

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013  
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Bob Gibbs  
Donnie Potter  
Trena McRary Kirby  
Joe Wesson  
Jeff Wilson  
Johnny Wilson

**STAFF PRESENT**

Seth Eckard  
Susan Nagle  
Henry Morphis

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Bob Gibbs called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor David Woods gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bob Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

**APPROVE MARCH 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the March 19, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**APPROVE APRIL 4, 2013 SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2013 Special Budget Workshop Minutes.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment.

The following persons spoke in regards to the removal and replanting of trees in the Doe Run Subdivision:

- Steve Clamp
- Kevin Nichols
- Peggy Lowdermilk
- Catherine Peak
- Mike Peak
- Tom Hillis
- Keith Hindman
- Aaron Joyner Barbara Stone
- Sherry Green
- Terri Buchanan
- Reid Lingerfelt
- Carolyn Turner

David Powell spoke regarding a citizen with a sewer tap who did not realize the Town did not run the lines to the house. Mr. Powell asked Council if the citizen approached them would they vote to help run the lines to the house.

William Eckard spoke regarding the speed limit on Waterworks Road.

#### **RECOGNITIONS:**

**RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER:** Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced Michael and Cindy Austin as the April Recycle Rewards winners. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to Mr. and Mrs. Austin's sanitation bill and their certificate will be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

**YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS:** Mayor Bob Gibbs announced Sawmills Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, from the 28630 zip code, and Ted and Peggy Laxton, from the 28638 zip code, as the April yard of the month winners. Mayor Gibbs presented Assistant Fire Chief David Price the certificate for the fire department and stated that Mr. and Mrs. Laxton's certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO CALDWELL COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS:**

Jo Ann Miller spoke on behalf of the Caldwell County Special Olympics requesting a donation to help with the purchase of t-shirts and provide lunch for all participants in the Spring Olympic Games.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the Caldwell County Special Olympics. All were in favor.

**REQUEST FOR A DONATION TO CALDWELL COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S**

**OFFICE:** Robbie Wilkie spoke on behalf of the Caldwell County Fire Marshal's office requesting a donation to help cover the cost of training and maintenance of an accelerant detection canine.

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the Caldwell County Fire Marshal's Office. All were in favor.

**WATER/SEWER AND SANITATION BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF:** Administrator Eckard stated each year the finance staff looks at uncollected utility and sanitation bills for the past three years that they do not expect to collect. The finance staff has requested Council approve the enclosed list of accounts for the 2009 calendar year be written off as bad debt.

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to approve Finance Officer Karen Clontz write-off the bad debt in the amount of \$3,851.75 for the 2009 calendar year. All were in favor.

**PLANNING MATTERS:**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE:** Town Planner Johnny Wear stated there is nothing in the Town's Ordinance pertaining to Solar Energy Systems. The Planning Board discussed this matter and recommends Council call for a public hearing to adopt the enclosed proposed amendment.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to call for a public hearing on May 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Sawmills Town Hall to discuss a solar energy systems ordinance. All were in favor.

**APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:** Planner Wear stated the term of appointment for Board of Adjustment member Todd Hess expires in May and he has given consent to serve another term.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to re-appoint Mr. Hess to the Board of Adjustment for the term of one-year. All were in favor.

**DISCUSSION:**

**DOE RUN SUBDIVISION LANDSCAPING:** During the 2012 Budget Retreat Council set aside \$4,000.00, from Powell Bill funds, for future replacement of the Bradford Pear trees the Town removed from the medians. Catherine Peak volunteered to be the liaison that will communicate directly with Administrator Eckard and report to the residents in Doe Run.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to excuse Councilman Donnie Potter from voting, due to a conflict of interest as, Councilman Potter lives in the Doe Run Subdivision.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to use the \$4,000.00 allocated from Powell Bill funds to purchase replacement landscape approved by the Towns engineer and the liaison Catherine Peak and that all volunteers must sign a liability release form. Those in favor were Trena McRary Kirby, Joe Wesson, and Johnny Wilson. Those opposed were Jeff Wilson. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment.

Reid Lingerfelt spoke in regards to bathrooms at the Veterans Park.

Chip Duncan spoke in regards to a previous discussion about a Town sign on U.S. Highway 321.

**UPDATES:**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT:** Administrator Eckard stated the enclosed Code Enforcement report was for April.

No Council action was required.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Town Administrator Seth Eckard made the following announcements:

- The Sawmills Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department will have an open house Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-5:00 pm.
- The next budget workshop will be Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, and is open to the public.
- The Sawmills Farmers Market will hold a Board of Directors meeting Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.
- The Caldwell County Safety Fair will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Caldwell County Fairgrounds.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:** Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone on the Council wished to speak.

No one wished to speak.

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

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Susan Nagle, Town Clerk

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Bob Gibbs, Mayor