

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Johnnie Greene
Keith Warren
Clay Wilson
Joe Wesson
Melissa Curtis

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Julie A Good
Terry Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Rebecca Johnson

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

INVOCATION: Harold Curtis gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Bryant Keller from Sawmills Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adopt the February 18, 2020 agenda.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to adopt the February 18, 2020 agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE JANUARY 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to approve the January 21, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JANUARY 21, 2020 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 closed session meeting minutes.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to approve the January 21, 2020 closed session meeting minutes. All were in favor.

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

No one wished to speak

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Johnnie Greene announced Debra Smith, as the February Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) will be added to the current sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

SAWMILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT PROCLAMATIONS: Mayor Johnnie Greene presented proclamations to the following Sawmills Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department members:

Member of the Year:	Mike Jacobs
Officer of the Year:	Josh Lakey

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL:

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that with the contract being signed for the AMI Water Meter Project, eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00) would need to be moved into a CIP Fund, four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000.00) from the General Fund and three hundred eight thousand dollars (\$380,000.00) from the utility fund.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to approve a budget amendment in the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00), four hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$420,000.00) from the General Fund and three hundred eight thousand dollars (\$380,000.00) from the utility fund, into the CIP Fund for the AMI Water Meter Project. The budget amendment passed three (3) to one (1) with Joe Wesson being the only opposed.

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

No one wished to speak

UPDATES:

FEBRUARY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that there are seven (7) code enforcement cases open:

- Carolyn Bray/Robyn Brittan, owner 2570 Baker Circle. Abandoned Mobile Home/Garbage and Rubbish. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he is working with Town Attorney Terry Taylor to abate the property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor also stated that he will treat this as a Junk and Debris and not minimum housing. If so, the Town can proceed to abate after thirty (30) days of notice. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he got a quote that will demo entire trailer and haul off all debris including our equipment, labor and fees. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the quote is four thousand one hundred dollars (\$4,100.00). Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that staff plans to abate this in the current budget year, in the spring of 2020;
- Timberline Lumber Company, 4221 US Highway 321A. Overgrown Vegetation/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he received a complaint on July 2, 2019, and original NOV letter was sent July 16, 2019 and no response or no progress as of August 8, 2019. Second NOV letter was sent on August 8, 2019. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he never received any response from owner, but some progress had been made. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he received a telephone call complaint about the property and the individual was informed that a written complaint would need to be submitted to investigate the property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he received the written complaint on February 18, 2020, and will send a NOV letter out on February 20, 2020;
- Debra Rose, 4284 Trojan Ln. Dangerous Dog/Animal Creating a Nuisance. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he received a complaint on November 26, 2019 about multiple dogs running around with no leash in a neighborhood. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the complaint stated that the dogs were digging holes, habitual barking, howling and whining through the night and creating a physical threat to neighbors and other animals. NOV letter was sent on December 3, 2019, with a deadline of December 19, 2019. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that there was no response from the owner. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he received another complaint and a second NOV letter was sent out on January 16, 2020 with a deadline of January 28, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that Caldwell County Animal Control has been notified. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the property is a rental and he has spoken to Mrs. Rose and she informed Town Planner Hunter Nestor that she has spoken with her tenants. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the original complainant had submitted videos to town staff of the habitual barking. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he will work with Caldwell County and Town Attorney for further action;
- Teresa Annas Compton, 4486 Sawmills School Road. Abandoned Mobile Home/Garbage and Rubbish. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated he received a complaint on January 13, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that a NOV letter

would be sent out on January 23, 2020 with a deadline of February 10, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the trailer is not finished and located on the same property as the Compton house that the Town abated in 2018. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that staff will investigate and work with attorney for possible courses of abatement. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that one (1) of Ms. Compton's sons is scheduled to meet with staff in late February to work towards getting the property in his name and get the property cleaned up;

- Dwayne K and Bridget E Mann, owners 4353 Eli Ln/Fancy Pl. Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that he received a complaint on January 2, 2020, and a regular NOV letter and a certified NOV letter was sent on January 2, 2020, with a deadline of January 20, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the certified NOV letter was returned for being unclaimed, but the regular letter was not returned. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that a second NOV letter was sent on February 13, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the property has junk/garbage all over the property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that if there is no response after the second NOV letter, staff can enforce fines and possible abatement;
- Jerry Michael and Camille Hawn, 4491 Loyal Ln. Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that a complaint was received on January 28, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the complaint addressed two (2) separate properties and possible violations. A NOV letter was sent on February 13, 2020, with a deadline of March 4, 2020 for the Miller property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the Miller property is in violation for having high grass/vegetation and junk and garbage located around the property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the Hawn property is not in violation as brush pile was picked up on January 31, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that complainant states that Mr. Hawn has more brush scattered throughout the property, but staff did not find any evidence;
- Dale E and Debra Miller, 4434 Jess Dr. Garbage and Rubbish/Property Maintenance. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that a complaint was received on January 28, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the complaint addressed two (2) separate properties and possible violations. A NOV letter was sent on February 13, 2020, with a deadline of March 4, 2020 for the Miller property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the Miller property is in violation for having high grass/vegetation and junk and garbage located around the property. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that the Hawn property is not in violation as brush pile was picked up on January 31, 2020. Town Planner Hunter Nestor stated that complainant states that Mr. Hawn has more brush scattered throughout the property, but staff did not find any evidence.

No Council action was required.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked if anyone on the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Keith Warren wanted to thank everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming out. Joe Wesson stated that the Council might not always agree, but will leave shaking hands.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:12pm.

Johnnie Greene, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk