

FEBRUARY 15, 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Eric Davis
Mark Bloomer
Wanda Reid

Mayor Max Andrews opened the meeting and welcomed all guests.

Reverend Mike Ramsey gave invocation.

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

David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 1st, 2000. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the special meeting held between the Town Council and the Town Planning Board on February 1st, 2000. Bobby Austin seconded. Vote unanimous.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on February 3rd, 2000, with Caldwell County Board of Commissions.

Bill Ramsey made the motion, with Gerelene Blevins seconding, to open the PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed amendments to 93.075 of the Town of Sawmills Zoning Code Sign Ordinance. Jody McRary, a resident of Jody Dr., requested that Council consider changing the amendment from one off premise sign to three off premise signs. Mr. McRary related to Council that he lived on Jody Dr., and it was hard to give directions without signs to his business. Mr. McRary was previously fined for excess directional signs that he had not taken down after code enforcement letters were sent to him from Town Hall stating he was in violation of the town's zoning code. After some discussion, Bill Ramsey made the motion to close the public hearing. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

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David Stamey made the motion that the amendment allowing one off premise directional sign remain as previously voted for during the last meeting. Motion died for lack of a second.

Gerelene Blevins made the motion to allow two off premise directional signs. Bill Ramsey seconded. The vote was four to one in favor of the motion, with David Stamey voting against.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to reimburse Mr. McRary \$150 for the fine.

Bill Ramsey asked to be excused on the next agenda item since he has a conflict of interest in the subject. Bobby Austin made the motion to excuse Mr. Ramsey, with David Stamey seconding. Vote unanimous.

Gerelene Blevins made the motion to open the PUBLIC HEARING on Administrative Rezoning. Mr. Terrell Annas owner of 2.96 acres is requesting his property to be rezoned to RA-20 instead of R-20. Mr. All land around the property is zoned R-20 and the land use is residential.

Mrs. Kale owns a house across from the property and she does not want a mobile-home subdivision across from her land. Several persons in the audience spoke for this rezoning. Bobby Austin made the motion to close the public hearing. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

David Stamey made the motion to rezone the property from R-20 to RA-20. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor

Agenda item number twelve is a petition for the Voluntary Annexation of approximately 2.96 acres on 4305 Horseshoe Bend Road. The Town Limit circles around the land requesting to be annexed. Bill Ramsey made the motion to accept the Clerks Certificate of Sufficiency and to set a PUBLIC HEARING date for March 7, 2000, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

Agenda item number thirteen on the agenda is a request from Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department to rezone 0.842 acres to Highway Business from R-15.

The Fire Department is trying to get the property rezoned so that they can put up a 48 square foot lighted sign on their property.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to call a PUBLIC HEARING for March 7, 2000 for this rezoning case.

Item number 14 on the agenda is the approval of plat for Troy Townsend's Mobile Home Park. The plat meets all of the requirements of Section 93.097 (Nonconforming Manufactured Home park Improvement Provisions) of Sawmills' Town code. The motion was made by David Stamey, seconded by Joe Helton, to approve Troy Townsend's MHP. Vote unanimous.

Jack Caldwell's Hillside Mobile Home Park was the next item on the agenda. The plat meets all of the requirements of Sawmills' MHP Improvement Provisions of Sawmills' Town Code. Bobby Austin made the motion, with David Stamey seconding to approve the Hillside Mobile Home Park plat. All were in favor.

Next item on the agenda, Dave Lynn's Spring Lake Mobile Home Park does not meet all of the requirements of Section 93.097 (Nonconforming Manufactured Home Park Improvements Provisions) of Sawmills' Town Code. The plat does not show the water lines because Mr. Lynn says he cannot determine where they are located. Also the plat does not show all of the porches, parking spaces and sheds that are located on the lots in his mobile home park. Mr. Lynn has said that the plat is good enough as it is.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, council voted to deny approval of the plat of Spring Lake Mobile Home Park.

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Next item on the plat of George McGee's Mobile Home Park does not meet all of the requirements of Section 93.097. It does not give the size of the buffers that are located on Mr. McGee's property. David Stamey made the motion, with Gerelene Blevins seconding to approve the George McGee's Mobile Home Park plat with the condition that the size of buffers be placed on the plat. All were in favor.

The next item on the agenda, number 18, consists of a sewer service petition from residents of Villa Woods. Town Administer Eric Davis related to Council that it might be a good time to discuss sewer options town wide.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted that staff obtain a cost estimate of what the Villa woods sewer project will cost and bring it back at the March 7th meeting, and to do a town wide cost estimate, divided into sections of the town, and to report back to Council at the March 21st meeting.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to call a PUBLIC HEARING for March 7, 2000, for a potential CDBG 2000 Project Application.

Next item the Town has donated money for the past several years to Project Graduation. Several business and towns in the county donate money for a countywide party for the three high schools graduating seniors. Bill Ramsey made the motion to donate \$500. Gerelene Blevins seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blivens, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to take out a quarter page advertisement in the Lenoir News Topic Progress Edition paper.

In other business, Golda Sharp, resident of Spartan Drive related to Council of the damage being done to the property on her street by a contractor installing sewer lines. Damage includes; property stakes being taken up and not putting back, mail boxes left down over three days, broken drainage

culverts and yard damage. Attorney Terry Taylor related that Council should make the contractor aware that the town could use the contractor's bond money to make repairs. It was decided that the Public Works Committee would meet with the contractor to resolve this problem.

Mayor Pro-tem Joe Helton related to Council of his thanks for the fruit basket, prayers, and cards sent to him while he was in the hospital.

Bill Ramsey made a motion to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:10 PM. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to come out of closed session. Vote unanimous.

David Stamey made the motion to change the Daily Travel Expense amount from \$21.00 per day to \$ 30.00 day, effective immediately. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Vote unanimous.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor