

**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Joe Wesson
Gerelene Blevins
Keith Warren
Jeff Wilson
Joe Norman
Reed Lingerfelt

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Todd
Terry Taylor
Julie A Good

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Wesson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Josh Bengé gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Joe Wesson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to adopt the July 18, 2017 Agenda.

Reed Lingerfelt made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to adopt the July 18, 2017 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE JUNE 20, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve the June 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JUNE 20, 2017 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the June 20, 2017 closed session meeting minutes.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to approve the June 20, 2017 closed session meeting minutes. All were in favor.

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

No one wished to speak

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Joe Wesson announced Mr. Ron Blankenship as the July Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) will be added to his sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

CALDWELL COUNTY ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH DONATION REQUEST: Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the Caldwell County on Adolescent Health had requested a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Caldwell County on Adolescent Health. All were in favor.

CALDWELL COUNTY DARE DONATION REQUEST: Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the Caldwell County Dare had requested a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Caldwell County Dare. All were in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that Council had discussed two (2) budget amendments during the budget process. The first budget amendment would cover the transfer of eighty-six thousand dollars (\$86,000.00) from the General Fund to the Utility Fund to be set aside for future infrastructure projects. The second budget amendment would cover the transfer of three hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$335,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of a new refuse truck.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to transfer eighty-six thousand dollars (\$86,000.00) from the General Fund to the Utility Fund to be set aside for future infrastructure projects and transfer three hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$335,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund for the purchase of a new refuse truck. All were in favor.

DISPOSAL OF UNSCHEDULED RECORDS: Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the attached list shows all records that staff would like to destroy in accordance with the North Carolina General Statutes Municipal Records and Disposition Schedule.

Reid Lingerfelt made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, for staff to destroy all records on the attached list. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING: ANNEXATION: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the Town of Sawmills had received a petition for Voluntary Annexation from Clyde and Joanne Miller for two (2) parcels (NCPIN-2756809280 and 2756902113).

The Town must hold a public hearing in order to annex the parcel. Staff proposes the public hearing to be set for the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on August 15, 2017.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to hold a public hearing for the Voluntary Annexation for parcels NCPIN-2756809280 and 2756902113 during the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on August 15, 2017. All were in favor.

REFUSE TRUCK QUOTE DISCUSSION: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that a new refuse truck was approved as part of the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year budget, with a budgeted amount of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000.00). Public Works Director, Ronnie Coffey, received a quote from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., for a 2018 Mack LR Dual Steer cab/chassis with a Heil DuraPack Python 28 cubic yard automated side loading refuse body with all standard specifications with the NJPA Sales Contract price of two hundred seventy-two thousand nine hundred eighty-two dollars (\$272,982.00). Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the quote for the new refuse truck was a savings of seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000.00) from what Council had budgeted for the refuse truck.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to purchase a new refuse truck with the NJPA Sales Contract from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., for the contract price of two hundred seventy-two thousand nine hundred eighty-two dollars (\$272,982.00). All were in favor.

UPDATES:

JLY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that there are fifteen (15) code enforcement cases open:

- Teresa Annas Compton is the owner of a dilapidated house located at 4476 Sawmills School Road. A letter to initiate a hearing and possible demolition to be sent from Town Attorney Terry Taylor's office. Town Attorney Terry Taylor is doing research on the deed and power of attorney for this property;
- WNC Properties, LLC owner of 4209 Creekview Pl. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
- David Graham (Landlord) owner of 4176 US Highway 321A. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
- Casey Lynn Wallace, owner of 3950-1 Walters MHP Drive. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
- Dwayne and Bridget Mann, owner of 4353 Eli Lane/Fancy Place. Garbage, trash, refuse complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spot checked the site on July 11, 2017 and obvious clearing and clean-up were in progress. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that there is a skid-steer and dumpster container onsite. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she will continue to monitor and work with landowner as long as progress is being made;
- Carolyn Bray, owner of 2570 Baker Cir. Abandoned mobile home. There has been no reply and no change in the status of this case;
- Andrew Dehart, owner 4036 US Highway 321A. High grass and junked vehicles. High grass/weeds still need to be tended. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows spot checked the site on June 20, 2017, and all the trailers have been removed, but the saplings and vines are still there. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows will continue to monitor;
- Cheney Carter, owner of 4361 Sawmills School Road. Abandoned/dilapidated home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that a letter to initiate hearing and possible repair and/or demolition to be sent from Town Attorney Terry Taylor's office. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that landowner called on July 6, 2017, and stated that she was planning on trying to repair the home. The landowner arranged mowing and yardwork that was completed on July 11, 2017 and is working with Town staff so that contractors can access property ;
- Donna Clontz, owner of 2453 Granville Drive. High Grass. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that a Notice of Violation letter was sent to absentee owner (Reno, NV) and current resident on July 7, 2017 with a deadline of July 25, 2017;
- John Wilcox, landowner Ellen St/Janettes Way. High grass. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows verified the complaint and spoke to landowner on June 27, 2017. Landowner had mowed and sprayed with weed killer to slow growth as of July 11, 2017. Case closed;

- Gena Edwards and Buster Price, owners of 4492 Mayfield Drive. Outdoor storage, junk vehicles and pool complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows spot checked on July 11, 2017 and spoke to landowner. Pool is still uncovered and untreated. Landowner stated that the pool treatment he bought didn't work and the truck parts in the front yard someone was supposed to be coming to get and try to rebuild. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she will continue to monitor;
- Patrick Alexander Lee, owner of 1948 Bucks Drive. High grass/weeds/junk vehicle. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spot checked this property on July 11, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she sent a notice of violation letter on July 13, 2017 with a deadline of July 31, 2017;
- Arnold and/or Jeff Wilson, owners of 1769 Cajah Mountain Road. Outdoor storage and junk vehicles. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spot checked this property on July 11, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated there are less vehicles, more cleared open space within the yard, but all seems to have been moved to perimeter of property. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated she has left messages for landowner and tenant with no response. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows will continue to monitor;
- Sasser Family, LLC, owner 2526 Meadows Park Lane. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
- Jose Montes, owner 4321 Cherokee Court. High grass/junk vehicles. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she resent the notice of violation letter via certified mail on July 13, 2017, with a deadline of July 31, 2017.

No Council action was required.

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

Joe Norman stated that we had a quick and easy meeting. Joe Norman wanted to thank everyone for coming. Joe Norman also stated that would like to see the meetings full every month and hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Keith Warren wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Gerelene Blevins stated she was glad to see everyone out for coming out and would like to see more people at the meetings.

Jeff Wilson wanted to thank everyone for coming out and hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Reed Lingerfelt wanted to thank everyone for coming out and hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming out. Mayor Joe Wesson stated

that Council likes to see the citizens come out to the meeting and some of the Town's best ideas come from the citizens. Mayor Joe Wesson also wanted to thank Council and staff for all their hard work on the budget. Mayor Joe Wesson stated he hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Joe Wesson, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk