

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Keith Warren
Clay Wilson
Rebecca Johnson
Bobby Mosteller
Melissa Curtis

STAFF PRESENT

Chase Winebarger
Terry Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joe Wesson

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Keith Warren called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm.

INVOCATION: Pastor Rob Evans gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Keith Warren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to adopt the November 15, 2022 Agenda.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to adopt the November 15, 2022 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE OCTOBER 18, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the October 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to approve the October 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

APPROVE OCTOBER 18, 2022 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to approve the October 18, 2022 closed session meeting minutes.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to approve the October 18, 2022

closed session meeting minutes. All were in favor.

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

No one wished to speak.

RECOGNITIONS:

NOVEMBER RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Keith Warren announced Sonny Taylor as the November Recycle Rewards Winner. A credit of forty dollars (\$40.00) will be added to the current sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

FY 2021-2022 AUDIT PRESENTATION: James Lowdermilk and Rick Hammer, with Lowdermilk, Church & Co., L.L.P., presented the Towns FY 2021-2022 audit to Council.

Mr. Lowdermilk and Mr. Hammer stated that the Town received an unqualified audit and commended staff and Council on their efforts to maintain a strong fund balance.

No Council action was required.

CALDWELL COUNTY VETERANS HONOR GUARD DONATION REQUEST:

Mayor Keith Warren stated that the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, requested a donation in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to give a donation in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING HIGH BID FOR PROPERTY: Town Attorney Terry Taylor stated that a public auction was held on October 26, 2022, in the Town of Sawmills Council Chambers and that Robert Helton had the highest bid at eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00). Town Attorney Terry Taylor stated that Mr. Helton had paid his bid deposit.

Melissa Curtis made a motion, and Clay Wilson seconded, to adopt the Resolution Accepting High Bid For Property and the winning bid is Robert Helton in the amount of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00). All were in favor.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONVEYANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY NEGOTIATED SALE: Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the Town owns a 1990 Ford F-250 Super Duty Diesel which is no longer needed. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he would like Council to authorize Town Manager Chase Winebarger to execute all documents necessary to convey the property in the manner authorized by the Resolution.

Rebecca Johnson made a motion, and Melissa Curtis seconded, to adopt Resolution Approving Conveyance Of Personal Property By Negotiated Sale and authorize Town Manager Chase Winebarger to execute all documents necessary to convey the property in the manner authorized by the Resolution. All were in favor.

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

No one wished to speak.

UPDATES:

NOVEMBER CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Code Enforcement Officer Curt Willis stated that there are eleven (11) 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 the Town will pay longevity out the first pay period in December.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that he had a meeting the Stitt's Tree Company and they would like to sponsor a yard decorating contest for Town of Sawmills residents starting the 2nd weekend in December through Christmas. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that there would be one elected official, one staff member and an employee from Stitt's as the judges each week and that a winner would be picked by Friday of that week. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that each week's winner would receive two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and the only stipulation would be that a Stitt's sign would need to go in the winner's yard until after Christmas.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the employee Thanksgiving lunch would be on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 beginning at 11:30am.

- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that the employee Christmas lunch has not been set yet, but that he would let Council know as soon as that is done. Council had no objections to doing the same lunch as last year.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that instead of gifts for employees last year, that Council gave employees an extra day at Christmas and Town Offices closed half a day for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that if there were no objections, he would like to do the same thing this year. Council gave no objections.
- Town Manager Chase Winebarger stated that Councilman Joe Wesson wanted him to thank everyone who came out to the Veterans Memorial Celebration on Saturday, November 12, 2022 and Councilman Joe Wesson was very pleased with how the celebration turned out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Clay Wilson wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Keith Warren asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30pm.

Keith Warren, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk