

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00PM

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keith Warren
Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson
Bobby Mosteller
Rebecca Johnson
Melissa Curtis
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Julie A Good

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keith Warren called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

INVOCATION: Pastor Danny Wright gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Keith Warren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to adopt the April 18, 2023 Agenda.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to adopt the April 18, 2023 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE MARCH 21, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the March 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve the March 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE APRIL 4, 2023 BUDGET SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 budget session meeting minutes.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the April 4, 2023 budget session meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE APRIL 4, 2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the April 4, 2023 budget workshop closed session minutes.

Bobby Mosteller made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve the April 4, 2023 budget workshop closed session minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

RECOGNITIONS:

APRIL RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Keith Warren announced Jack Warren as the April Recycle Rewards Winner. A credit of forty dollars (\$40.00) will be added to the current sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL:

CSLFRF GRANT PROJECT BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor Keith Warren stated that The GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021: CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS adopted 04/05/2022 established a budget for a project to be funded by the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLFRF). The total allocation is one million six hundred fifty-three thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars and four cent (\$1,653,721.04). The Town of Sawmills received the first tranche in the amount of eight hundred twenty-six thousand eight hundred sixty dollars and fifty-two cents (\$826,860.52) of CSLFRF funds in July 2021 and the second tranche in the amount of eight hundred twenty-six thousand eight hundred sixty dollars and fifty-two cents (\$826,860.52) of CSLFRF funds in July 2022.

The budget amendment is for the purpose of reallocating funds between categories of expenditures to align more closely the with actual projected expenditures in each category – Vaccination Incentive, Premium Pay, Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Water, and Sewer.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to amend the budget for the purpose of reallocating funds between categories of expenditures to align more closely the with actual projected expenditures in each category – Vaccination Incentive, Premium Pay, Administration, Finance, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Water, and Sewer in the amount of one million six hundred fifty-three thousand seven hundred twenty-one dollars and four cent (\$1,653,721.04) (see attached amendment). All were in favor.

BAKER CIRCLE WATERLINE EXTENSION: Mayor Keith Warren stated that the Town had received five (5) bids for the Baker Circle waterline extension project:

Chad Sigmon Grading	\$178,007.00
Fuller & Company Construction, LLC	\$206,750.00
Wesson Septic Tank Services, Inc	\$233,550.00
M&M Construction of Banner Elk, Inc	\$258,900.00
Piedmont Utility Group, Inc	\$264,370.28

Clay Wilson made a motion, Rebecca Johnson seconded, to award the bid to Chad Sigmon Grading, in the amount of one hundred seventy-eight thousand seven dollars (\$178,007.00). All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

BAD DEBT WRITE OFF: Mayor Keith Warren stated that the Town had a list of 2019 accounts that have gone unpaid for Utility and Sanitation services. The Town does not expect to collect payment for these accounts and recommends that Council approve the write off of the accounts. The total amount of these accounts is six thousand nine hundred seventy-two dollars and one cent (\$6,972.01). Mayor Keith Warren also advised Council that included in the list are forty (40) accounts the Town has submitted to the NC Debt Setoff Program for Collection. Mayor Keith Warren stated the Town had recovered eight thousand seven hundred eighty-six dollars and ninety-three cents (\$8,786.93) from previous years. There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover this.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to approve staff to write off the 2019 list of bad debts accounts in the amount of six thousand nine hundred seventy-two dollars and one cent (\$6,972.01). All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Keith Warren asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

UPDATES:

APRIL CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Code Enforcement Officer Curt Willis stated that there are thirteen (13) code enforcement cases that are open.

No Council action was required.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bobby Mosteller wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting.

Rebecca Johnson wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting.

Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting and to remind everyone to come out to the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 29, 2023 beginning at 11:00am.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to adjourn.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:16pm.

Keith Warren, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk