

**MOUNT PLEASANT CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015
MOUNT PLEASANT CITY HALL
7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Approval / Correction of Minutes – City Commission Regular Meeting – 7-21-15
Special Called Meeting – 7-30-15
5. Awards / Presentations / Appointments
 - (a) Citizen of the Month – Tiffany Boyd
6. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from Prior Meeting
7. Approval of Monthly Budget Reports – (Director of Finance)
8. Monthly Report - (City Manager)
9. Special Reports from other City Departments or Committees - (If Applicable)
10. New Business - (Comments from citizens may be included, dependent on the issues.)
 - (a) Approval Salary for City Attorney
 - (b) Discussion/Approval from MTAS of the Position Profile for City Manager
 - (c) Resolution 2015-10 – A Resolution authorizing the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, to participate in the Pool's "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program.
 - (d) Approval of Utilities Collection List
 - (e) Recreation Commission – Youth Sports Coaches Background Check Policy
 - (f) Discussion of CDC Payment and Continued Support
 - (g) Discussion of Interim City Manager Position (Per Ms. Blankenship)
 - (h) City Participation in Upcoming Events (Per Ms. Blankenship)
11. General Comments from Citizens - (3 minutes each; 21 minutes total)
12. Adjournment

NEW BUSINESS – (Comments from Citizens may be included, dependent on the issues.)

(a) Approval Salary for City Attorney.

Mr. Henderson asked that they approve that Mrs. Stewart get paid the budgeted amount of \$40,000 a year as was discussed prior. If any major litigation occurs then there is budgeted monies for that. Mrs. Stewart stated her hourly rate will be \$225. She stated that she is trying to get everything she can get done in the order of importance. Mr. Vestal made a motion to pay the salary of \$40,000 per year. Mr. Shackelford seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

(b) Discussion/Approval from MTAS of the Position Profile for City Manager.

Mr. Vestal made a motion that they live within City limits within 6 months of employment. This motion had a lack of a 2nd motion and did not pass. Discussion on how far of a commute that they wanted the position to be able to make took place. No decision was made until after the applications were reviewed and see what kind of people apply. Mr. Frazier made a motion that they did not have to be a resident of the City. Mr. Davis seconded this motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis made a motion that the salary range be set at \$70,000 to \$100,000 depending on experience. Ms. Blankenship seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Blankenship made the motion to send the resumes to MTAS to the attention of Jeff Broughton for initial review. Mr. Davis seconded this motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

(c) Resolution 2015-10 – A Resolution authorizing the City of Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, to participate in the Pool's "Safety Partners" Matching Grant Program.

Mr. Henderson gave an overview of this grant. This will be so that we can get all the safety vests and safety equipment for our emergency services workers. This will get all the vests for everyone and some safety lights. We have to spend \$3,000 and will get \$1,500 back. Mr. Davis made the motion to accept Resolution 2015-10. Ms. Blankenship seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

(d) Approval of Utilities Collection List

This list will be forwarded to Fox Collections which Mr. Henderson has executed an agreement with. Fox will get 25% for collections and 35% if any go to litigation. Ms. Blankenship made the motion to approve the Utilities Collection list as written. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

(e) Recreation Commission – Youth Sports Coaches Background Check Policy & Approval for Building Restrooms.

Ms. Blankenship stated that the first part of this item, the Coaches Background Check Policy just needs to be approved. This is for our insurance purposes. This background check will be for all adults that use our city properties. Mr. Vestal made the motion to accept this policy. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Vestal made the motion to continue support and accept and release funds to the CDC. Ms. Blankenship seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

(g) Discussion of Interim City Manager Position (Per Ms. Blankenship)

Ms. Blankenship asked that this be put on the agenda. This is concerning the point Mr. Davis made last week in the study session in regards to Mr. Henderson's position. Since Mr. Henderson is new in this position and in regards to personnel and what happened with personnel, that we leave it status quo with our personnel and if there becomes an issue, Mr. Henderson would consult the Mayor or bring it in front of the Commissioners in the study session to let them know what is going on. With all the City issues that have to be dealt with if a situation comes up it should be discussed. Mr. Davis stated that as City Manager he understands they have the right to hire or fire at will, but as an interim, coming in new, one person does not have the right to make those decisions. Mr. Frazier asked that it come before the Commissioners and not just between the Mayor and City Manager.

Ms. Blankenship also wanted it to be cleared up that it was not the settlement ponds that were going away it was the sprinkler fields that would be gone. Mr. Henderson also stated that we would not be getting a whole new sewer system either. It was confusing and he wanted to clear it up. Another issue is that the Gas surplus of \$2 million is already pledged to the UST tile plant. We will get \$1 million of this back. We cannot give gas money back to customers, there is not a surplus in money. Mr. Henderson stated there was a discussion of giving back deposits for long term customers.

Mr. Henderson did state that the only other upcoming change in personnel that will be happening will be the retirement of Gilda Hunt. She is wanting to retire. This will happen after she gets Holly and Sonya up to speed on some issues. Mr. Frazier did state that there was a good reason why she was still on the payroll but he felt that she had been thrown under the bus because of her still being on the payroll but living in another state.

(h) City Participation in Upcoming Events (Per Ms. Blankenship)

Donna Morency gave the upcoming dates for events that the Commissioners will need to give their support for these dates so that people who are coming to the events can make their commitments. Donna thanked the city for their continuing support of the CDC. Our Trail of Tears Art project, we are asking for permission to install the art pieces on the square along with an information piece telling visitors about the Trail of Tears and what the art is for. In conjunction with that, we will be given 22 National Park Signs that mark the Trail of Tears in the City limits, which will be installed by TDOT, these are free and the CDC will pay for the posts at a cost of about \$700 for these to be installed. We need permission for these to be installed. On October 10th a dedication ceremony will be held on the square in conjunction with an Elmspring celebration that the Cherokee Tribe will be attending. This Cherokee Tribe will walk the trail up to the square. We will need some Police help in closing some streets. Ms. Blankenship made the motion for approval for the Mayor to sign the documents needed. The art is a permanent installation. Mr. Davis made the motion for the art to be installed. Mr. Frazier seconded both motions. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

The second thing we need a commitment for is the little free library. These will not have a cost for the City. These will be an art form with a purpose. Take a book, leave a book. An Eagle Scout is also working with this project for his community project and his will be at the assisted living facility. The one that is ready to be put on City property is the one we need permission to install. Mr. Frazier made the motion to install this on City property. Mr. Davis seconded the