

Town of Mount Olive  
November 14, 2023  
Regular Board Meeting  
Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance per roll call were Commissioner Delreese Simmons, Commissioner Barbara Kornegay, Commissioner Tommy Brown, Commissioner Vicky Darden, Town Attorney Carroll Turner, Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant Sherry Davis and Town Manager Jammie Royall.

Dr. Dennis Draper delivered our invocation and Commissioner Tommy Brown lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a moment of silence for Former Mayor Joe Scott who recently passed away.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins advised that Mayor Kenneth Talton was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins read the Conflict of Interest Statement; there were no conflicts.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion to accept the agenda. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to approve the October 30, 2023 special meeting minutes. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then opened the public forum. No one had signed up to speak so he closed the public forum.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Non-Action Memo 11-35 - Recognition of Veterans Presented by Commissioner Vicky Darden. Harlie Carmichael, veteran, former town commissioner and member of the Mount Olive Veterans Committee; Norman Moore, a member of Bryant-Best American Legion Post 215, accepted a certificate on behalf of the late Donald Wooten. Alonzo Albertson, commander of the Donald H. Kirkman accepted on behalf of Chapter 45 of Disabled American Veterans and Lynn Joyner, who was honored for her work with the Mount Olive Veterans Memorial Committee fundraiser. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins thanked all veterans for their service and Ms. Lynn Joyner for her efforts in the very successful Veteran's Memorial Fundraiser. Ms. Lynn Joyner stated she was so proud of the Town of Mount Olive for stepping up.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to go into Public Hearing – **to DISCUSS** Making the Intersections of Oliver and Nelson Streets & Oliver/Gordon/Maple Streets a Three-way Stop. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner advised Commissioner Delreese Simmons brought this to our attention in one of our work sessions because he was concerned about speeders. The three way stops would be installed at the intersections of Oliver & Nelson and Oliver/Gordon/Maple Streets. Town Attorney Carroll Turner feels this will save lives by slowing down high speed drivers in the Town of Mount Olive. This is a problem and this is one way to address it. Ads were ran in the Goldsboro News Argus. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins asked if there were any comments from the public. There being none, Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to come out of Public Hearing. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Action Memo 11-36 - Consider Approval of Making the Intersections of Oliver and Nelson Streets & Oliver/Gordon/Maple Streets a Three-way Stop. He requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Town Attorney Carroll Turner stated this would take effect thirty days from today and allow time for the signage.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Action Memo – 11-37 - Confirm the Sale of Lots at 125/412 South Church Street for \$8,500.00. Town Attorney Carroll Turner commented these are the adjoining lots that are jointly owned by the Wayne County and the Town of Mount Olive. The lots were sold in error by Wayne County for \$5,000.00. Upon realizing the error Town Attorney Carroll Turner approached Wayne County and they agreed to let him handle the upset bid process. Wayne County will receive one-half of the proceeds.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to confirm the sale of lots 125/412 South Church Street for \$8,500.00. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Action Memo – 11-38 - Consider Approval of the 2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule Effective January 8, 2024. The meetings would be moved back to the original first Monday night of the month and the time would be moved up to 6:00 P.M. rather than 7:00 P.M. Due to New Year's Day the January 2024 meeting would be held on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to approve the 2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Action Memo – 11-39 - Consider Setting the Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials for the Regular December 12, 2023 Board Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to approve setting the Swearing in of Newly Elected Official for the regular December 12, 2023 Board Meeting. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion to approve. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Action Memo – 11-40 - Consider Approval for Letter of Engagement with Patterson and Associates, PLLC for Black Mountain Software Conversion. Finance Director Jamie Butler stated Patterson and Associates; PLLC is a third party CPA. This is included in grant from the North Carolina League of Municipalities and is at no cost to the town. She asked if there were any questions. There were no questions and Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins requested a motion to approve. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins then discussed Action Memo – 11 – 41 - Consider Authorizing Town Attorney Carroll Turner to Proceed With Upset Bid Process For Sale of Old Driver’s License Office in the Amount of \$30,000.00. Town Attorney Carroll Turner stated he has received a written offer in the amount of \$30,000.00 and is asking the board for authorization to proceed with the bid process. He advised the bidder is requesting the first row of parking spaces. We will have to survey the property to mark out the spaces. He is not sure of any discussions regarding the cost of the survey. He asked if the board wanted to put a condition on the bid regarding the survey costs. He commented at some point we would have to have this survey. The bidder is requesting the first row of parking spaces adjacent to the building. He does not think it is a good idea to pay for the survey at this time in case the bid is withdrawn. He estimates the survey to cost around two thousand dollars.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay wanted to know if she needs to make a motion to approve with the town paying for half of the survey. Town Attorney Carroll Turner responded no, he is just requesting authorization to proceed tonight and can negotiate with the bidder at a later time.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to authorize Town Attorney Carroll Turner to proceed with the upset bid process for sale of the Old Driver’s License Office in the amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the board meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Steve Wiggins  
Mayor Pro-Tempore

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Sherry Davis  
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk