

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson
Bobby Mosteller
Joe Wesson
Melissa Curtis

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Julie A Good
Terry Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Mayor Keith Warren
Rebecca Johnson

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

INVOCATION: Councilman Bobby Mosteller 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 June 20, 2023 Agenda.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to adopt the June 20, 2023 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE MAY 16, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to approve the May 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to approve the June 20, 2023 regular meeting 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:

JUNE RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Pro Tem announced Christopher Pitts as the June 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 TO SUPPORT THE myFutureNC ATTAINMENT GOAL: Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that myFutureNC is a statewide non-profit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business and government. North Carolina has the goal that two (2) million North Carolinians will have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by the year 2030. The Town of Sawmills is committed to ensuring that fifty-one percent (51%) of individuals ages twenty-five (25) to forty-four (44) have a postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2030.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the Resolution to Support the myFutureNC as written. All were in favor.

TEN (10) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP): Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that The Capital Improvement Program serves as a planning tool to project future needs for the addition of new capital assets and the replacement of existing capital assets. Expenditures listed in years 2-10 will be reviewed and updated as needs change.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Bobby Mosteller seconded, to approve the Town of Sawmills Capital Improvement Program for the ten (10) year period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2033. All were in favor.

PLANNING:

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR REZONING OS PIN NUMBERS: 2766657929, 2766666171, 2766667200, 2766668126, 2766659938 AND 2766658939: Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that this property has recently been purchased and demolished by the Town of Sawmills. Currently, all parcels of land are completely vacant. There used to be numerous homes located across the various properties. All of these homes have been removed from the property due to safety concerns.

The reason for this rezoning is to increase the manufacturing in the Town of Sawmills to promote jobs. Rezoning this property from residential (R-15) to general manufacturing (G-M) will ensure both of these outcomes. Sawmills has taken numerous steps to ensure the

economic development of this land, and ensuring this can be rezoned will be the final step in the said process.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to call for a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Sawmills Council on July 18, 2023, to rezone pin numbers 2766657929, 2766666171, 2766667200, 2766668126, 2766659938 and 2766658939 from residential (R-15) to general manufacturing (G-M). All were in favor.

YEARLY PLANNING REPORT: Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that in the Planning Ordinance Section 151.06 it is stated that: An annual report shall be prepared and submitted to the Town Council by May of each year. The report shall include a comprehensive and detailed review of the activities, problems and actions of the Planning Board as well as any budget requests and/or recommendations.

Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the Planning Board met three (3) times between July 2022 and June 2023.

Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the board-related did not have any expenses that occurred in the reporting period. In FY 22-23 Sawmills contracted with the WPCOG for one (1) day a week of planning services.

Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that the Board of Adjustments met one (1) time between July 2022 and June 2023.

Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he attended various training opportunities, where the topics included:

- Vacant Housing
- Economic Development
- Quasi-Judicial Hearings
- Plan Review
- Air and Water Quality
- Hazard Mitigation
- Floodplain
- GIS

Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that he wrote forty-three (43) zoning permits, approved two (2) family subdivisions, three (3) minor subdivisions, and provided zoning assistance to customers, consisting of various prospective buyers, realtors, property owners, developers, and concerned citizens during the last fiscal year.

No Council action was required.

ZONING MAP: Town Planner Dustin Millsaps stated that this is just a simple update to the Town of Sawmills physical zoning map. There are no changes on this map that need to

take place, this is just for us to have a updated physical copy for inspection by the public. This keeps us conforming with the 160D updates that have been passed. This will just show updates of rezoning's that have taken place.

No Council action was required.

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

Mike Bauer and Alisha Hunt spoke to Council regarding zoning on a piece of property in the Town of Sawmills ETJ.

UPDATES:

JUNE CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Code Enforcement Officer Curt Willis stated that there are five (5) 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 has gotten an updated quote for a new covered area for the playground at Baird Park. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he believes the Town should wait and apply for a Part F grant in early 2024.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the termite problem at Town Hall has been taken care of.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that one (1) of the HVAC units at Town Hall has quit working and that a replacement will be installed next week.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Melissa Curtis wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting.

Bobby Mosteller wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting.

Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming to the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143.318-11(A)(3)and (4): Mayor Pro

Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143.318-11(a)(3) and (4) at approximately 6:24pm. All were in favor.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to come out of closed session at approximately 7:05pm. All were in favor.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Pro Tem Clay Wilson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05pm.

Keith Warren, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk