

Town of Mount Olive
July 11, 2023
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

Mayor Kenneth Talton called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Those in attendance per roll call were Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins, Commissioner Delreese Simmons, Commissioner Barbara Kornegay, Commissioner Tommy Brown, Town Attorney Carroll Turner, Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant Sherry Davis and Town Manager Jammie Royall.

Mayor Kenneth Talton requested a motion to grant Commissioner Vicky Darden an excused absence for tonight's meeting. Commissioner Tommy Brown made the motion. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins delivered our invocation and Commissioner Barbara Kornegay led 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. Town Clerk Sherry Davis advised that Action Memos 07-04 & 07-05 Project name should be Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins made the motion to accept the agenda with the changes to Action Memos 07-04 and 07-05. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton requested a motion to approve the June 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved to the Public Forum. He advised everyone to hold comments to three minutes.

Fire Chief Greg Wiggins of 105 Pineland Avenue, Mount Olive, NC 28365, 919-222-4720. He stated on June 27, 2023 his mother-in-law fell while pulling out her trash cart. She fell backwards and hit her head. Public Works Trash Collection employee Josh Boyd immediately went to help. He knelt down and held her hand. She did not have her phone so he contacted 911 and he stayed there with her until they arrived. She was fine and came home. Josh Boyd even took the time to call Fire Chief Greg Wiggins wife to check on his mother-in-law. The Town has some awesome employees and he and his family are grateful for the care and compassion she received.

Tatetia Robinson of 734 South Breazeale Avenue, Mount Olive, NC 28365, 919-658-3878. She advised that she enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration at Westbrook Park. She stated that she has a ditch that runs down behind her house. She thanked the town for cutting the right side of it but they are unable to get the left side. She knows the equipment will not fit but asked if something else could be done. She fractured her arm in March and is unable to cut it. She would just like to find out if this is her responsibility or the Town's. Town Manager Jammie Royall stated he would call her tomorrow to discuss.

Mayor Kenneth Talton thanked Fire Chief Greg Wiggins and Tatetia Robinson for their comments and closed the public forum.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Non-Action Memo - 07-01 - Discussion to Consider Making the Section of Nelson Street between Oliver and Elmore One Way. Mayor Kenneth Talton stated this is a very narrow street and it is hard for two cars to pass at the same time. He has spoken with North Carolina Department of Transportation and Commissioner Delreese Simmons agrees.

Town Manager Jammie Royall advised this issue will be discussed in the next ordinance workshop on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 6PM. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay asked if it is just one block. Town Manager Jammie Royall responded yes from East to West. Town Attorney Carroll Turner said Nelson Street is a long street and wanted to know how that would work. Town Manager Jammie Royall said it is just one block where it narrows and do not enter signs will be placed there. Mayor Kenneth Talton commented it is similar to Wooten Street. Town Attorney Carroll Turner suggested everyone go look at this area.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved to Action Memo 07-02 - Consider Approval of the Resolution Accepting the American Rescue Grant VUR-W-ARP-0069 in the Amount of \$8,000,000.00 for Collection System Rehabilitation & Replacement and 07-03 - Consider Approval of Capital Project Ordinance for American Rescue Grant VUR-W-ARP-0069 in the Amount of \$8,000,000.00 for Collection System Rehabilitation & Replacement.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins made a motion to approve Action Memo- 07-02 & 07-03. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved to Action Memo - 07-04 - Consider Approval of the Resolution Accepting the American Rescue Grant VUR-W-ARP-0088 in the Amount of \$6,000,000.00 for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Action Memo - 07-05 - Consider Approval of the Capital Project Ordinance for American Rescue Grant VUR-W-ARP-0088 in the Amount of \$6,000,000.00 for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

Commissioner Tommy Brown made a motion to approve Action Memo 07-04 & 07-05. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved to Action Memo – 07-06 - Consider Approval for Award Bids for Clearance, Rehabilitation and Replacement Housing for CDBG – Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. Grant Administrator David Harris advised bids were received on June 12, 2023 for Demolition and Replacement of three houses. More than enough bids were received and he is here tonight to recommend the lowest bidders.

The lowest bidder for the Demolition Contract is Four Seasons from Wilmington, North Carolina. The lowest bidder for the Replacement Contract is Eagle Homes from LaGrange, North Carolina.

He stated the ramp cost is \$950.00 instead of \$6,000.00. They have also locked in the cost for gravel driveway. All three homeowners will have to be temporarily relocated. They have each agreed to stay with family; this means no monthly rent and will allow us to stay within the project budget. Now we have the funds available for the demolitions and to meet state standards.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay wanted to know when the demolitions would start. Mr. David Harris said he hopes to have the contracts signed by the end of this month. Once the houses are ordered, there will be a three-month turnaround. The lots will be ready to go when the replacements come in. This will all happen simultaneously so the homeowners are displaced for the shortest amount of time. The homes should be move in ready by February 2024 and clean up should be completed by the end of March 2024. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay asked if another application would be in the next cycle. Mr. David Harris answered there was one house scheduled for rehabilitation but there was not enough funding. That home will automatically be placed on the replacement list for the next cycle along with the alternates. Commissioner Delreese Simmons wanted to know if the houses are paid for. Mr. David Harris responded this is a 100% grant for the recipients. There is a ten-year stipulation where the homes cannot be sold for a ten-year period. Should they be sold during this time a portion of the sale amount will go to the Town of Mount Olive but the person still owns the property. Should the recipient pass away, family members are allowed to move into the home but are still under the ten-year stipulation.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to approve the Four Seasons from Wilmington, North Carolina as the Demolition Contractor and Eagle Homes from LaGrange, North Carolina as the Replacement Contractor as recommended by David Harris. Commissioner Tommy Brown seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved to Action Memo - 07-07 - Consider Approval of Mount Olive Airport Commission’s Recommendation of Tim Moore to Replace the Late George Futrelle on the Airport Commission. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay stated Mr. Tim Moore is a retired educator and has been a pilot for over twenty-five years. Though no one can replace George Futrelle, she will be happy to have Mr. Tim Moore on the Airport Commission.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion to approve Mr. Tim Moore to fill the vacant seat of the late George Futrelle as recommended by the Airport Commission. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton thanked everyone for attending tonight’s meeting.

There being no further business Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the board meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Talton
Mayor

Sherry Davis
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk