

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Donnie Potter
Trena McRary Kirby
Joe Wesson
Jeff Wilson
Johnny Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Seth Eckard
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Bob Gibbs gave the invocation.

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

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

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

APPROVE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the February 19, 2013 regular meeting minutes.

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE MARCH 7, 2013 SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the March 7, 2013 Special Budget Retreat Minutes.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson 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 Richard and Connie Lasher as the March Recycle Rewards winners. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to Mr. and Mrs. Lasher's sanitation bill and their certificate will be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

DISCUSSION:

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 31.03 OF THE SAWMILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES: Mayor Gibbs stated the enclosed resolution to amend Section 31.03 of the Sawmills Code of Ordinances changes the duties of the Town Administrator.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to amend Section 31.03 of the Sawmills Code of Ordinances. Those in favor were Trena McRary Kirby, Joe Wesson, Donnie Potter and Johnny Wilson. Those opposed were Jeff Wilson. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

SAWMILLS 25-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Administrator Eckard stated the Town's 25th anniversary is July 1, 2013. The Festival Committee discussed having an anniversary celebration in July or during the Fall Festival in September. The Town would like to honor all those past and present who have contributed to the Town's success. Honorees would include: current and past Council, staff, Fire Department Board members and Officers as well as past Sanitary District Commissioners.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to combine the 25-Year Anniversary Celebration and the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

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

Mike Harris expressed his gratitude to Council for holding concerned citizen group meetings.

UPDATES:

CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Administrator Eckard stated the enclosed Code Enforcement report was for March.

No Council action was required.

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

- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23rd from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Veterans Memorial Park.
- The Sawmills Farmers Market will hold a vendor's meeting Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church and encourages all interested vendors to attend.
- The grand opening for the Disc Golf course will be Saturday, April 6th at 10:00 am at the Veterans Memorial Park.
- The next budget workshop will be Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 pm, and is open to the public.
- The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, March 29th, in observance of Good Friday.
- The Yard of the Month program resumes in April.
- The Town Beautification Committee will meet Friday, March 22nd at 9:00 am.
- The Town would like to thank the citizens for all the donations to the Coats for Kids collection. This was a success and there were 155 coats collected.
- The Mayor and I will be attending Town Hall Day in Raleigh March 26th and 27th.

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

Councilwoman Trena McRary Kirby stated she has received great feedback from the Concerned Citizens Group meetings and would like the date of the next meeting to be in the newsletter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Johnny Wilson thought the Concerned Citizens Group meeting was good because the meetings make Council aware of the citizens' concerns and it is the job of the Council to take care of the citizens and the needs in Sawmills.

Councilman Joe Wesson would like to thank everyone for their concern and support during his recent surgery and while he recovers.

Mayor Gibbs stated he is working with Legislators on getting a historical marker put at the river for the Conley Cove. The Mayor has been working with the Caldwell County Historical Society on the history of Conley Cove and asked anyone who has any information on the Cove or the Conley's to please contact him by the end of April as the Legislators will be voting on this issue in May.

ADJOURN: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Susan Nagle, Town Clerk

Bob Gibbs, Mayor