JANUARY 4, 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT
Max Andrews
Joe Helton
Bill Ramsey
Gerelene Blevins
Bobby Austin
David Stamey

STAFF PRESENT
Terry Taylor
Billie Black
Eric Davis
Deanna Rios
Mark Bloomer
Wanda Reid

Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

Rev. Ashley Crouse gave the invocation.

Town Administer Eric Davis added item #14-Doe Run Final Plat to the agenda.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 1999. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted unanimously to appoint Joe Helton as Mayor Pro-tem.

Town Clerk Wanda Reid administered the oath to Mayor Pro-tem Mr. Helton.

Mayor Max Andrews opened the PUBLIC HEARING to discuss closeout of the Town's 1997 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project # 97-C-0351.

Ms. Billie Black, CDBG Project Administrator, informed the Council of the project results and accomplishments. During the project the Ms. Black informed Council the Town expended $850,000 in CDBG funds, and an additional $200,000 in Town funds toward completion of a total of 21,882 Linear Feet of sewer lines with service connections. Ms. Black stated that the project served a total of 399 persons, 93% of which were of low and moderate income.

As there was no questions from the audience, Bobby Austin made the motion to close the public hearing. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor. Ms. Black advised Council there was no need to vote on the closing of the CDBG#97-C-0351 grant.

Item #7 on the agenda was the bond release requested by Howard Cannon. Mr. Cannon is constructing apartments on Tower Drive behind Industrial Seaming. Mr. Cannon had submitted a bond in the form of a Cashier's Check in the amount of $4,750, and is requesting a release of this bond. Town Administrator Eric Davis related to Council that all improvements have been made, and everything is in compliance with Sawmills' ordinances.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve Mr. Cannon's request to release his bond. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

David Stamey made the motion to table an amendment to the Town's Sign Ordinance until the next meeting. This will give the Town Attorney time to check on the legalities of sections (K)-Business sign, (L)-Yard Sale Signs, and (M)-Unlawful Signs. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor

Item #9 of the agenda consisted of the resolution of Charter Communications Cable Franchise extension. Town Administer Eric Davis informed Council that the cable franchise expired September 12th, 1999, and that under federal law, the old franchise has remained in effect. The purpose of this resolution is to set a date by which the new franchise should be negotiated and approved.

David Stamey made the motion to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC TO TEMPORARILY OPERATE THE CABLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.

Director of Finance, Deanna Rios, gave a report for the current fiscal year. The report included revenues and expenditures by fund, interest earned in the town's checking accounts, water transactions, ad valorem tax information and on hand cash balances.

The next item on the agenda Eric Davis related to Council of the need to appoint a Subdivision Review Officer. The responsibility of this position is to review all plats and "certify" to the register of deeds that the plat that is recorded does meet all local and state laws concerning the recording of plats.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to appoint Town Planner Mark Bloomer Subdivision Review Officer. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

In other business, David Stamey made the motion, with Gerelene Blevins seconding, to renew Mr. Terrell Annas' request for rezoning his property from R-20 to RA-20. This property is located off Horseshoe Bend Road. After some discussion about the legality of this it was decided that Attorney Terry Taylor check into this and bring this back at the next meeting.

Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins stated she had noticed several persons in town using 55 gallon metal or plastic barrels for trash containers. She said this could cause back injury to employees picking them up. After some discussion, it was decided that staff compose a standard letter informing residents their garbage would no longer be picked up if using the 55-gallon barrels for containers.

A.M. Champion related to Council that he was concerned about the company hired by Caldwell County Board of Commissioners taking pictures of residences property for tax purposes. He stated there was a potential danger of pictures being taken of personal property that would end up in the wrong person's hands. After some discussion, Council direct Mr. Davis to arrange a meeting between the County and Town in February to discuss this matter.

On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:00 PM.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to come out of closed session. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Wanda Reid

Wanda Reid, Town Clerk

Max Andrews

Max Andrews, Mayor