

Town of Mount Airy  
Public hearing & Council Meeting  
September 12<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

- Mayor Morris called to order the Public hearing, with the invocation and pledge being led by Councilmember McCoy. With no comments or discussion from the public, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to adopt the millage rate at 3.91. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy. Mayor Morris adjourned the public hearing, stating the vote would take place during the meeting.
- Mayor Morris then called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting. The agenda was accepted as presented.
- County Commissioner Andrea Harper mentioned the county had been busy with the airport, hospital, administration building and other projects. No other comments from the public were made.
- During department reports, Chief Allen reported GCIC was staying on track to meet budget projections. Clerk Berrong mentioned Alcohol License renewals were being distributed, Business License renewals would be out by the first week in October, and hopefully Property Tax bills would be in the mail soon. She also requested the council set a date for a work session to discuss health insurance and FLSA changes. After a brief discussion, a work session was scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30 pm.
- Next up, was Joe Kitchens from Duncan & Kitchens, LLC to discuss the FY 2015 audited financial statements. He reported that Mount Airy had a good clean audit. GASB 68 required the Town to book a liability for pension liability, taken from unreserved fund balance. He said no additional funding was required to be made to GMEBS-Retirement, to continue to pay what they ask.
- Judy Taylor from Habersham Chamber of Commerce made a brief presentation regarding the upcoming ESPLOST question on the November ballot. She asked that the Mayor and Council reach out to their constituents in support of the ESPLOST. She also reminded the council that the lake Russell was coming up October 8<sup>th</sup> and invited everyone to attend.
- (Councilmember McCoy excused himself from the meeting at this point due to a prior engagement.)
- A short discussion was had regarding the lease renewal for Tommy Ayers of A&K Automotive for another year, located at 859 Dicks Hill Parkway. Councilmember Tullis made a motion to renew said lease for another year. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor.
- Next, Mayor Morris revisited the proposed 2016 millage rate discussion. During the public hearing, Councilmember McAllister made a motion to adopt the proposed millage rate of 3.91 for the 2016 tax year. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy. Mayor Morris now asked for a vote, passed with all present in favor.
- Mayor Morris next mentioned that the parking lot was in need of striping and that he was working on getting proposals.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember McAllister 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 McAllister

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