

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Johnnie Greene
Keith Warren
Rebecca Johnson
Joe Norman
Clay Wilson
Jeff Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Todd
Terry Taylor
Julie A Good

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Johnnie Greene called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Don Ingle gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Johnnie Greene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adopt the March 19, 2019 Agenda.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to adopt the March 19, 2019 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2019 BUDGET RETREAT MINUTES: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the February 14, 2019 budget retreat minutes.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the February 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 17, 2019 BUDGET RETREAT CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the February 14, 2019 budget retreat closed session minutes.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to approve the February 14, 2019 budget retreat closed session minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the February 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

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

Jon Sanders of 1683 Dry Ponds Rd, which is in the Town of Sawmills ETJ, wanted to see if the Town of Sawmills Code of Ordinances applied to the ETJ. The only Town of Sawmills Ordinances that apply to the ETJ are zoning ordinances and this is not a zoning issue.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Johnnie Greene announced Mr. Earl Woods as the March Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) will be added to his sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

DISCUSSION:

STORM WATER RESOLUTION: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the North Carolina Department of Environment Quality sent a Notice of Violation for the Town of Sawmills stormwater program. The Town of Sawmills has been contracting with the City of Lenoir to handle all the Town of Sawmills stormwater and been under the City of Lenoir's stormwater permit. The State of North Carolina now requires all municipalities to obtain their own individual stormwater permit, adopt their own stormwater resolution, and conduct an internal audit of their own stormwater processes. The Town of Sawmills would need to adopt a Resolution Affirming the Town of Sawmills' Support Regarding Implementation of a Complaint NPDES MS4 Stormwater Program.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to adopt the Resolution Affirming the Town of Sawmills' Support Regarding Implementation of a Complaint NPDES MS4 Stormwater Program. All were in favor.

YARD OF THE MONTH COMMITTEE: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the Town of Sawmills is currently looking for members for the Yard of the Month Committee. Council spoke with potential members and the following have agreed to serve on the Yard of the Month Committee:

Wanda Drum, Marsha Holden and Judy Warren

The Council has discussed the way winners were picked in the past and have decided that there will be one (1) winner per month.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to appoint Wanda Drum, Marsha

Holden, and Judy Warren to the Yard of the Month Committee, with the Committee picking one (1) winner per month. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

HUDSON AMERICAN LEGION POST 392 DONATION REQUEST: Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that the Hudson American Legion Post 392 had requested a donation in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Keith Warren made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to give a donation in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the Hudson American Legion Post 392. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one wished to speak.

MARCH CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: There are five (5) code enforcement cases open:

- Chaney Carter, owner of 4361 Sawmills School Rd. Overgrown vegetation. Town Planner stated that a letter was sent on July 19, 2018, with a deadline of August 3, 2018. Town Planner stated that the nuisance was abated by the Town on August 10, 2018. Town Planner stated that a lien will be placed on the property for the cost of the mowing;
- Teresa Annas Compton, 2296 George Harris Dr. Lawnmower on sidewalks. Town Planner stated that a NOV letter was sent on January 8, 2019;
- Teresa Annas Compton, owner of 4486 Sawmills School Rd. Dilapidated house. Town Planner stated that a NOV letter was sent on January 8, 2019;
- 2169 Oaktree Ln Apt #8, hole in ceiling-mold growing. Town Planner stated that she spoke with Larry Griffin, owner of apartment building, on January 29, 2019 and he informed Town Planner that he has went to property two (2) times to fix the ceiling and the tenant would not let him in the apartment. The tenant has appealed the eviction. Town Planner stated that she spoke with tenant on the phone and he stated that the landlord had not stopped to fix anything. Town Planner stated that on January 31, 2019 she spoke with tenant to set up an inspection and about getting pictures. Town Planner stated that she spoke with owner and his resident manager again on February 5, 2019 and owner stated that tenant was under eviction and has appealed with the court for a February 21, 2019 court date. Owner stated that the resident manager and himself had made several attempts to enter the apartment to make repairs and no one will allow them access, Town Planner stated she has spoken with tenant on three (3) occasions and he was to send pictures of the issues and he has never followed through. Town Planner stated that she has also attempted to contact building inspections to line up an inspection. Received paperwork from court ordered eviction

for tenant. Landlord brought paperwork by. Town Planner sent follow-up letter to landlord to repair property by March 30, 2019. Tenant is to be moved from apartment by March 15, 2019;

- Jessie Kristian Smith, 4215 Trojan Ln. Fowl running loose. Town Planner received a written complaint from adjacent property owner stating that resident at 4215 Trojan Ln had approximately one (1) to fifteen (15) chickens and six (6) ducks running loose. Traveling public along Trojan Ln are consistently having to stop to wait on ducks to cross the road or sunning in the road. School buses have needed to blow horns to get them to move. Also, the chickens are digging up the neighbor's property. Town Planner stated that a certified letter was sent to home owner on February 21, 2019. Town Planner stated that she visited the site and there were fowl running loose in the back yard and roosting. There are also materials accumulation surrounding the home, which looks as though property owners are building a fence.

No Council action was required.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that there are directional boring going on now at Baird Park for the ballfield lights. Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the lights should be up and running by the end of March and Baird Park will be opened back to the Public.

Town Administrator Christopher Todd also stated that the lights are up and working at the walking track in Baird Park but they will be repositioned.

Town Administrator Christopher Todd also stated that there will be more ball teams this season for the Sawmills Optimist and the lights will be up and working before games start.

Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the attorney for the Timberline Property has been in contact with Town Attorney Terry Taylor and the attorney is working on trying to sell the property.

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

Joe Norman stated wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Keith Warren wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Clay Wilson wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to go into closed session at approximately 6:37 pm. All were in favor.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to come out of closed session at

approximately 6:54pm. All were in favor.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:58pm.

Johnnie Greene, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk