

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Julie A Good
Terry Taylor

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Ed Warren 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 August 15, 2023 Agenda.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the August 15, 2023 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE JUNE 20, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the June 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JUNE 20, 2023 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2023 closed session minutes.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to approve the June 20, 2023 closed session minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JULY 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the July 18, 2023 regular meeting minutes. 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.

RECOGNITIONS:

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

No Council action was required.

AUGUST RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Keith Warren stated that after checking numerous accounts on the computer generated list, Public Works Director Steve Coonse, could not find a recycle rewards winner for the month of August.

No Council action was required.

PUBLIC HEARING: REZONING OF PIN NUMBERS 2766657929, 2766666171, 2766667200, 2766668126, 2766659938 AND 2766658939

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to open the public hearing. All were in favor.

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS: Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that this property has recently been purchased and demolished by the Town of Sawmills. Currently, all parcels of land are completely vacant. There used to be numerous homes located across the various properties. All of these homes have been removed from the property due to safety concerns.

The reason for this rezoning is to increase the manufacturing in the Town of Sawmills to promote jobs. Rezoning this property from residential (R-15) to manufacturing (G-M) will ensure both of these outcomes. Sawmills has taken numerous steps to ensure the economic development of this land, and ensuring this can be rezoned will be the final step in the said

process.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one wished to speak.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to close the public hearing. All were in favor.

COUNCIL ACTION: Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to table this matter to the September 19, 2023 regular Council meeting. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

ARCHITECT CONTRACT: Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that Town Attorney Terry Taylor and himself had been working with CBSA Architects with an Addendum to Service Agreement for Architectural Services. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that a contract had been agreed upon and would need Council approval.

Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the fixed fee for Architect's Basic Services will not exceed the proposed fee of two hundred eighty-three thousand dollars (\$283,000.00) without written approval by both the Town of Sawmills and the Architect and the total fee, including basic services and supplemental services will not exceed four hundred seventy-three thousand dollars (\$473,000.00).

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to approve the Architect Contract with CBSA Architects as written. 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:

AUGUST CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Code Enforcement Officer Curt Willis stated that there are four (4) code enforcement cases that are open.

No Council action was required.

TOWN MANAGER UPDATES: Town Manager Chase Winebarger had the following updates:

- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that a letter has been sent out to the North Carolina Department of Commerce ARC program for grant funding for funds set aside for the match of one hundred ninety-nine thousand three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$199,312.50) for the Evergreene Industrial Park project.

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.

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 6:22pm.

Keith Warren, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk