

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Joe Wesson
Gerelene Blevins
Keith Warren
Jeff Wilson
Reed Lingerfelt

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Todd
Terry Taylor
Julie A Good

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joe Norman

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Mike Owens 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 October 17, 2017 Agenda.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to adopt the October 17, 2017 Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the September 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes.

Reed Lingerfelt made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to approve the September 19, 2017 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

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

David Powell spoke about water rates.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Joe Wesson announced Mr. Darrell Chandler as the October Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) will be added to his sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

DISCUSSION:

CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARING: ANNEXATION: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the Town of Sawmills had received a petition for Voluntary Annexation from Benny and Jennifer Townsend for one (1) parcel (NCPIN-2755994368). Additionally, a petition has been received for Alice and Paul Wright for one (1) parcel (NCPIN-2755995990)

The Town must hold a public hearing in order to annex the parcels. Staff proposes the public hearing to be set for the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on November 21, 2017.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to hold a public hearing for the Voluntary Annexation for parcels NCPIN-2755994368 and NCPIN-2755995990 during the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting on November 21, 2017. All were in favor.

UPDATES:

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

- Teresa Annas Compton is the owner of a dilapidated house located at 4476 Sawmills School Road. A letter to initiate a hearing and possible demolition via nuisance code violation vs minimum housing. Waiting for an updated building inspections report from Mark Annas;
- WNC Properties, LLC owner of 4209 Creekview Pl. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
- David Graham (Landlord) owner of 4176 US Highway 321A. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify

- complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
- Casey Lynn Wallace, owner of 3950-1 Walters MHP Drive. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spoke with Landlord on October 10, 2017. There seems to be a civil dispute with tenant over stolen goods and keeping three (3) inside dogs. Per Town Administrator Christopher Todd, mail Legal Aid information only. Case closed;
 - Dwayne and Bridget Mann, owner of 4353 Eli Lane/Fancy Place. Garbage, trash, refuse complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spoke with Mr. Mann on September 19, 2017 and Mr. Mann stated that the trailer had been dismantled except the frame. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated she spot checked the property on October 10, 2017 and all items of concern were removed from view of the cemetery. Case closed ;
 - Carolyn Bray, owner of 2570 Baker Cir. Abandoned mobile home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows spoke with spoke with Robin Brittan (owner of mobile home) on October 3, 2017. Robin Brittan stated she was not physically or financially capable to demo and remove trailer, but she is fine with the Town proceeding to do so, in form of a lien on the property. Sent general citation on October 10, 2017, to initiate demolition efforts. Deadline to respond if October 26, 2017 ;
 - 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 spot checked the site on August 10, 2017, and all the trailers have been removed, but the saplings and vines are still there. Sending a NOV final notice with fines to begin October 24, 2017;
 - John “Jody” McRary and neighbors, Jody Drive. Outdoor storage/junk vehicles in ROW/freight container. This is a non-conforming use, Impressive Auto, encroaching on neighborhood and blocking street for Fire & Rescue/Trash Pick-up. Need to remove/replace non-conforming storage container. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spot checked all of Jody Dr properties on October 10, 2017. The cul-de-sac is cleared. Impressive Auto site has received an extension for removal of freight container and continued clean-up thru November 9, 2017. Sending a NOV final notice with fines to begin November 9, 2017;
 - Sasser Family, LLC, owner 2526 Meadows Park Lane. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she needs to verify complaint before arranging site visit with Caldwell County Building Inspector Mark Annas and current resident;
 - Jose Montes, owner 4321 Cherokee Court. High grass/junk vehicles. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spot checked property on October 10, 2017. The grass is maintained, junked vehicle in cul-de-sac has been removed, but still using the public row for parking personal vehicles. Sending final NOV letter for establishing a proper driveway by November 9, 2017. No Parking signs to be posted after November 9, 2017;

- Jesse Smith, owner of 4215 Trojan Ln. High grass. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she spot checked the property on October 10, 2017. The mowing has been completed. Case closed;
- Charlies Hagaman/Tim Hart, owners of 1940 Leah Dr #19. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she has received no response from landlord and/or landowner concerning a need for a hearing/meeting. Spot checked on October 10, 2017, the tenants are gone and the mobile home is empty and in the process of repairs. Case closed;
- AAH Homes, LLC/Debbie Watson, owner of 4255 Benfield MHP #4. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she received a minimum housing complaint on September 7, 2017 and spoke with the Landlord on September 21, 2017, who stated that the tenants were responsible for the damage and refuse to pay rent or let anyone in the mobile home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she visited with the Landlord on October 5, 2017 and she reported that a civil court ruling sided with the Landlord, the tenants were mandated to pay all back rent and have since moved from the mobile home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she has made arrangements to visit the renovated mobile home before new tenants are allowed to move in. Case closed;
- Steve Killian, owner of 4801 Helton Rd. Outdoor storage/trash/junk. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she verified the complaint on September 28, 2017 and sent a NOV letter on October 3, 2017, with a deadline of October 19, 2017;
- Janice Griffin, Trustee of Iona Griffin, 2148 Oaktree Ln. Abandoned, partially burned apartment building. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she verified and photo documented the complaint on October 10, 2017. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that she sent a general citation on October 10, 2017 to initiate demolition efforts, with a deadline to respond on October 26, 2017. Building inspections to be contacted for condemnation and securing of site as needed.

No Council action was required.

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

Keith Warren stated that he was glad everyone came out and hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Gerelene Blevins stated that she was glad everyone came out. Gerelene Blevins also stated that she was glad to see all the progress done with code enforcement and that the Council was not trying to make it hard on the citizens just trying to make the Town clean and safe for its residents. Gerelene Blevins stated she hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Jeff Wilson wanted to thank everyone for coming out and hoped everyone had a safe trip home.

Reed Lingerfelt wanted to thank everyone for coming out and hoped everyone had a safe

trip home. Reed Lingerfelt also stated that he thought that Council had a very productive meeting.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming out. Mayor Joe Wesson also stated that whether everyone agreed or disagreed that we still need to have good and productive meetings.

Mayor Joe Wesson made several announcements:

Mayor Joe Wesson and Town Administrator Christopher Todd will be going to Mayor meeting on October 26, 2017 in Taylorsville.

Also, on October 26, 2017 there will be a Parks & Recreation Committee meeting on October 26, 2017 beginning at 4:00pm in Council Chambers to discuss upcoming events.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to remind everyone to come out for our Veterans Ceremony on November 11, 2017 at Veterans Park beginning at 10:30am.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to remind everyone to come out to the Sawmills Farmers Market Tractor and Treat on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, beginning at 3:00pm in the Farmers Market Field.

Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to encourage everyone to vote on November 7, 2017. Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to let everyone know that early voting starts on October 19, 2017 and will be from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday October 19, 2017 through October 27, 2017, with the only Saturday being October 28, 2017 from 8:00am to 12:00pm at the Caldwell County Board of Elections or the Granite Falls Recreation Center.

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

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

Joe Wesson, Mayor

Julie A. Good, Town Clerk