

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Joe Wesson
Johnny Wilson
Gerelene Blevins

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Todd
Julie Good
Terry Taylor
Elinor Hiltz

COUNCIL ABSENT

Trena McRary Kirby
Jeff Wilson

CALL TO ORDER: Town Administrator Christopher Todd called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Keith Warren gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Town Administrator Christopher Todd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked for a motion to adopt the October 20, 2015 agenda with the addition of Agenda Item 11: Closed Session: Attorney/Client Privilege.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Agenda Item 11: Closed Session: Attorney/Client Privilege. All were in favor.

APPROVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

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

APPROVE SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked for a motion to approve the September 15, 2015 closed session minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

Sue Hall, who owns several rental properties in Sawmills, stated that on August 13, 2015

she filed a complaint about a property that adjoins hers at 4805 Helton Road. Mrs. Hall stated that her renter has complained about the smell coming from the neighbor's property and also complained about junk cars and trash in general. After Town Planner Elinor Hiltz went to look at the property she noticed several violations on other properties in the area, including Mrs. Hall's property. Town Planner Elinor Hiltz sent letters of violation out to all property owners including Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Hall's violation was having inside furniture outside. Mrs. Hall stated that the couch was going in the trash and that there had already been a work order placed. Mrs. Hall expressed her desire for the properties on Helton Road to be cleaned up.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Town Administrator Christopher Todd announced Mr. Thomas Miller, Sr., as the October Recycle Rewards winners. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to his sanitation bill. Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that his certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS: Town Administrator Christopher Todd announced Mike and Diane Bennett from the 28630 zip code, and Chris and Nikki Poteet, from the 28638 zip code, as the October Yard of the Month winners. Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL:

REQUEST FOR DONATION TO CALDWELL COUNTY: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that Caldwell County Schools requested a donation in the amount of \$14,000.00 (fourteen thousand dollars).

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to give a donation in the amount of \$14,000.00 (fourteen thousand dollars) to Caldwell County Schools. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

UPDATES:

SBEA SEPTEMBER PROGRESS REPORT: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that Sherry Long, from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, has enclosed a progress report for the SBEA project 12-C-2443.

No Council action was required.

OCTOBER CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the Town Planner Elinor Hiltz has enclosed an updated status report of Code Enforcement cases and the progress that has been made on each case as of October 2015.

No Council action was required.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked if anyone on the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Joe Wesson stated that everything was going smoothly and he had not received any calls or complaints. Joe Wesson stated that he has only heard good things about Town Administrator Christopher Todd. Joe Wesson also thanked Keith Warren for being at the meeting.

Johnny Wilson stated that things with the Town were looking good. Johnny Wilson also wanted to remind everyone about the Trunk and Treat at the Farmer's Market on October 27, 2015.

CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to go into closed session at 6:20 pm.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to come out of closed session at 6:27 pm.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Town Administrator Christopher Todd asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Julie A Good, Town Clerk

Trena McRary Kirby,
Mayor Pro-Tem