

**Town of Montreat
Board of Commissioners
Town Council Public Forum
January 11, 2018
Walkup Building**

Board members present: Mayor Pro Tem Kent Otto
Commissioner Bill Gilliland
Commissioner Alice Lentz
Commissioner Tom Widmer

Board members absent: Mayor Tim Helms
Commissioner Kitty Fouche

Town staff present: Alex Carmichael, Town Administrator
Angie Murphy, Town Clerk
Adrienne Isenhower, Zoning Administrator

Approximately 8 members of the public were also present. Mayor Pro Tem Otto called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., and held a moment of silence.

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Gilliland moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Widmer seconded and the motion carried 4/0.

Public Comment

Sara Baughman of Montreat College, took a moment to let us know of a few things going on with Montreat College. The men's basketball team is having their greatest season ever. This spring there will be several activities to look forward to including the annual Pops Concert. Also, a parking study is underway as the College continues to expand enrollment.

Mr. Tom Frist of 98 Frist Road, recently bought a ticket to Moscow and had trouble with his physical address being incorrect. Mr. Frist stated that he knew Mrs. Mary Standaert had gone before the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and he wanted to know if there was an update at this time. Mr. Carmichael stated that Mrs. Standaert had indeed gone before the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners and had spoken with Nate Pendleton but he did not have further information to share.

Mrs. Claire Frist of 98 Frist Road, suggested that members of the public who want to speak should call ahead of the meeting to reserve their spot that way the Commissioners would not have empty time during the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Otto stated that he felt it was good for the community to know that this time is available whether the entire 30 minutes is used or not. Commissioner Alice Lentz felt that the "fellowship time" was as equally important as the Public Comment period. Commissioner Lentz then invited everyone in the audience to introduce themselves.

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Mr. Richard DuBose of Mountain Retreat Association, took the opportunity to thank the Town Staff for their hard work on New Year's Eve. A college conference with 1,000 people was scheduled to begin the next day and Mr. DuBose was glad to say that virtually everyone who signed up for the conference made it to Montreat safely.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Gilliland moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting. Commissioner Lentz seconded and the motion carried 4/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Tim Helms, Mayor

Angela Murphy, Town Clerk