

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson
Bobby Mosteller
Rebecca Johnson
Melissa Curtis

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Julie A Good

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Keith Warren
Joe Wesson

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:03pm.

INVOCATION: Pastor Danny Wright gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to adopt the February 21, 2023 Agenda.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to adopt the February 21, 2023 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE JANUARY 17, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to approve the January 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JANUARY 17, 2023 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to approve the January 17, 2023 closed session meeting minutes.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to approve the January 17, 2023 closed session meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 7, 2023 BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to approve the February 7, 2023 budget retreat minutes.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the February 7, 2023 budget retreat 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:

FEBRUARY RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson announced Kathy Cox as the February Recycle Rewards Winner. A credit of forty dollars (\$40.00) will be added to the current sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

DISCUSSION:

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING THE AMENDED CALDWELL COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCES: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson stated that Caldwell County Animal Enforcement Division has updated its ordinances to comply with new regulations set in place by the State of North Carolina. In order for Caldwell County Animal Enforcement Division to enforce the provisions of its ordinance a Resolution Adopting the Amended Caldwell County Animal Control Enforcement Ordinances will need to be adopted.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, adopt the Resolution for Adopting the Amended Caldwell County Animal Control Enforcement Ordinances as written. All were in favor.

4476 SAWMILLS SCHOOL ROAD: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson stated that Robert Helton purchased the property at 4476 Sawmills School Road from the Town of Sawmills. The contract of the purchase stated that a mobile home located on said property would be torn down and removed. After purchasing the property and signing the contract, Mr. Helton had a chance to look at the mobile home. Mr. Helton informed Town Manager Chase Winebarger that the mobile home was in fair shape and wanted to know if he could keep the mobile home and convert it to a storage building. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he informed Mr. Helton that there was a legal binding contract that was signed by both

parties and the contract should not be broken. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that Mr. Helton understood and was fine with that.

No Council action was required.

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

No one wished to speak.

UPDATES:

FEBRUARY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Code Enforcement Officer Curt Willis stated that there are seven (7) 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 he wanted to make Council aware that the Town's contract with Republic Services for trash and recycle collection will have a rate increase of eleven percent (11%) for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that while going through the numbers for the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget, he noticed that Council was getting paid significantly less than the surrounding municipalities. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he would get the numbers together and bring them to Council during the March 7, 2023 budget meeting.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated the Parks and Recreation Employee Daniel Bowman has one hundred ninety hours (190) sick time from when he worked for the City of Lenoir that the Town would like to move from the City of Lenoir to the Town of Sawmills. Council instructed Town Manager Chase Winebarger to add the one hundred ninety hours (190) sick time to the Parks and Recreation Employee Daniel Bowman.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he would like to purchase two (2) additional Flock cameras for the Town.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson 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 6:32pm.

Keith Warren, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk