**TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017**
**TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**
**6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**
Joe Wesson
Gerelene Blevins
Keith Warren
Jeff Wilson
Joe Norman
Reed Lingerfelt

**STAFF PRESENT**
Christopher Todd
Terry Taylor
Julie A Good

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

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Paul Puett 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 March 21, 2017 Agenda.

Reed Lingerfelt made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to adopt the March 21, 2017 Agenda. All were in favor.

**APPROVE FEBRUARY 21, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the February 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to approve the February 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

**APPROVE FEBRUARY 9, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the February 9, 2017 special meeting minutes.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to approve the February 9, 2017 special meeting 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. Dale Andrews as the March 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:**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 392 DONATION REQUEST:** Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the American Legion Post 392 requested a donation in the amount of two hundred dollars ($200.00).

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

**SAWMILLS ELEMENTARY PTA DONATION REQUEST:** Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the Sawmills Elementary PTA requested a donation in the amount of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to give a donation in the amount of two hundred dollars ($200.00) to the Sawmills Elementary PTA. All were in favor.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CALDWELL COUNCIL ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH PRESENTATION:** Angie Ashley, Executive Director of Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health, gave a power point presentation to Council. The presentation contained information about the Caldwell Council on Adolescent Health program and what donation dollars are used for.

No Council action was needed.

**UPDATES:**

**MARCH CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that there are fifteen (15) code enforcement cases open:

- Caldwell Ready Mix Concrete is the owner of an abandoned mobile home and abandoned concrete factory. Owner reported pit being filled in on 1/5/17, and provided pictures of the closed pit on 1/20/17. Removal of pvc pipe. Case closed;
- Teresa Annas Compton is the owner of a dilapidated house located at 4476 Sawmills School Road. Final citation notice was sent certified mail on January 3, 2017. Town Administrator Christopher Todd met with owner Teresa Compton and gave her a final deadline of February 3, 2017, upon which $50.00 (fifty dollar) a day fine shall begin. There has been no reply or change in the status of the case;
- Charles Hagaman, owner of 1940 Leah Drive #4. Mobile home has been removed. Case closed;
- Terry Rowe, owner of 4016 and 4017 Cloninger Way. Demolition is complete as of 2/22/17. Case closed;
- Randall Hamby at 3632 Coble Dairy Road. All trees have been replanted and mulched as of February 7, 2017. Case is closed;
- WNC Properties, LLC owner of 4209 Creekview Pl. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that the WPCOG Vacant and Substandard Housing Taskforce held their first meeting on January 31, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows contacted Minimal Housing Inspector Robin Soots again on February 2, 2017, about arranging a site visit with the landowner. There has been no reply or change in the status of the case;
- David Graham (Landlord) owner of 4176 US Highway 321A. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that the WPCOG Vacant and Substandard Housing Taskforce held their first meeting on January 31, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows contacted Minimal Housing Inspector Robin Soots again on February 2, 2017, about arranging a site visit with the landowner. There has been no reply or change in the status of the case;
- Casey Lynn Wallace, owner of 3950-1 Walters MHP Drive. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that the WPCOG Vacant and Substandard Housing Taskforce held their first meeting on January 31, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows contacted Minimal Housing Inspector Robin Soots again on February 2, 2017, about arranging a site visit with the landowner. There has been no reply or change in the status of the case;
- Tasco Properties owner of 2155 White Pine Dr #13. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that the WPCOG Vacant and Substandard Housing Taskforce held their first meeting on January 31, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows contacted Minimal Housing Inspector Robin Soots again on February 2, 2017, about arranging a site visit with the landowner. There has been no change or reply in the status of the case;

- Carolyn Bray, owner of 2570 Baker Cir. Abandoned mobile home. There has been no reply and no change in the status of this case. Last person to live in the mobile home was Carolyn's sister Betty's daughter Robyn Brittian;
- Andrew Dehart, owner 4036 US Highway 321A. High grass and junked vehicles. High grass/weeds still need to be tended. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows will follow up with local contact;
- Cheney Carter, owner 4361 Sawmills School Road. Abandoned/dilapidated home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that there was no change in the property as of January 5, 2017 and there has been no response from the November deadline and there might be squatters living in home. There has been no reply or change in the status of the case;
- Mike Mask, owner 4351 Sawmills School Road. Trash/outdoor storage. Most outdoor storage has been moved to the back of the house. Case closed;
- Rebecca Michael, owner 4393 Chantilly Drive. Outdoor storage/welding. Town planner Leslie M. Meadows visited site and spoke with tenant on 2/28/17. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows is working with Town Attorney Terry Taylor and Fire Marshal on plan to either remove or permit home welding occupation with Conditional Use Permit;
- Edith Shatley, owner 2512 Crest Lane. Dwelling in outbuilding. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows did a spot check on February 7, 2017, and sent notice of violation letter on February 9, 2017. Deadline is February 28, 2017. There has been no response to the letter. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that it is difficult to verify this offense.

No Council action was required.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:** Mayor Joe Wesson asked if anyone on the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Reed Lingerfelt wanted to thank everyone for coming out and wished more citizens came to the Council meetings. Reed Lingerfelt stated he hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Jeff Wilson stated he hoped everyone had a good evening.

Gerelene Blevins stated that she was glad to see everyone out tonight and for everyone to have a safe trip home.

Keith Warren wanted to thank everyone for coming out and he hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Joe Norman wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming out. Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to thank Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows for doing such a good job. Mayor Joe Wesson also stated that Town citizen Jo Ann Miller is a great asset to the County. Mayor Joe Wesson thanked Kelly Price for coming out. Joe Wesson also wanted to thank Council and staff for

all that they do.

Joe Wesson wanted to acknowledge Joe Norman for all the hard work he has been doing with the DAV.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to inform the public that Town Administrator Christopher Todd, himself, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Warren and Councilman Reed Lingerfelt will be traveling to Town Hall Day in Raleigh on Wednesday March 29, 2017.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to inform everyone that there are two (2) budget meetings and a Council meeting in April.

Mayor Joe Wesson also wanted to remind everyone of the Town of Sawmills Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2017 beginning at 10:30 am at Veterans Park for children from walking to nine (9) years of age.

**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 6:40 pm. All were in favor.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to come out of Closed Session at 6:55 pm. All were in favor.

**OPEN MEETING ACTION ITEMS:** After returning to open session, Mayor Joe Wesson stated that Council had discussed a Water Agreement with the City of Lenoir.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to approve the red line items in the contract with the City of Lenoir. All were in favor.

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

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

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Joe Wesson, Mayor Julie A. Good, Town Clerk