

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015
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.

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

APPROVE DECEMBER 16, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the December 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

Joe Wesson 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. Michael and Wendy Smith as the January 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.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

ADOPT AMENDED BUDGET WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to amend the April 23, 2015 budget retreat date to April 16, 2015 and the May 21, 2015 date to May 19, 2015 on the FY 2015-2016 budget workshop schedule.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to amend the April 23, 2015 budget retreat date to April 16, 2015 and the May 21, 2015 date to May 19, 2015 on the FY 2015-2016 budget workshop schedule. All were in favor.

MCGEE SEWER EASEMENT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that to finish up on all easement acquisitions for the Duff Drive Sewer Easements, the amount of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) needs to be paid to Roger and Elaine McGee.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to pay the amount of \$2,000.00 (two thousand dollars) to Roger and Elaine McGee. All were in favor.

DONATION REQUEST: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the Town received a request from the Caldwell County Schools for a donation in the amount of \$14,000.00 (fourteen thousand dollars).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve a donation of \$14,000.00 (fourteen thousand dollars) to Caldwell County Schools. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO): Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that Bob Gibbs served on the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) board and his seat is now vacant. The MPO meets the third Wednesday of every month.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to appoint Jeff Wilson to serve on the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). 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: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated Town Planner Elinor Hiltz has enclosed an updated status report of Code Enforcement cases and that all cases were closed as of January 2015.

No Council action was required.

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

- That Lenoir Councilman Ron Stilwell's arrangements were as follows: the funeral was Thursday, January 22, 2015 beginning at 2:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Lenoir with the receiving to follow in the Church Fellowship Hall. The burial will be private. The Town has sent a card and a flower arrangement.
- Coffee with the Council will be Thursday, January 22, 2015 beginning at 6:00 pm. Councilman Joe Wesson and Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins will be in attendance.
- The Annual Budget Retreat will be February 12, 2015, at the EDC, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.
- The South Caldwell Christian Ministries has partnered with Sawmills Elementary School to have a mobile food pantry. The first pantry was Saturday, January 17, 2015. There were 66 families in Sawmills that were helped. There will be a mobile pantry in the Sawmills Elementary School parking lot February 14, 2015 and another date to be determined in March.
- Town Administrator Seth Eckard will be at the Manager's Conference in Chapel Hill the week of February 6, 2015.
- Town Administrator Seth Eckard's 4 (four) year anniversary with the Town was Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

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

Joe Wesson stated that the retirement dinner for Dee Blackwell was very nice and a great man was honored.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby wanted to thank Hilde Gilbert and Reed Lingerfelt for coming back to the meetings.

CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to go into closed session at 6:21 pm.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to come out of closed session at 7:30 pm.

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

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

Julie A Good, Town Clerk

Trena McRary Kirby,
Mayor Pro-Tem