

February 3, 2004
MINUTES OF TOWN HALL MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

David Stamey
Joe Norman
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Pat Harrison
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Sonia Barnes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Stamey called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION: Rev. Rick Crouse of Dry Ponds Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor David Stamey led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins the Agenda was adopted with no changes. All were in favor.

APPROVE January 20, 2004 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman the January 20th minutes were approved. All were in favor.

Town Hall Meeting

The following persons spoke:

Jerry Bowman – Traffic Problems Sawmills School Road
Fayecele McGee – Traffic Problems Sawmills School Road
Harold Bowman – Traffic Problems Sawmills School Road
Ray Woods – Naming of new intersection

Traffic Problems Sawmills School Road

A. Jerry Bowman - Mr. Bowman addressed to Council his concerns regarding the traffic situation at Sawmills Elementary School. Mr. Bowman stated that in the morning when parents drop off their children and likewise in the afternoon when they return to pick their children up, access to Coral Drive, Stamey Road, and Sawmills School Road is blocked. He further stated that there have been several incidents of citizens who are not entering the school driving through yards to avoid the traffic.

B. Fayecele McGee – Mrs. McGee informed Council of cars going through her yard and using the yard as an extra lane to avoid waiting in the lines formed at the school.

C. Harold Bowman – Mr. Bowman informed Council of a car going 30ft into his yard and nearly missing a fire hydrant. He also has had problems with tractor trailers going through his yard causing damage to yard.

Town Administrator Robert Frye explained to Council and citizens that the Town has inquired about a solution to the traffic problem at Sawmills School Road. The Town has met with Department Of Transportation Traffic Engineer regarding the issue and is willing to correct the traffic issue. He then stated that the Town cannot proceed without the approval of the Caldwell County School Board. Mr. Frye asked that the citizens to contact the Caldwell County School Board and request to be placed on the agenda to discuss the traffic problems and solutions. Mayor Stamey stated that he would contact the principal of Sawmills Elementary School to see if any changes can be made to the current situation.

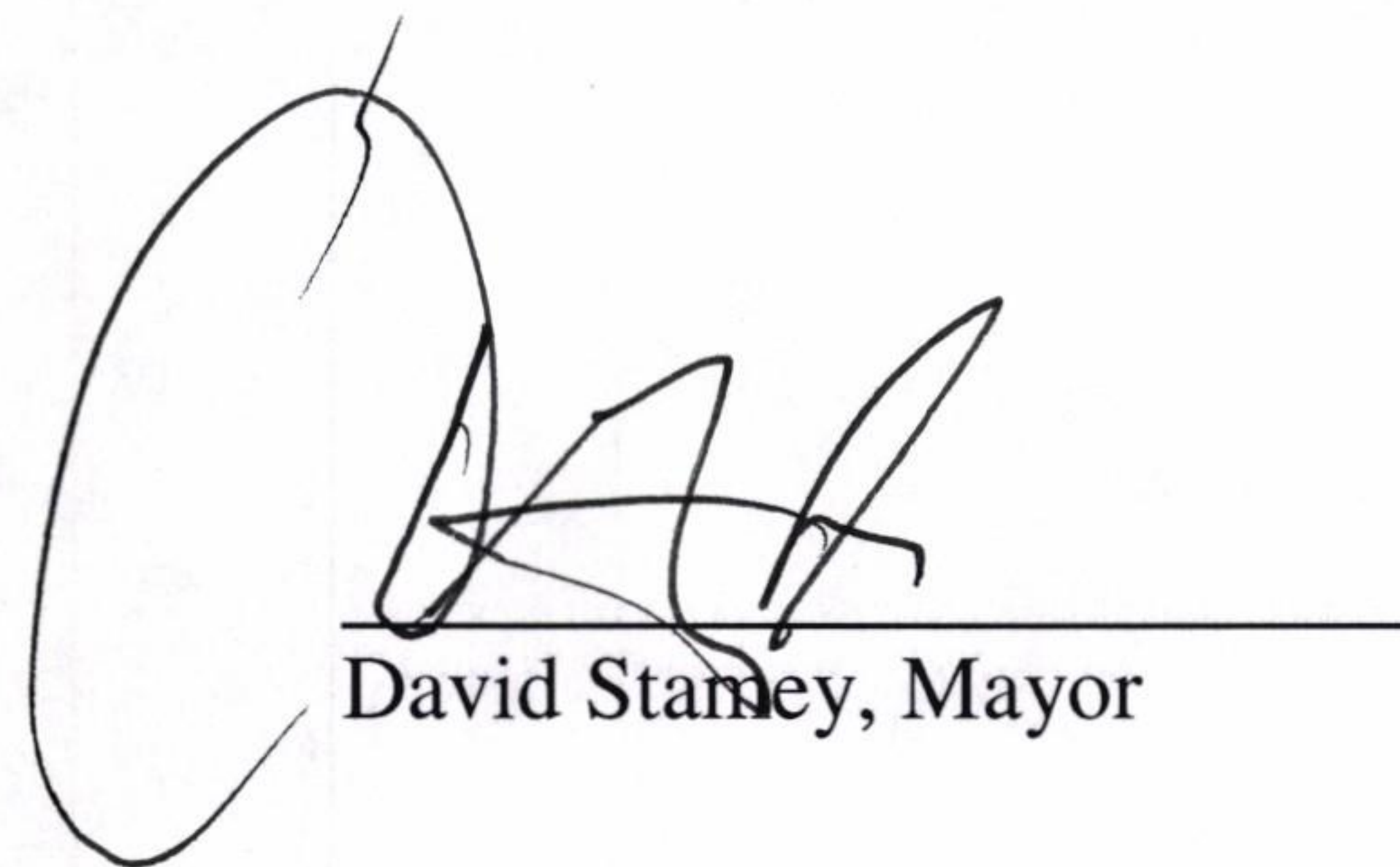
New Intersection at Mission Road

Mr. Ray Woods asked Council to ask Department of Transportation to consider naming the new intersection in memory of Albert Holden.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Pat Harrison and seconded by Joe Wesson the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Sonia Garnes, Town Clerk



David Stamey, Mayor