

Town of Mount Olive
July 12, 2021
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes

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

Mayor Kenneth Talton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. George Futrelle 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 published agenda. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to approve the published agenda, Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton requested a motion to approve the June 7, 2021 & June 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Harlie Carmichael made a motion to approve the June 7, 2021 meeting minutes, Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to approve the June 21, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Harlie Carmichael seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved to the Public Forum. He asked if anyone would like to speak. We had nine people to sign up for the public forum. Mayor Talton asked that everyone please keep comments to three minutes. If you are part of a group, please have one designated speaker. Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed the guidelines as follows:

- No Threats
- Civil & Courtesy
- The Board of Commissioners will not respond during the meeting.

The first speaker was Mr. George Futrelle of 705 Hillcrest Drive, Mount Olive, NC 28365 910-296-7244, futrellegh@gmail.com. Mr. Futrelle wanted to discuss the Fire Whistle and address those who feel that it needs to be silenced. He feels that instead we should Praise the Lord every time it goes off. We should be thankful we have volunteers to respond and say a prayer for those in need of the help. He stated we all need to figure out how to get along.

The second speaker was Ms. Mary Taylor of 213 Franklin Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365 919-658-4335. She wanted to know how the public is notified of changes such as the new trash pick-up schedule. She suggested maybe in the future the notification could be placed in the water bill as a half page insert. She thinks there may have been some confusion this time due to the holiday. She also said the trash truck has liquids flowing and it smells. Town Manager Jammie Royall will follow up with her.

The third speakers were Mrs. Wendy Ford and her husband Mr. Bill Ford of 502 North Chestnut Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365 651-368-1225. They stated there has been increasing noise due to R&R Brewery. They used to go to the establishment but would leave around 7:00 P.M. when the music starting getting too loud. Then later the music could be heard outside and they could hear it inside their house even with the windows shut. They were headphones to bed on the nights R&R Brewery is open. They advised that three or four night per year is doable such as the festivals and other special events. They are worried about the value of their home and have to put in a disclosure regarding the noise if they decide to sell it. During COVID-19, they had peace again for a while but once they re-opened, the music was even louder. Now they have a game night, the emcee is loud, and they have strobe lights in the window. They met with Mayor Kenneth Talton and Mr. Ryan Roberts at R&R Brewery and for a couple of weeks it was quiet. Then they met again with Mayor Kenneth Talton, Mr. Ryan Roberts and some neighbors. The Ford's wanted to know what type of business was approved when R&R came and what noise is allowed.

The fourth speaker was Ms. Linda Pigford of 162 Lees Country Club Road, Mount Olive, NC 28365 919-658-9118/919-920-4627. She wanted to talk about problems that have happened to her and her family. She stated the problems occurred when Mayor Ray McDonald, Sr. and Town Manager Charles Brown were in office. She advised the retention pond located on Hawley Street is illegal and it flooded twenty feet and changed the shape and depth of her ditch. She stated it then became a dumpsite that was supposed to be temporary from storm debris. The dumpsite was cleaned up about a month ago but now other things are there. She said it affects her ability to sell the lot near her. Mayor Kenneth Talton advised they would try to pick up this issue and come to a resolution.

The next person signed up to speak was Mr. James Benson. He apologized and stated he had signed up in error, he thought it was a sign- up sheet for the meeting.

The fifth speaker was Mr. Ryan Roberts, owner of R&R Brewery located at 541 NW Center Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365 919-738-5861, ryan@randrbrewing.com. Mr. Roberts provided a packet, which included the following:

- 1) A time-line of all communications with the neighbors and the Town of Mount Olive.
- 2) Commercial Impact Statement.
- 3) Investor inquiries and invites to move the business to their towns.
- 4) Google reviews.

Mr. Ryan Roberts said it speaks volumes that other towns are envious of what we have. He stated he is simply here to make a statement. He provides a free, safe and enjoyable family fun atmosphere three days a week. He offers entertainment, trivia, music and movie night. His goal is to attract business and to stay open. He commented a wheel is a tool we use to move things forward. The University of Mount Olive, Mount Olive Pickle Company, Piggly Wiggly and Highway 55 wanted to be another wheel to move Mount Olive forward. He never meant to be the squeaky wheel. In the June 28, 2021 meeting promised to work toward a resolution. However, if this continues to be a problem & interrupts his daily business then he will relocate.

The sixth speaker was Mrs. Joy Brown of 411 North Chestnut Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365 919-922-5196/919-658-1619. She stated she was here with her neighbors the Ford's and the Hollingsworth's. She also provided a letter from Gerald & Robin Bell; she asked that this letter be an official part of the meeting minutes. The letter read as follows:

July 2, 2021

Kenny Talton, Mayor
Commissioners
Town Manager

My wife and I, and our neighbors are hopeful that you will help us return to the enjoyment of our lives before the fire siren was activated.

With the 21st century 911 emergency activation system in place, responders are alerted by pagers and/or cell phone systems. The siren Serves no purpose unless the general population needs alerting to an imminent threat such as a tornado.

I also know when it is noon without any help. If needed, the beautiful church bells that we could enjoy would announce midday.

Depending on your exact proximity to the siren, people's hearing is in immediate danger as the decibel level exceeds damage levels.

There is just no legitimate need for this burden. We ask that it please be stopped so we can again enjoy our quiet town.

We look forward to your response. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Gerald and Robin Bell

Mrs. Brown stated that in 2010 & 2014 Wayne County spent ten million dollars on a radio system then later three million dollars to correct the issues with the system. In 2016 the Siren was deactivated because volunteers have radios and pagers and it was no longer needed except for tornados and evacuations. She advised that she works and looks forward to a good night's rest but instead 24/7 we are dealing with a loud siren that is detrimental to our hearing. The fire department was able to run for several years without the use of the fire siren so what prompted the reactivation and when will it be deactivated.

Mrs. Betty Hollingsworth had signed up to speak but she stated Joy Brown was the speaker for her group.

The seventh and final speaker signed up was Ms. Angela Boyette of 611 West Main Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365 919-344-2986. Ms. Boyette stated she was here to speak in support of the fire whistle. She is surrounded by elderly neighbors and if she hears the fire whistle, she immediately goes out to check on them. She commented, we are a small tight knit community and that whistle is needed. She also spoke out on behalf of R&R Brewery. She does not find it to be a nuisance and enjoys spending time there with her adult son and seventy eight year old father. Before R&R Brewery, she had to drive to Goldsboro or Kenansville. She feels R&R Brewery brings positive revenue to this town.

Mayor Kenneth Talton asked if anyone else wished to speak tonight, if so this is your opportunity. No one else wished to speak and the public forum was closed.

Mayor Kenneth Talton requested a motion to move into Public Hearing Regarding Notice of Intent to Rezone a 9.40-acre lot at 214 McCullen Street listed as Parcel 00676012572147017 with the Wayne County Tax Listing. The proposed project would rezone the property from its current AR- Sec. 59-113, Agricultural/Residential District.

(a) Purpose. The purpose of this district shall be to create an area in which agriculture and residential uses can be compatibly mixed, to preserve and promote the rural character of the land and to provide open space.

To a C-2 – Heavy Commercial Sec. 59-121. – C-2, Heavy Commercial.

(a) Purpose. This district is created for heavy commercial activities involving outdoor storage, substantial delivery activity and similar activities, including shopping centers and other mixture of commercial activities.

This is a non-action item. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to go into public hearing. Commissioner Dennis Draper seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton asked if anyone wished to speak or had any questions. No one had questions or wished to speak so Mayor Kenneth Talton asked the Board of Commissioners and there were no questions or comments. Mayor Kenneth Talton advised this issue will be taken up at the next Planning Board meeting and the Board of Commissioners will vote on the Planning Board recommendation at the August 2, 2021 meeting. With there being no further discussion, Mayor Kenneth Talton requested a motion to come out of public hearing. Commissioner Harlie Carmichael made the motion. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Non-Action Item 7-46 – Mr. Don Willis, Executive Director of Gateway was asked to speak about the Mount Olive Route. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for the invitation; he loves to talk about transportation. It is important for people to be able to go. The past year with COVID-19, they have only had about half the trips because we discouraged people not ride. They are now starting to get riders again. Mount Olive has twenty- six (26) stops in Mount Olive during a one- hour service. Noon has one hour every hour and connector services. High school students use our service to go to Wayne Community College.

You can get on at the regular stops or call ahead for an appointment. He advised they also need more drivers. He asked if anyone had any questions. Commissioner Harlie Carmichael stated he has noticed the bus always looks empty. The first year there was no cost to the town, the second year funds were raised, the third year the town paid a portion and this fourth year the town is paying a portion.

Mr. Don Willis stated the grant that is received by the North Carolina Department of Transportation pays half the cost and the Town is responsible for the remaining.

Commissioner Harlie Carmichael asked how does that help the town and how long does it continue? Mr. Don Willis responded that transportation is not cheap but we make it affordable. He stated there are unseen advantages to being able to stay home. Commissioner Harlie Carmichael advised before the bus seniors were getting around and taxpayers need to know the cost. He stated there is no revenue coming into the town and it is not fair. Mr. Don Willis said the service is valuable to those who use it.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins asked what the ridership goal is. Mr. Don Willis advised ridership was 2,800 in 2019, 900 in 2020 and they are just starting to take riders again in 2021. He commented they need to get back up to at least 2700 riders. He stated it is very safe as the buses are disinfected on a regular basis and they have 98% customer satisfaction.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay asked if the trips are round trip. Commissioner Dennis Draper asked if Home to Walmart and back constitutes a round trip. Mr. Don Willis advised it is considered two trips. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins stated the cost is \$1.00 per ride and there is no profit. Mr. Don Willis stated they are not trying to make a profit because they are providing a service.

Mayor Kenneth Talton said we have a large senior group who does not have family. Comprehensive Transportation Plan provides for transportation because it is very important. Mr. Don Willis stated there is a \$5.00 demand response county trip. The DOT thought it would be a great idea to try. Mayor Kenneth Talton feels we could do a better job getting this information out. Mr. Don Willis stated he has dropped off brochures to leave out front for anyone.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then moved on to Non-Action Memo 07-47 Presentation from Fire Chief Greg Wiggins. Fire Chief Greg Wiggins discussed a letter he received on June 23, 2021. He thanked all of the volunteers and mutual aid. He stated the fire siren affects response time. In 1904, the Fire Department was alerted by the fire bell, then by siren. The siren alerted of an emergency but not the location. In 1978 a phone tree service was started. The woman who started it would hear three tones she would call three people who would then call three other people because people were working during the day. In the early 80s, pagers came into play. They are awesome when they work but are not always 100%.

Then when dispatch moved to Goldsboro about twelve miles away, the dispatchers did not know the area like our local dispatchers did. They had no idea where they were sending people.

In 2011, response time was four minutes and portable radios were digital from Mount Olive to Pikeville and functioned at 95%. The problem was we could not communicate with the fire fighters inside the burning house.

The reason the siren was switched off for about four years is that the radio siren attached was needed to be able to communicate with Duplin County that is why we suffered through it. During this time, we had low response and slow response. The siren was reactivated once again because the radio system was updated. We tried using repeaters but they had to be taken off due to 911 interference.

In 2012 text paging on cell phones became available. In 2014 the 911 app became available for 911 personnel. However, the ISO rating does not recognize cell phones. It is not an approved means of notification. It has to be something official such as a page or siren. Our ISO (Insurance rating is currently a class 4 which is very good. This helps to keep everyone's premiums down. It is imperative we have excellent response times. Slow response times will get your ISO rating pulled. When using the fire siren, it has no batteries that die and cannot be put on vibrate and forgotten like cell phones can. The fire siren serves three very important purposes: 1) Alerts rescue and fire personnel there is an emergency 2) Alerts citizens to watch out for fire trucks 3) Reassures the person who is having the emergency that help is on the way.

Fire Chief Greg Wiggins stated we cannot miss the call. We also have to consider Fire Fighter Safety: They go into a House Fire with hoses trying to find people that are trapped. Fire Fighters also provide mutual aid to rescue calls and perform CPR when running a code. This allows the paramedics to start the ivs' and push the needed drugs into the patient at a much faster rate. At car wrecks when a patient is pinned, there is what they call the Golden Hour. By the time fire fighters and rescue personnel arrive on scene it is usually twenty minutes. By the time the patient(s) is/are assessed and extrication is begun that puts you into the thirty-five to forty minute time frame. This is well into the golden hour. Time is of the essence we cannot be delayed.

Most people do not realize the LP Gas Companies in this town have 30,000.00 and 18,000.00-pound tanks on their properties. The large pressurized containers can explode within ten to twenty minutes and the smaller ones within two to three minutes. An employee with Bobby Denning, Inc. hit a sedaline tank in a field while mowing and is still in the hospital two weeks later.

It is hard to determine when these types of fires start and when they are contained. Time does not start with your arrival on the scene. You have to evacuate and watch out for fireballs, which can shoot out as far as 374 feet in every direction. One mile is equal to 5,627 feet. Thermal impact is reached at 1500 feet which is 115 feet in every direction. Any exposed skin can be burned in two minutes. If you live within ½ mile do not wait for the police to arrive, get to the Walmart. If vents are whistling, we are too late and the fire department is going to the Walmart too.

Fire Chief Greg Wiggins then discussed the random letter that was received stating the fire siren sounds when there is no emergency. He advised that all fire calls were pulled from January 1, 2021 thru today. From 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M., there were twenty-one calls during that time frame. There is a group home located on Daughtry Field Road and sometimes they will call. Fire Fighter Brent Heath lives very close so he will go over there first to determine if rescue traffic is really needed. On rare occasions, Dispatch will hit the wrong button.

The fire siren goes off every day at 12 noon, while it is true it is tradition, it is also a test. Again, we cannot be delayed. Most of our personnel live out of town. We have ten who live in town. We are working on this issue and will address it at a later date.

Regarding the comment, this is the 21st century and radio should be used. We do use radios but the signal is not always 100%. As for the comment about what to tell company when sitting on your porch and the fire siren goes off. Explain to them this is a volunteer fire department who loves their community so much they take time away from their homes and family. Pray for the person with the emergency, Mount Olive is otherwise a quiet little town. You cannot have total silence all the time. The train comes through every day and the fire siren only blows for about twenty seconds.

If it is your child, spouse, parent or friend or LP accident, do you want to hear the siren? We need to keep the siren going until pagers or cell phones are 100% reliable.

Fire Chief Greg Wiggins asked if anyone had any questions or anything he needed to clarify. There were none and he thanked everyone for their time.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Non-Action Memo 07-48 Proposed Updated Airport By-Laws for Review. He advised it lists the Ex-officio members compared to other local airports to bring up to standard. At our August 2, 2021 meeting, we will look at approving either as is or with revisions. Are there any questions? There was none.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Action Memo – 07-49 Close out of water asset inventory. Town Manager Jammie Royall advised that Mr. David Honeycutt was having technical difficulties and asked if we can go to the next item and come back to this one later.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Action Memo – 07-50 Consider Approval of Talbert and Bright Work Authorizations for Land Acquisition Grant Project 3206-2101 for Parallel Taxiway. Total Award Amount is \$234,445.00 with No Match Requirement for the Town of Mount Olive. Town Manager Jammie Royall advised this is a safety improvement. Mayor Kenneth Talton asked if the parallel taxiway promotes recruitment. Town Manager Jammie Royall advised yes and it is at no cost to the town. Mayor Kenneth Talton asked if there were any questions and there were none. Mayor Talton requested a motion to Approve Talbert and Bright Work Authorization for Land Acquisition Grant Project 3206-2101 for Parallel Taxiway. Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made the motion to approve. Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed Action Memo- 07-51 - Consider Declaring the Following Properties a Public Nuisance:

- 1) 317 Oliver Street
- 2) 319 Oliver Street
- 3) 418 East Nelson Street

Town Attorney Carroll Turner talked about 317 Oliver Street and 319 Oliver Street. He stated they are very small houses that are in horrible condition. Mr. Delbert Grantham owns both houses. Ms. Gina Hodges from Raleigh has been to several meetings and was attempting to purchase and renovate both houses. However, she has discovered they are both large heir properties and she could not get all the needed signatures. She has decided not to pursue the matter any further.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner advised that he will not ask for any action on these properties tonight but will have to make a decision at the August 2, 2021 board meeting. He has asked Mr. Delbert Grantham to appear several times but he never has. It is more economical to line up all demolitions at one time.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner then discussed 418 East Nelson Street – It belongs to quite a number of heirs though Mr. Glenn Hand is listed as the owner. However, he has recently been contacted that a third party has purchased the property but the sale has not yet been finalized. Town Manager Jammie Royall has spoken with the third party and hopes he can be at the August 2, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then went back to Action Memo 07-49 – Close out of water asset inventory. Mr. David Honeycutt with McGill Associates advised the total grant was \$100,000.00 to review assets within the water system, to map, identify and provide capital improvements plan. He had a power point presentation of the water maps. They show the location of hydrant valves and water mains, which have now been turned over to town staff.

The pink areas indicate high-pressure lines and the gray areas indicate low-pressure lines. The current system consists of six-inch orange pipes and 16" pipe at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This is typical for multiple paths. This plan provides a great level of domestic service. The water modeling size of the line determines the performance of the system. It also provides a desktop way to evaluate the system. There is 407,823 linear feet within the system.

This grant includes Valve Assessments, Hydrant Assessments, Tank Assessments, System Evaluation of Priorities and Pipe Replacement of Older Lines

Mr. David Honeycutt stated that there is a program that isolates where valves are needed. Mayor Kenneth Talton asked if this program has that. Mr. David Honeycutt said no but it can easily be added. Mayor Kenneth Talton explained we lost quite a bit of water last week at the intersection of Highway 117 and Highway 55. Town Manager Jammie Royall advised that we lost 500,000 gallons. He stated the valve would kick it back on and we lost a full tank. This program allows you to continue updating the GIS online mapping system.

Mr. David Honeycutt listed several proposed projects that were determined through this grant:

- 1) John Street Water Line Replacement \$115,195.00.
- 2) Galvanized Water Line Replacement \$562,585.00
- 3) Proposed 2" Water Line Over 1,000 Linear Feet
- 4) Oliver Street Water Main Upgrade
- 5) Proposed McCullen Street Main Extension
- 6) Crest Drive and U.S. 117 Alternate Highway Water System

- 7) Wayne Water District Interconnection
- 8) Mount Olive Highway 55 Water Main Extension
- 9) Pineland Avenue & Indian Springs Road

Mr. David Honeycutt advised Hydrant Valve Replacement would cost approximately \$115,500.00 annually. Total cost would be \$9,145,516.00. He advised that he would continue to review funding opportunities to complete the project in house as state resources allow. We will continue to update the Capital Improvements Plan every two years.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay asked when we would be eligible to apply for the next round of funding. Mr. Davis Honeycutt advised the next funding round should be scheduled for September 30, 2021.

Mayor Kenneth Talton feels like our sewer system has been neglected and water is the Town of Mount Olive's most precious resource.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay made a motion to adopt the Water Asset Inventory Plan and close out for points. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Attorney Carroll Turner requested a three- minute break.

Mayor Kenneth Talton returned the meeting to order at 9:28 P.M. He then discussed Action Memo – 07-52. – Public Nuisance Condemnation Hearings on the Following Properties:

- 1) T&C Strategic Properties – Old Theater Building at 201 NW Center Street
- 2) Jose Parent – Old Kraft Building at 104 West James Street
- 3) Mr. & Mrs. James Dove, Jr at 107 North Chestnut Street

Mayor Kenneth Talton turned this over to Attorney Carroll Turner and Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill. The first property discussed was T&C Strategic Properties known as the Old Theater Building located at 201 NW Center Street. Ms. Lucinda Bullman with T&C Strategic Properties is present along with her attorney Mr. Joseph Ezzell. He is also the attorney for the Town of Faison and the Town of Calypso.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner talked about an incident in January of 2019 with the Old Theater Building. A well-known attorney in town was walking back to his office from Ribeye's when he narrowly escaped being hit in the head with a brick that fell off this building. Town Attorney Carroll Turner contacted the Swinson's and they hire attorney John Edwards. They made some limited improvements to secure the top of the building and corded off the sidewalk during the North Carolina Pickle Festival.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner advised the roof is probably going to collapse anytime now. The interior wall would be severely compromised. The owners need to bring this building up to code. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill showed some photos of the roof taken with a drone. The photos showed a tarp and several loose and heavy objects holding it down. He stated it is dangerous and if one of those objects was to fly off the building, it could severely injure someone.

Commissioner Dennis Draper asked Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill if he recommends condemning the building. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill answered yes. Mayor Kenneth Talton wanted to know if a structural analysis has been done.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner advised that he is constantly working with people and he does not necessarily want the building down, he just wants the issue fixed. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill has been denied access and we can obtain an administrative search warrant.

Mayor Kenneth Talton stated that he and couple of the board of commissioners have reached out to the former owner and talked about downtown revitalization. They thought at the time it was Lee Swinson and talked about a green space. They tried to broker a deal with the Town acquiring the property as a special interest but the deal was unsuccessful. Mayor Kenneth Talton does not want it to be misconstrued this is in some way a response to the owner's lack of negotiations. As of right now specifically to this property we need a structural analysis before determining the possibility of collapse.

Attorney Joseph Ezzell advised that his practice is located in Kenansville and he represents T&C Strategic Properties. He has a copy of the letter stating the property is believed to be unsafe. He wanted to know how this is possible with access denied. He said he was aware of the roof and requested a list of issues to be addressed. He distributed the structural analysis from Steve Blanchard Engineering from July 7, 2021. This report states in his professional opinion, this building does not present a public health or public safety nuisance. Attorney Joseph Ezzell does not believe this building needs to be demolished.

Mayor Kenneth Talton stated he is interested in where Attorney Joseph Ezzell and T&C Strategic Properties would like to go moving forward. He asked if Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill could have access into the property for inspection. Attorney Joseph Ezzell responded he would get back with the Town Board of Commissioners after he speaks with the entire group with T&C Strategic Properties.

Mayor Kenneth Talton stated he would like to see the building secured if possible and would like to see an action plan. Attorney Joseph Ezzell asked if any action would be taken tonight. Town Attorney Carroll Turner will put this on the agenda for review at the September 13, 2021 meeting.

Mayor Kenneth Talton asked if there were any other questions for him. There was none.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed the Kraft Studio Building located at 104 West James Street. Town Attorney Carroll Turner advised that the owners of the building Jose and Belinda Parent refused certified mail but have been served because they have called Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill several times. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill advised the building burned two years ago and has been empty since then. He does not feel safe going inside the building. He has spoken with Mrs. Belinda Parent and she wants to get a structural engineer to save the building. After that conversation, there has been no further communication.

Mayor Kenneth Talton stated he could talk with a Mr. Blanchard in Goldsboro regarding looking at the building. Town Attorney Carroll Turner feels that if he looks at one he should like at both the Old Theater and the Kraft Building properties. Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill stated the inside is about to collapse. Commissioner Dennis Draper asked if it meets the legal standard. Mayor Kenneth Talton said maybe some the Parent Property could serve as a viable property someday, not sure.

Mayor Kenneth Talton then discussed the Dove Property located at 107 North Chestnut Street. Code Enforcement Office Justin Hill advised the windows have been boarded up but it has been rained in. Mayor Kenneth Talton stated the upstairs is full of mold and mildew, he spoke with Mrs. Dove and she informed him of this. Mayor Kenneth Talton stated the family has some serious decisions to make but the house will continue to deteriorate if we do not step in. We need to look at getting a structural engineer.

Attorney Carroll Turner requested this property be carried over to the September 13, 2021 meeting. We need to contact a structural engineer and possible obtain an administrative search warrant. Mayor Kenneth Talton thanked Code Enforcement Officer Justin Hill and Town Attorney Carroll Turner for their hard work.

Mayor Kenneth Talton asked Town Manager Jammie Royall for his monthly report.

- He talked about the Town taking over the trash pick-up as of July 1, 2021. He stated we had a rocky start last week but it is going better this week.

Town Attorney Carroll Turner presented his report as follows:

- He advised that he has started on the sidewalk easements
- He stated the lasted on the US Census Data has us with a January 2022 filing date and a March 2022 election date.

Town Clerk Sherry Davis had a comment about the trash pick-up:

- She stated notification of the new schedule was placed on our website, the newspaper and placed on our phone message.

The Commissioner's Reports were presented as follows:

Commissioner Vicky Darden

- She talked about the homeless people in our town. We have three.
- She brought up the idea of using Carver Cultural Center as a homeless shelter.
- She advised everyone that Ruby Kornegay will be turning 100 on August 27, 2021 and she would like to have a proclamation honoring her at the August 2, 2021 meeting. She asked Town Clerk Sherry Davis to help.

Commissioner Dennis Draper –

- Amen was his only comment.

Commissioner Barbara Kornegay

- She talked about the speeders on Smith Chapel Road.

Commissioner Harlie Carmichael

- He mentioned the speeders on his street.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Steve Wiggins

- He recently attended a seminar on homelessness. Who knew we had any in Mount Olive.
- He advised most of these people are on either drugs or suffering from mental illness and they need help for that before being able to solve their homelessness.
- He advised the fourth of July in the Park was very successful and the Hanson Family put on a great fireworks display

The Mayor's Report was presented as follows:

Mayor Kenneth Talton

- He advised homelessness is a problem and Goldsboro is looking at a site for the homelessness.
- He talked about the Town taking over the Trash Pick-Up Service starting July 1, 2021.
- He stated the loud mufflers are much better.
- He discussed the first annual Pickles, Pigs & Swigs (Whole Hog Cook-off Contests) Scheduled for November 19 & 20, 2021. We plan to sell BBQ plates on Saturday, have blue grass music, tractor show and possibly a car show. We have both Professional Level and Backyard cooks.
- VFW will partner with the University of Mount Olive regarding the Carver Cemetery Project.
- R & R Brewery offers a lot of good things for Mount Olive there is room for compromise.

There being no further business Commissioner Dennis Draper made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vicky Darden seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the board meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth K. Talton
Mayor

Sherry Davis
Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk