

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Trena McRary Kirby
Joe Wesson
Jeff Wilson
Johnny Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Seth Eckard
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Donnie Potter

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bob Gibbs called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Rick Crouse gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

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

APPROVE DECEMBER 18, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the December 18, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment.

No one wished to speak.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced Shawn and Jennifer Huffman as the January Recycle Rewards winner. Administrator Eckard stated a credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) would be added to Mr. and Mrs. Huffman's sanitation bill and their certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

PUBLIC HEARING: FOR A CDBG FUNDING APPLICATION:

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

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

STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS: Mayor Gibbs introduced Lisa Helton with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG).

Lisa stated this is the second public hearing required in order for the Town to submit an application for \$750,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funding for the infrastructure on a sewer project. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial aid to citizens who are experiencing septic tank failure and cannot afford to repair, or replace, the septic tank.

If approved, the Town will put in 10,500 linear feet of 8" gravity sewer line to 70 houses also including the cost of the tap and connection fees as well as some valve replacements at the Stamey Road pump station. The sewer will be put in on Jay Street, Oxford Drive, Gatewood Drive, Maggie Lane and Duff Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak on the application for CDBG funding.

No one wished to speak.

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

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to close the public hearing. All were in favor.

COUNCIL ACTION: Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt a resolution for a CDBG funding application. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

CANCEL AND RESCHEDULE BUDGET RETREAT: Administrator Eckard asked Council to cancel the February 7, 2013 budget retreat from 8:00 am-5:00 pm, as he will be in Raleigh for the City and County Manager's conference on that date.

The budget retreat/workshop schedule enclosed shows the budget retreat has been rescheduled for February 12, 2013 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Trena McRary Kirby made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to cancel the February 7, 2013 budget retreat and adopt the new budget retreat/workshop schedule. All were in favor.

ADOPT PROPOSED CORPORATE RESOLUTION WITH FIRST CITIZENS BANK: Mayor Gibbs stated First Citizens Bank has asked Council to adopt the enclosed resolution as the one currently on file is dated October of 2010.

Trena McRary Kirby made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the Corporate Resolution with First Citizens Bank. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FY 2012-2013: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated the current contract with the Town auditors Lowdermilk Church & Co. L.L.P. needs to be renewed. The renewal contract will cover the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve a renewal contract with the Town auditors Lowdermilk Church & Co. L.L.P. in the amount of \$9,690.00. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment.

No one wished to speak.

UPDATES:

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard made the following announcements:

- The Mayor was recently appointed to the League of Municipalities General Government Legislative Action Committee for a two-year term.
- Council will be considering bids for the roads project and the Public Works storage building at the next Council meeting.
- Employee reviews have been completed and will be discussed during the budget retreat to take into consideration when discussing raises.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone on the Council wished to speak.

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURN: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

Trena McRary Kirby made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Susan Nagle, Town Clerk

Bob Gibbs, Mayor