

**TUESDAY, December 16, 2014
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Trena McRary Kirby
Joe Wesson
Jeff Wilson
Johnny Wilson
Gerelene Blevins

STAFF PRESENT

Seth Eckard
Julie Good
Terry Taylor

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Councilman Joe Wesson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

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

APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Claudia Cooke as the December Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to their 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: Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced that Ms. Reba Storie, from the 28630 zip code, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Sandra Grogan, from the 28638 zip code, as the December Yard of the Month winners. Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that both certificates would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

ADOPT BUDGET WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to adopt the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget workshop schedule.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to adopt the proposed FY 2015-2016 budget workshop schedule. All were in favor.

BID AWARD FOR DUFF DRIVE AREA CDBG SEWER PROJECT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that on December 4, 2014, the Town held a bid opening for the Duff Drive Area Sewer Project. The Town received the following seven (7) bids:

Davis Grading, Inc.	\$956,594.10
Neill Grading & Construction Co, Inc.	\$904,884.00
PF Plumbing Contractors, Inc.	\$968,411.00
Hickory Sand Company, Inc.	\$1,023,929.75
Iron Mountain Construction Co, Inc.	\$1,024,684.00
Monroe Roadways, Inc.	\$1,074,773.48
Bell Construction Co, Inc.	\$1,178,758.40

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to award the bid to Neill Grading & Construction Co, Inc., in the amount of nine hundred four thousand eight hundred eighty four dollars (\$904,884.00). All were in favor.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that there are two (2) enclosed budget amendments for fiscal year 2014-2015. The first amendment transfers two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000.00) budgeted for Repairs and Maintenance to the Operating Transfer line item.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve the budget ordinance amendment in the amount of two hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$280,000.00) from Repairs and Maintenance to the Operating Transfer line item. All were in favor.

The second amendment recognizes the revenue and expense accounts in the CDBG fund for the Town's local commitment to the project.

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve the budget ordinance amendment for the revenue and expense accounts in the CDBG fund. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

UPDATES:

CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Administrator Seth Eckard stated Town Planner Elinor Hiltz has enclosed an updated status report of Code Enforcement cases and the progress that has been made on each case as of December 2014.

No Council action was required.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard made the following announcements:

- Dee Blackwell will be retiring, after forty (40) years of service, from the WPCOG. There is a retirement party this Thursday, December 18, 2014, at the Crown Plaza in Hickory. Any Council Members that are going and want to ride together should be at the Town Hall at 5:15 pm. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm.
- The Town offices and Public Works will be closing at noon on Wednesday, December 24, and will be closed Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday.
- The Town offices and Public Works will be closed Thursday January 1 for the New Years holiday.
- There will be a Community meeting at the Town Hall on January 8 for all customers affected by the CDBG Duff Drive Sewer Project.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked if anyone on the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Joe Wesson wanted to commend Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins for the great job she did on the Christmas Tree Lighting, Town Clerk Julie Good for the great job she did on the Christmas Parade and wanted to thank staff for the great job everyone did on the Christmas Party. Joe Wesson also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Johnny Wilson wanted to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Jeff Wilson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Trena McRary Kirby wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wanted everyone to know how blessed we are.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Julie A Good, Town Clerk

Trena McRary Kirby,
Mayor Pro-Tem