

March 5, 2002
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

David Staley
Joe Norman
Gerelene Blevins
Pat Harrison
Joe Helton
Bill Ramsey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

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

INVOCATION—Pastor Duane Kuykendall gave the invocation.

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

ADOPT AGENDA—Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2002 REGULAR MINUTES—On a motion made by Joe Helton, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 18, 2002 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES—Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on February 18, 2002. Joe Norman seconded, with all in favor.

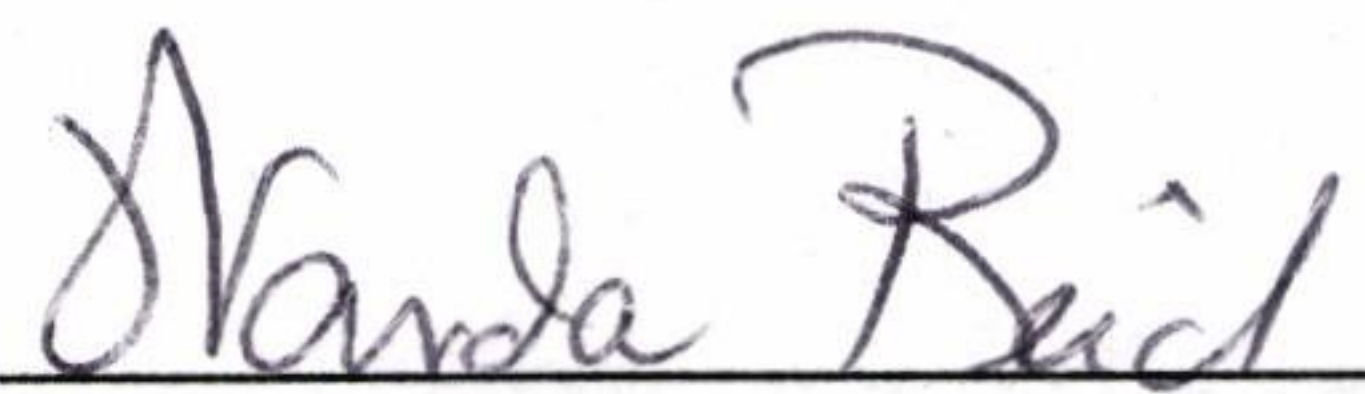
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ON SALES TAX DISTRIBUTION—Town Administrator Robert Frye, related to Council that the proposed agreement was the result of several months of negotiations between the various town's and the County. In exchange for the County's pledge not to change the current sales tax distribution method for a period of five years, the municipalities impacted by the distribution change agree to contribute a portion of their sales tax monies to create a fund totaling \$400,000.00 per year for five years. On a motion made by Joe Norman, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the interlocal agreement with the county. (See Attachment)

EXTENDED PAYMENT PLANS FOR SEWER AND WATER CONNECTIONS—

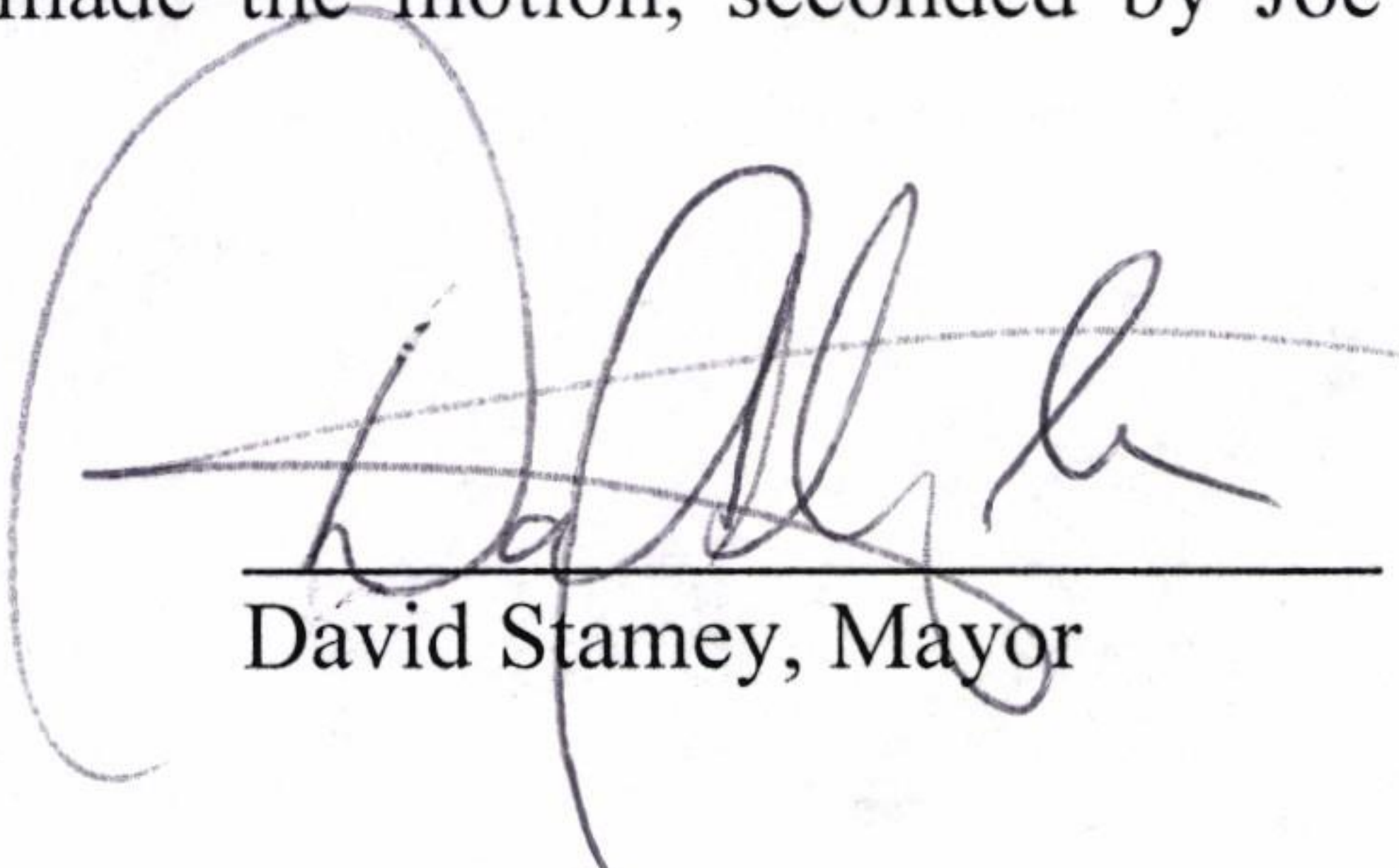
Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins related she would like the town to consider establishing a policy to allow town residents who need sewer or water but can not afford the cost associated with hooking onto the system to do so providing they agree to make monthly payments until the cost of the installation is paid off. After some discussion, Joe Norman made the motion that staff put together a proposal and bring back to Council. Gerlene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

UPDATE: CDBG SEWER PROJECT—Mr. Frye related that all but two of the original 34 needed easements had been acquired and anticipated that the remaining two would be signed shortly. He said the remaining obstacle to bidding the project is that the Harris's have decided they do not want the proposed sewer line to cross their property. As a result, a portion of the sewer line had to be redesigned to run behind the Harris property. Because of the line's relocation, an additional five easements will have to be acquired along the new route. Mr. Frye expressed hope that the new easements will be signed by the end of March. He anticipated the town will be in the position to bid the entire project by the end of April.

ADJOURN— On a motion made by Joe Norman made the motion, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adjourn at 6:25 PM.



Wanda Reid, Town Clerk



David Stamey, Mayor

RESOLUTION

No. 01 Year 2002

FOR THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS, NORTH CAROLINA.

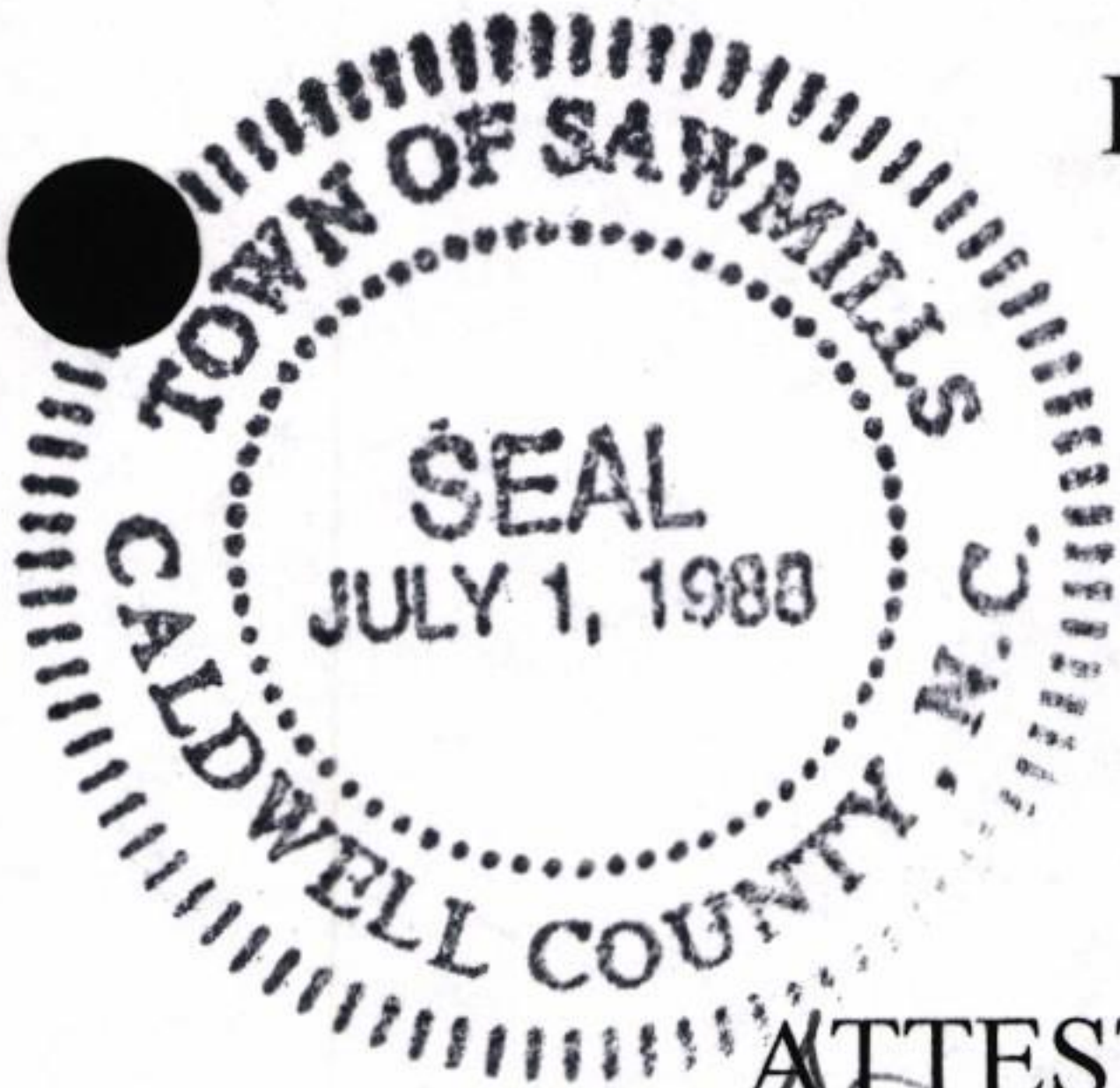
WHEREAS. It is the intent of Council to accept these updated sections to the Town Code of Ordinances which are attached hereto and in accordance with the changes of the law of the State of North Carolina;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills, North Carolina:

Section 1. That the amendment to the Ordinance as attached hereto, be and the same is hereby adopted this the 19th day of MARCH 2002.

Section 2. That this amendment shall take effect and be in force from and after its date of passage.

PASSES this 19th day of MARCH, 2002.



ATTEST

Manda Reid
Clerk

TOWN OF SAWMILLS

BY: [Signature]

Mayor

93.059 321-ADV Highway 321 Advertising District/Floating Zone

The Highway 321 Advertising District/Floating Zone is designed to provide for limited off premise advertising (billboards) in a floating zone within the H-B, G-M, and RA-20 zoning districts located within the U.S. Highway 321 Corridor by an amendment to the Sawmills Zoning Ordinance.

Permitted Uses:

(A.) The Following Uses Are Permitted

1. Existing off premise signs are permitted only along U.S. 321 *and only so long as they are in compliance with all North Carolina Department of Transportation Outdoor Advertising rules, regulations and statutes.*
2. No new off premise signs shall be allowed. Existing signs may be replaced subject with the following
 - (a) The maximum permitted area shall be 400 square feet.
 - (b) The maximum height of an off premise sign shall be thirty feet or thirty feet above the elevation of the pavement adjacent to the off premise signs, whichever is higher.
 - (c) Off premise signs shall observe the building setback requirements of the underlying zoning district..
 - (d) Off premise signs shall not be permitted within 200 feet of any residential area, park, school, hospital, sanitarium, cultural facility, cemetery, church, synagogue, nursing home, college, university or technical college. The 200-foot distance shall be measured along the street right of way adjacent to the district or use.
 - (e) Roof mounted off premise signs are prohibited.
 - (f) No two off premise signs shall be spaced less than 100 feet apart.
 - (g) No more than one off premise sign per parcel is allowed.
 - (h) Off premise signs shall be a minimum of 500 feet from the use, product or service to which it refers. All distances shall be measured along the centerline of the street adjacent to the off premise sign.
 - (i) Automatic changeable facing signs are prohibited.
 - (j) All off premise signs remain subject to the provisions of Section 93.075 Announcement Signs and Structures excepting 93.075 (C.)

(B) Nonconforming signs

- 1.) Nonconforming off premise signs will be allowed so long as they remain in good repair for a period of *five (5) years* after the adoption of this zoning use district, after which time all off premise signs must conform to the regulations of this subsection or be removed *unless they are covered by N.C.G.S 136-131.1 and have a lawful DOT*

permit. Such signs must then conform upon the expiration of coverage under this statute (NCGS 136-131.1).

(C) Maintenance and Upkeep of Signs

- 1.) All signs and all components thereof, including supports, braces, anchors, etc, shall be kept in a good state or repair, in compliance with all building and electrical codes, and in conformance with the requirements of this Ordinance.*

(D) Violations: Penalties

- 1.) Violations of this ordinance shall be notified by first class mail of the violation. Any person, firm, or corporation convicted of violations of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day of the violation shall be considered a separate offense, provided that the violation of this Ordinance is not corrected within thirty (30) days after notice of said violation is given.*

(E) Right of Appeal

- 1.) If a request for a sign permit is disapproved or if a ruling of the Zoning Enforcement Officer is questioned, any aggrieved party may appeal such a notice to the Board of Adjustment in accordance with the Regulating Ordinance of the Town of Sawmills.*