

Town of Mount Airy  
Council Meeting  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7:00 pm

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

- Mayor Morris called to order the regular scheduled council meeting, then Councilmember McAllister led the invocation and pledge.
- Agenda was accepted as presented.
- The minutes from meeting held June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were presented. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- During public comments, County Commissioner Andrea Harper reminded the Mayor and Council that 2018 was the bicentennial for Habersham County, should be thinking of special ways to celebrate it.
- During department reports, Chief Allen reported GCIC numbers were slightly down due to glitches in changing over servers but was back on track. Clerk Berrong mentioned a building permit application had been received.
- The next item on the agenda was a request from Tina Thomas to adjust building permit fees. She requested being able to contract out their inspections to a third party, as well as a reduction in the fee for Certificate of Occupancy. After a brief discussion, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to issue Certificate of Occupancy for the reduced fee of \$100 and allow Chris & Tina Thomas to contract out their inspections to Joe Davidson with the following stipulations: 1- inspections must be completed by a certified, bonded, licensed, insured inspector. 2- Copy of credentials must be on file at Town Hall before any inspections take place. 3- Any change in inspector must be pre-approved by Town Hall. 4- Copies of all inspections must be filed with Town Hall. 5- These stipulations apply only to six (6) undeveloped lots located in Graceland Subdivision owned by the Thomas family. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- In regards to the Old Schoolhouse project, Councilmember McCoy reported he was waiting for a quote on the sign. He asked for help in locating a mason to complete rock work. Tentative move-date was scheduled for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Next council meeting, Monday August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 will take place at the new location. Mayor Morris is waiting for quotes on cleaning of the Old Schoolhouse to prepare for moving. Stumps need to be removed the location, prices were received from Mark Turner and McAllister Tree. Mark Turner quoted a price of \$475 to pull/remove fourteen (14) stumps, but we are unsure of a start time. McAllister Tree quoted a price of \$750 for grinding them to ground level and can start immediately. After discussion, Councilmember Tullis made a motion to authorize Mayor Morris to select a contractor and allow up to \$750 for stump removal. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor. The next issue discussed regarding the Schoolhouse was the well house, accompanying building and fence. The roof of the buildings need to be replaced as well as the fence around it. Mayor Morris agreed to do additional research. The discussion next turned to paving the parking lot, contract was previously awarded to P & T Concrete. After discussing a variety of ways to fund it, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to authorize Mayor Morris to borrow funds as needed (in house or external means) to complete parking lot. Motion was seconded my Councilmember McCoy,

passed with all in favor. The need for a flagpole, selling of memory bricks, disposition of Christmas tree, need for a drop box were also discussed but no action was taken.

- Next, Councilmember McAllister asked that the Town impose the statewide watering restrictions. After a brief discussion, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to adopt and enforce the state-wide water restrictions. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- Before closing the meeting, Mayor Morris pointed out the current Town Hall was built in 1958, and that this would be the last meeting to be held at that location, 869 Dicks Hill Parkway.
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With no other business to discuss, Councilmember McCoy 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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Councilmember Adam Tullis

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Councilmember McAllister

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Councilmember Linda Hughes