

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Todd
Terry Taylor
Julie A Good

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Ron Burgett 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 19, 2016 Agenda.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to adopt the June 21, 2016 agenda.

APPROVE JUNE 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to approve the June 21, 2016 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JUNE 21, 2016 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 closed session minutes.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to approve the June 21, 2016 closed session 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. Roy Barham, as the July Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to his sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

TOWN CAR: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that a new town car was approved during the budget process this year. Public Works Director, Ronnie Coffey, received a quote from Asheville Ford Lincoln for a 2017 Ford Fusion sedan in the amount of seventeen thousand three hundred seventeen dollars and eighty-four cents (\$17,317.84), which includes a government discount. There had been twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) budgeted for the purchase of a town car.

The quote includes a basic Ford warranty package: a three (3) year long, or up to thirty-six thousand (36,000) mile “Bumper to Bumper”, warranty; and a five (5) year, or up to sixty thousand (60,000) mile, powertrain warranty.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to purchase a new town car from Asheville Ford Lincoln in the amount of seventeen thousand three hundred seventeen dollars and eighty-four cents (\$17,317.84). The vote passed 4 to 1 with Gerelene Blevins being the only Council Member opposed.

CALDWELL COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH DONATION REQUEST:

Mayor Joe Wesson stated that Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health 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 Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health. All were in favor.

CALDWELL COUNTY D.A.R.E. DONATION REQUEST: Mayor Joe Wesson stated that Caldwell County D.A.R.E. 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 Caldwell County D.A.R.E. 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.

PLANNING MATTERS:

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING FOR 000 HELENA ST: Town Planner Elinor Hiltz stated that the 000 Helena St faces the back of Marx Industries, a manufacturer in the center of downtown. The subject property has homes on the other three (3) sides. The home to the back of the subject property is on twenty (20) acres. Half of the twenty (20) acres is farmland and the other half is wooded.

The property can be serviced by water and sewer which is an argument for developing the property as something more dense than low-density residential.

This site is not environmentally sensitive. The site has no floodplain. The site is in the Watershed Protected Area which means thirty-six percent (36%) can be built upon.

The 2005 Comprehensive Plan recommends establishing a “Central; Business District” on the same block as the subject property, so rezoning the property would be consistent.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to hold a public hearing on August 16, 2016 for rezoning for 000 Helena St. All were in favor.

UPDATES:

JULY CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Planner Elinor Hiltz stated that there are fourteen (14) code enforcement cases open:

- Caldwell Ready Mix Concrete is the owner of an abandoned mobile home, abandoned concrete factory, and a mosquito pond. Town Planner will send letter to owner;
- Teresa Annas Compton is the owner of a dilapidated house located at 4476 Sawmills School Road. Town Planner Elinor Hiltz sent letter on June 21, 2016, asking owner to come in for an appointment;
- Charles Hagaman, owner of 1940 Leah Drive #4. Tim Hart asked for a ninety day (90) extension. Town Planner will check back on October 7, 2016;
- Peter Rowe, owner of 4016 and 4017 Cloninger Way. Need to ask Code Enforcement Committee to ask Council to abate;

- Randall Hamby at 3632 Coble Dairy Road. Labor Day weekend deadline for replacing any trees that are missing. Owner wants to survey property to see if he can do ministorage;
- WNC Properties, LLC owner of 4209 Creekview Pl. Minimum housing complaint. Sent petition to complainant to collect five (5) signatures;
- Wanda and Richard Greene at 4205 Trojan Lane. Case closed, owners mowed yard;
- David and Amy Dula at 2303 O J Lane. High grass. Need to contact mower for quote;
- John Wilcox, owner of Lot #6 on Ellen Street. High grass. Need to contact mower for quote, specifically for weedeating;
- Nancy Greene at 4446 Villa Lane. Junk in yard. Check back on July 21, 2016 to see that white car has been pulled onto driveway and covered. All other complaints have been fixed;
- Casey Lynn Wallace, owner of 3950-1 Walters MHP Drive. Minimum housing complaint. Complainant was to pick petition up at Town Hall to collect five (5) signatures;
- Troy Wilson, owner of 4497 Diamond Street. Case closed, owner mowed yard;
- Tasco Properties owner of 2155 White Pine Dr #13. Emailed petition to complainant to collect five (5) signatures.

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 wanted to thank everyone for coming. Joe Norman also stated that the Council worked hard on the finalized budget.

Keith Warren stated that he appreciated everyone coming and wanted to thank the Lord for another day.

Gerelene Blevins stated that she wanted to thank everyone for coming out and she wants something to be done about the mosquito pond and the Sawmills School Rd house. Gerelene Blevins also wanted to inform everyone that the skating rink is rented and will be opening Friday, July 22, 2016.

Jeff Wilson stated that he hoped everyone had a good 4th of July holiday.

Reed Lingerfelt stated that he would like to thank everyone for coming and stated he wished we could get more people to the meetings. Reed Lingerfelt also stated that he is happy with the finalized budget. It was his first budget process and he was glad it was over.

Mayor Joe Wesson stated that he wanted to thank anyone for coming out. Mayor Joe

Wesson also stated that the Town has a very good budget this year and wanted to thank Town staff and employees for all the help with the budget and the Town. Mayor Joe Wesson also stated that he wanted to invite more citizens to come out and voice their opinions. Council intends to take every concern to heart.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to invite the public to a Parks and Rec Committee meeting on Monday, July 25, 2016 beginning at 3:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Town Hall.

CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Reed Lingerfelt made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to go into Closed Session at 6:30 pm. All were in favor.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to come out of Closed Session at 6:48 pm. All were in favor.

OPEN MEETING ACTION ITEMS: After returning to open session. Mayor Joe Wesson stated that Council had discussed the Elmore Drive Project additional Hold Harmless Agreement to remove one (1) extra tree between the Town, Mike Mull and Dallas Wilcox.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to have the Hold Harmless Agreement signed by the Town, Mike Mull and Dallas Wilcox. The vote passed 4 to 1 with Jeff Wilson being the only Council Member opposed.

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

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

Julie A Good, Town Clerk

Joe Wesson, Mayor