

Town of Mount Airy
Council Meeting
June 6th, 2016 7:00 pm

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

- Mayor Morris called to order the regular scheduled council meeting, then Councilmember McCoy led the invocation and pledge.
- Request was made to amend the agenda to include a presentation from the Habersham Partnership for Growth. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to amend the agenda to allow said change. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
- The minutes from meeting held May 2nd, 2016 were presented. Councilmember Ayers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- Wade Rhodes from Habersham Partnership for Growth introduced himself, Ed Peavey, Alan Nesmith and Don Ansley as the Executive Committee. After a short presentation, he asked the Mayor and Council to consider becoming a financial partner for \$3,000 per year for a three years. No action was taken at this time.
- During public comments, Carole Lonergan from Arbor Gate Subdivision addressed the Mayor and Council once again. She informed the council that her attorney told her that even though the lot at the corner of Chase Road and Arbor Gate Dr was zoned industrial, the covenants of the subdivision “supersede” and a commercial building would not be allowed there. The Mayor and Council pointed out that the lot in question was in Mount Airy, not in Cornelia as the subdivision was. They also pointed out that no official requests have come before them at this time.
- During department reports, Clerk Berrong reported that the budget was tracking as expected. She also reported that a new building permit was soon to be issued for a new home in Graceland subdivision. She also pointed out a letter was enclosed in their packets from Maggie Evans and Betty Lathan regarding some animal control issues. The Mayor suggested speaking to the county and try to come to a solution that works for all parties involved. Mayor Morris reported GCIC was doing well.
- The next item on the agenda was discussion of placing a gazebo at the cemetery, as requested by Andrea Simmons. After careful consideration, it was agreed more information was needed to make that decision and it may be a project for the Mount Airy Civic Association to undertake. While talking about the cemetery, Councilmember McCoy reported he spoke to McAllister Tree Service about trimming work to be done. After a brief discussion, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to pay McAllister not more than \$1,800 to complete trim work at the cemetery. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Hughes, passed with all in favor.
- Next, Councilmember Hughes made a motion to move the July regular meeting to Monday, July 11th, due to the Independence holiday. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor.
- In regards to the Old Schoolhouse project, Mayor Morris reported that floor refinishing was scheduled to take place between June 13th and June 19th. Mayor Morris and Councilmember Tullis agreed to meet to create a “punch out” list. It was agreed the wall heaters needed to be removed, one of them maybe

relocated to the back room, front door needs recasing. Councilmember Tullis agreed to contact a safe moving company. A target move date was set for mid-July.

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

Mayor Gary E. Morris

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