

Town of Mount Olive
December 12, 2023
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Mayor Kenneth Talton called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Those in attendance per roll call were Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins, 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.

Mr. Harlie Carmichael delivered our invocation and Commissioner Delreese Simmons lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kenneth Talton read the Conflict of Interest Statement; there were no conflicts.

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

Mayor Kenneth Talton requested a motion to approve the November 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then opened the public forum. Mr. Sammie Faison of 106 East Maple Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365, 919-344-7034 discussed the Maple & Nelson Street Drainage Grant. He stated they were working but now they are not. No one had signed up to speak so he closed the public forum. He wanted to know if the grant was complete. He advised that Town Manager Jammie Royall and Public Works Director Mitchell Davis have repaired some potholes and he has met with Commissioner Vicky Darden since her re-election.

Mr. Milton D. Whitfield of 184 Stanley Chapel Church Road, Dudley, NC 28333, 919-344-7036 wanted everyone to know that he loves Mount Olive. He served in the U.S. Marines and now lives in Dudley. He is praying for Mount Olive in hopes everyone will work together. The Town of Mount Olive needs the board to work as one. He stated whatever you do, do it as a team.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then closed the public forum.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Action- Memo 12-42 - Consider Approval of Project Ordinance Amendment for Remaining ARPA Funds. Finance Director Jamie Butler stated this in an update to the first ordinance approved in 2022. Restrictions have been lifted and the preliminary spending plan was updated. The monies have not been spent.

Mayor Kenneth Talton asked the Board of Commissioners if they had any questions. There were no questions. He requested a motion to approve Action- Memo 12-42. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Action-Memo 12-43 - Swearing in of Elected Officials. Mayor Kenneth Talton shared his appreciation for Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins for being present during his absence and for being his friend.

Commissioner Tommy Brown stated that Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins has been a tremendous wealth of knowledge and he looks forward to leaning on him in the future.

Commissioner Vicky Darden thanked Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins and his wife Hazel for being a friend. She thanked him for the knowledge he has provided.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay thanked Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins and his wife Hazel for all they have done.

Commissioner Delreese Simmons had no comment.

Mayor Kenneth Talton said thanks be to God and family. He then asked Town Manager Jammie Royall about the star on top of the Christmas Tower. He also stated that he promised Faye Porter that would be bring up the need for paving at the Hollowell Estates. He advised that four years ago, he was asked to serve as Mayor; he has seen many things and meet so many people. Going forward it was well worth it. He learned that leadership is not inside the office, it is outside and building relationships with people. He was elected by the people for the people. It is about understanding the needs and concerns of the people with unity and love. He has served under two mayors Ray McDonald, Sr. and Joe Scott who are sadly no longer with us.

Mayor Kenneth Talton wanted to thank this Board of Commissioners for the following:

Barbara Kornegay – Her energy and wisdom

Vicky Darden – Her big heart

Tommy Brown – For being firm and strong

Delreese Simmons – For being raw but real, he wears his heart on his sleeve. He appreciates his genuineness and said to keep up the good work.

Mayor Kenneth Talton thanked the staff for their hard work and accomplishments. He thanked Town Manager Jammie Royall, Town Clerk Sherry Davis, Police Chief Jason Hughes and Finance Director Jamie Butler. He is inspired by their teamwork in producing a clear audit and he is very proud.

Mayor Kenneth Talton said the Town of Mount Olive is special, when things get tough they pull together. The murals have brought new life to downtown. We are currently working on grants for downtown revitalization, a farmer's market and amphitheater.

The staff is working with state leaders to get off the moratorium. Until this is lifted, we are unable to grow industry or residential areas. He asked the staff to keep up the good work so we can continue to grow as a community.

He thanked the people for letting him serve. He stated that he believes in Mayor Elect Jerome Newton's ability to serve this town as Mayor. He asked the board to please give him a chance. He has his own visions and ideas. He has made a commitment to serve. Unity in our community is what we need to move forward. The more you give the more you will receive.

The meeting was then turned over to Town Attorney Carroll Turner to oversee the swearing in ceremonies. He thanked Mayor Kenneth Talton for his friendship. He shared a document written by his son Reverend Christopher Turner presented on December 3, 2007 titled a Charge To The Mount Olive Town Board of Commissioners. He urged the board to find unity among your diversity and move Mount Olive forward. This document is included in the minutes.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner welcomed everyone to the swearing in ceremony and requested a round of applause for Mayor Kenneth Talton and Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins. He thanked the current and newly elected officials and advises he has a big debt of gratitude to anyone who will step forward to serve. He stated he would grant semi-retirement to Mayor Kenneth Talton and Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins, as he would love to see them come back one day.

Commissioner Delreese Simmons was sworn in by Town Clerk Sherry Davis.

Commissioner Tommy Brown was sworn in by North Carolina Representative John Bell. Representative John Bell said to take it all in and he offered words of wisdom enjoy the swearing in because after that the swearing begins.

Commissioner Danny Keel was sworn in by North Carolina Representative John Bell.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay was sworn in by North Carolina Representative John Bell.

Mayor Dr. J. Jerome Newton was sworn in by Retired North Carolina 8th Judicial District Judge Ericka James. She stated that it felt like she was home again.

The new board was seated and Mayor Dr. J. Jerome Newton discussed 12-45 -- Selection of Mayor Pro-Tempore. He requested a nomination. Commissioner Tommy Brown nominated Commissioner Barbara Kornegay and Commissioner Danny Keel seconded the nomination. Mayor Dr. J. Jerome Newton asked if there were any other nominations. There being none, he requested a vote on the nomination. The nomination of Commissioner Barbara Kornegay as Mayor Pro-Tempore was approved 5-0.

Mayor Dr. J. Jerome Newton then discussed Action -- Memo 12-46 -- Swearing in of Mayor Pro-Tempore. Mayor Pro-Tempore Barbara Kornegay was sworn in by North Carolina Representative John Bell and Retired North Carolina 8th Judicial District Judge Ericka James.

Mayor Dr. J. Jerome Newton thanked everyone for coming out this evening for this historical moment. He loves that the board meeting room is standing room only.

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

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the board meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. J. Jerome Newton
Mayor

Sherry Davis
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk

Kenneth K. Talton, Mayor

Stephen H. Wiggins
Mayor Pro Tempore

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**Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of Mount Olive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021:
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

BE IT ORDAINED by the town council of the Town of Mount Olive, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

Section 1: This ordinance is to establish a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP/CSLFRF). The Town of Mount Olive (Town) has received the first tranche in the amount of \$729,498.45 of CSLFRF funds. The total allocation is \$1,458,996.90, with the remainder to be distributed to the Town within 12 months. These funds may be used for the following categories of expenditures, to the extent authorized by state law.

1. Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff;
2. Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector;
3. Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic;
4. Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors; and,
5. Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Section 2: The Town has elected to take the standard allowance, as authorized by 31 CFR Part 35.6(d)(1) and expend all its ARP/CSLFRF funds for the provision of government services.

Section 3: The following amounts are appropriate for the project and authorized for expenditure:

Internal Project Code	Project Description	Expenditure Category (EC)	Cost Object	Appropriation of ARP/CSLFRF Funds
001	Law Enforcement Services for period of March 3, 2021 through March 31, 2023, and employee bonuses	6.1	Salaries	\$328,500
002	Water and Sewer Infrastructure Project , purchase of equipment, updates to water meters,	6.1	Capital Improvements	\$806,497
003	Various General Fund Projects to include : Purchase of equipment, street paving, improvements to Town Hall facilities and parking lot	6.1	Capital Improvements	324,000
	TOTAL			\$1,458,997

Section 4: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete the project:

ARP/CSLFRF Funds: \$1,458,997

Total: \$1,458,997


Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient specific detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor agency and the grant agreements, including payroll documentation and effort certifications, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.430 & 2 CFR 200.431 and the Town’s Uniform Guidance Allowable Costs and Cost Principles Policy.

Section 6: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the project to the governing board on a quarterly basis.

Section 7: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, the Finance Officer and to the Clerk to Town Council.

Section 8: This grant project ordinance is effective as of March 3, 2021, and UPDATED December 12, 2023 and expires on December 31, 2026, or when all the ARP/CSLFRF funds have been obligated and expended by the Town, whichever occurs sooner.

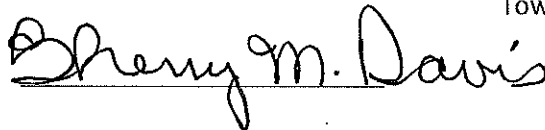
Adopted this the 12th day of December 2023.



Jammie Royall, Town Manager

Town of Mount Olive, North Carolina

Attest:



Sherry M. Davis, Town Clerk

Town of Mount Olive, North Carolina