

Town of Mount Airy

Public hearing

September 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m., 2015 7:00 p.m.

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

- Mayor Morris called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m., a brief discussion was had regarding the proposed millage rate of 3.91 for the 2015 tax year. No comments from the public. Councilmember McAllister made a recommendation to set the 2015 millage rate 3.91. Recommendation was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. No vote was taken at that time. Vote to be taken during the council meeting.
- With nothing further to discuss, Mayor Morris adjourned the public hearing.

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Council meeting

September 8, 2015, 7:10 p.m.

- Mayor Morris called to order the regular scheduled council meeting, Councilmember McAllister led the invocation and pledge.
- Agenda was accepted as presented.
- Councilmember McAllister made a motion to accept minutes from the August 3, 2015 council meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Tullis, passed with all in favor.
- During public comments County Commissioner Andrea Harper informed the County had a retreat coming up to discuss some issues. Topics of discussion will range from the Airport Authority, Old Courthouse, and Election Board.
- During department reports, Chief Allen reported that bathroom repairs were necessary at the Post office. He also reported that skid steer tires were needed a.s.a.p. Councilmember McCoy suggested we purchase the solid tire as they will last longer than conventional tires. GCIC is in good shape, only one delinquent account with arrangements made to get caught up. Workload has increased due to a new customer that has been taken on. Connection problems, short staffing, scheduled time off have caused delays in processing work. All these are being addressed and rectified. Cross-training is scheduled to begin between departments for others to become GCIC certified. Chief Allen reported the EPD audit was completed. A few housekeeping items need to be addressed but generally went well.
- Councilmember McAllister suggested that we continue to retain the services of Rodney Beck while our employee, Evan Shirley, get more comfortable with reporting requirements. After a short discussion, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to keep Mr. Beck as our water consultant for a period of six months, \$300 per month. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor.
- Clerk Berrong reported SPLOST VI proceeds continue to come in. After July proceeds are received in October, the remaining balance of the tractor will be paid in full. She also reported that Garrett Paving had been paid in full, the Keller Road widening project was complete and paid for in full from various sources with the Town acquiring no new debt. She also requested the Mayor and Council set a date for Christmas in Mt. Airy so planning could begin. After a brief discussion, Christmas in Mt. Airy was

tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 8 to be held at the Old Schoolhouse. Employee Christmas dinner was tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 11 to be held at A Chef's Touch Bistro in Cornelia.

- First item on the agenda was discussion of the proposed millage rate of 3.91 as discussed earlier during the public hearing. During the public hearing Councilmember McAllister made a recommendation to set the 2015 millage rate 3.91. Recommendation was seconded by Councilmember Hughes. At this time the Mayor asked for all in favor to say "Aye", passed with all in favor.
- The next item up for discussion was the new charges for radio maintenance fees from Habersham County. Councilmember McAllister made a motion to table that discussion until more information was received. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McCoy, passed with all in favor.
- Mayor Morris then reported that a handful of residents had inquired about adopting a "seasonal" or "vacation" garbage rate. This would be available to resident that do not reside here full time. After a brief discussion, it was decided that garbage rates currently in place would remain with no change.
- Next item was consideration to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. Since more information was needed to discuss the matter at hand, Councilmember McCoy made a motion to table the request to enter into executive session at this time. Motion was seconded by Councilmember McAllister, passed with all in favor. No executive session was called during this meeting.
- Mayor Morris then opened the discussion regarding the Old Schoolhouse. He reported that the steps at the back of the building had been brought up to code. The floor bracing and leveling was nearing completion. He also confirmed the council's desire to insulate the interior side of the exterior walls. He mentioned also some talks were scheduled to attempt to get fiber optic internet service as quickly as possible to accommodate GCIC. The front door was also discussed, council agreed the front door would be two 36" doors, side panels and an overhead transom. After much discussion, it was decided that separate RFP's needed to be prepared for front door & finish work, interior stud walls and bathrooms.
- Unrelated to the Old Schoolhouse updates, a brief discussion was had regarding some waterline repairs that need to be made at Judy Lane. An RFP will be prepared and posted for that.
- Councilmember McAllister requested that the fence at the park be looked at and necessary repairs made as needed.

With no other business to discuss, Councilmember Ayers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Hughes, 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 Ray McAllister

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Councilmember Bobby Ayers

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Councilmember Linda Hughes