. The next step will be enforcement action. He also stated he had developed a good working relationship with Habersham County Animal Control officers and felt confident that we could help each other to provide a good service for our citizens.
- The next on the agenda was consideration of an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Cornelia to provide fire protection. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to do so. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- Next item up was consideration of a consideration of an intergovernmental agreement with Habersham County for radio maintenance fees. Clerk Berrong explained the fees were currently paid but no formal agreement was ever voted on. She noted that other cities were forgiven various amounts, while Mount Airy had paid all fees requested and asked the council for their thoughts. During the discussion, County Commissioner Harper spoke up and said she would inquire about the monies paid to see if any credit might be placed toward future costs. Councilmember McCoy made a motion to table the discussion until more information was received from Habersham County. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.

- Next discussion was in regards to the upcoming Cities Day celebration. Clerk Berrong pointed out there was a need for portable toilets since all facilities were currently occupied by renters. The only quote received was for approximately \$80 per unit. Councilmember McCoy asked for a few days to try to secure a quote from another vendor. Senior breakfast will be held at city hall, Clerk Berrong was asked to acquire quotes for catering. All other plans were made and set for opening ceremony, barricades, tables, kids' activities, etc.

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

Mayor Gary E. Morris

Councilmember Mike McCoy

Councilmember Linda Hughes

Councilmember McAllister

Councilmember Adam Tullis

Councilmember Bobby Ayers