

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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: Chaplin Jason Hines, with the Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department, 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.

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

APPROVE JANUARY 20, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE JANUARY 20, 2015 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the January 20, 2015 closed session minutes.

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

APPROVE FEBRUARY 12, 2015 BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES: Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the February 12, 2015 budget retreat minutes.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff 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. Chris Bowman as the March Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to his sanitation bill and his certificate will be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

SAWMILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT AWARDS: Mayor Pro-Tem McRary Kirby, on behalf of the Town Council, presented plaques of appreciation to the following:

Firefighter of the Year: Chaplin Jason Hines

First Responder of the Year: Brandon Wright

Officer of the Year: Chief David Price

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

DONATION REQUEST: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the Town received a request from the Disabled American Veterans Tri County Chapter 6 for a donation.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to approve a donation of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) to Disabled American Veterans Tri County Chapter 6. All were in favor.

BID AWARD FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK WEST FILL SLOPE REPAIR: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the Town received two (2) bids for the Veterans Memorial Park West Fill Slope Repair:

Mountain Crest, LLC	\$90,021.00
Bell Construction Co, Inc.	\$195,000.00

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to award the bid to Mountain

Crest, LLC, in the amount of \$90,021.00 (ninety thousand twenty one dollars), as they were the lowest bidder. All were in favor.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the budget ordinance amendment for the fiscal year 2014-2015 increases \$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars) to the Fund Balance Appropriation line item and increases \$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars) to the Parks/Rec Repairs & Maintenance line item to cover repair expenditures for the Veterans Park West Fill Slope.

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to increase \$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars) to the Fund Balance Appropriation line item and increase \$90,000.00 (ninety thousand dollars) to the Parks/Rec Repairs & Maintenance line item to cover repair expenditures for the Veterans Park West Fill Slope. All were in favor.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

SAWMILLS FARMERS MARKET: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that during the February 12, 2015 Sawmills Annual Board Retreat, it was determined by Council that Town Staff would manage the operations of the Sawmills Farmers Market.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to approve the guidelines set forth by the Town and the Sawmills Farmers Market rules and regulations packet. All were in favor.

PLANNING:

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING FOR PARKS TEXT AMENDMENT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that on February 17, 2015 the Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of a text amendment to allow parks in every zoning district.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to call for a Public Hearing on April 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm, to allow parks in every zoning district. All were in favor.

ADOPT OFFICIAL ZONING MAP: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the official zoning map that is located in Council Chambers needs to be updated every year.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to adopt the updated Official Zoning Map. 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: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated Town Planner Elinor Hiltz has enclosed an updated status report of Code Enforcement cases and that all cases were closed as of March 2015.

No Council action was required.

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

- The Sawmills Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Veterans Park. Signups begin at 10:30 am and the first race begins at 11:00 am.
- Town Administrator Seth Eckard will be gone all day on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, to Town Hall Day in Raleigh, NC.
- Town received additional grant money for the Duff Drive Sewer Project. The total grant money that the Town has received is close to 1,000,000.00 (one million dollars). The Town will match 5% (five percent) of the cost.
- The next budget workshop will be April 2, 2015 at the Town Hall.

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 Veterans Parking signs look good. Joe Wesson wanted to thank Johnny Wilson for the idea and Council for approving the signs. Joe Wesson also wanted to thank everyone for coming.

Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby wanted to thank everyone for coming to learn and be updated on Town business.

Johnny Wilson wanted to brag on the Sawmills School Road traffic during school hours. Deputy Jon Hawn has done an excellent job.

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

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to go into closed session at 6:44 pm.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to come out of closed session at 7:45 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