

March 7, 2000
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

Max Andrews
Joe Helton
Bobby Austin
Gerelene Blevins
Bill Ramsey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Eric Davis
Billie Black
Mark Bloomer
Wanda Reid

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION-Rev. Duane Kuykendall, Pastor of Mr. Zion Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Miss Kayla Hall, student of Sawmills Accelerated School led in giving the allegiance.

TABLE ITEM 13-Business Manager Eric Davis informed Council that item 13 on the agenda-MHP Plat Approval (Leonard & Sue Hall applicant) needed to be tabled. Bill Ramsey made the motion to table item 13, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

ADOPT THE AGENDA-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adopt the agenda.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15TH MINUTES-Councilor Bobby Austin related that in the minutes of February 15th there was not a second to motion made by Gerelene Blevins to open public hearing on Administrative Rezoning. Joe Helton seconded Ms Blevins motion. David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of February 15th with correction. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING, 2000 CDBG PROJECT APPLICATION-Ms Billie Black related to Council the steps involved in applying for a CDBG grant.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-David Stamey made the motion to open public hearing. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one spoke for or against applying for a CDBG Grant.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to close the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING, REZONING CASE 00-01-Town Planner Mark Bloomer informed Council that Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department is requesting to change the zoning from R-15 to Highway Business on their property. With the property rezoned this will allow for a 48 square foot lighted sign on their property.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-Bobby Austin made the motion to open the public hearing on this rezoning. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT-There was no comment from the public for or against this rezoning.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-Bill Ramsey made the motion to close the public hearing. Joe Helton seconded this motion. All were in favor.

REZONING CASE 00-01-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the rezoning of the Fire Department property, located on Hwy 321A, across the street from Younce Auto Sales, to Highway Business as requested by the Fire Department.

VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION 4305 HORSESHOE BEND ROAD-Planner Mark Bloomer informed Council that the town limits run all the way around 4305 Horseshoe Bend Road. He stated that the owner needed to get water service from the Town and has applied for annexation.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-Bill Ramsey made the motion to open the public hearing. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-No comments were made for or against the voluntary annexation.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to close the public hearing.

ANNEX PROPERTY-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to annex the property off Horseshoe Bend Road, effective June 30, 2000.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS-Reva Tunmire, alternate on the Board of Adjustment, is willing to serve as a regular member on the Board of Adjustment. Council needs to name an additional member and two alternates to the Board of Adjustment. Bobby Austin made the motion to place Reva Tunmire on the Board of Adjustment, and that Council brings back names of persons willing to serve on the Board of Adjustments at the next meeting. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

MHP PLAT APPROVAL (George Harris Applicant)- Mr. Bloomer informed Council the plat of George Harris MHP-3 meets all of the requirements of Section 93.097(Nonconforming Manufactured Home Park Improvement Provisions) of Sawmills' Town Code. The plats of MHP's 1 and 2 do not meet all of the requirements of Section 93.09. David Stamey made the motion to approve Plat 3 and that the owner come back and put scales on the plats that's left off. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

SUE HALL- Mrs. Hall related that a trailer she owned in Sawmills' ETJ had burned and she wanted to replace the mobile home with another trailer. The property is zoned R-20 along with the land surrounding the lot. Sawmill's MHP Ordinance states that nonconforming mobile homes that are damaged to an extent exceeding seventy-five percent of its reproduction value shall not be replaced. David Stamey made the motion to acknowledge the property as a MHP, since Caldwell County recognized the property as a MHP before Sawmills took the property into Sawmills' ETJ. To give the MHP the regulations and rights of a mobile home park. Joe Helton

seconded. Voting for this motion was David Stamey, Joe Helton, and Gerelene Blevins. Voting against this motion was Bobby Austin and Bill Ramsey.

CATASTROPHIC PROVISION ORDINANCE-David Stamey made the motion to have the Planning Board come up with a Catastrophic Provision Ordinance. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

CENSUS RESOLUTION-Deborah Ashley, Executive Director, of the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce, is asking all municipalities to declare April 1, 2000 as CENSUS DAY IN CALDWELL COUNTY. David Stamey made the motion to adopt a RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CENSUS 2000. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.

SEWER COST ESTIMATE-Council had asked Staff to come up with a cost estimate for installing sewer lines that had been requested by residents of Villa Woods and Blackburn Court. The cost estimate is approximately \$135,400. David Stamey made the motion to discuss this at the Budget Meetings. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Vote unanimous.

SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTANENCE-The Public Works Committee met and looked over the right-of-way situation and their recommendation was that the Town should maintain the rights-of-ways of the sewer lines and not contract out. After some discussion, Bobby Austin made the motion to let the public works department take care of the sewer right-of-way at this time. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Voting for this motion was Bobby Austin, Gerelene Blevins, Joe Helton and Bill Ramsey. Voting against this motion was David Stamey.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUMP STATION CONSTRUCTION-The Town Staff has been working with the school system in enlarging the pump station at the school so that surrounding areas could also be served. The school would contribute \$40,000 and the Town would contribute \$30,000. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the expenditure for the pump station.

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES-Staff is requesting that Council authorize staff to compile "specs" and advertise for bids for a mower and a sewer jet-vac. After some discussion Council decided that staff bring "specs" back at the next meeting by motion of David Stamey and seconded by Bobby Austin. All were in favor.

DONATION REQUEST(Shelter Home)-the Shelter Home of Caldwell County is requesting the Town to donate \$1,000. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted not to donate to the shelter home this year.

DONATION REQUEST (Sawmills Accelerated School)-Eric Davis stated that the town has already donated \$1,000 to the school this year. Bobby Austin made the motion to deny the request. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

DONATION REQUEST(Sawmills Optimist Club)-The Optimist Club has requested that the Town help purchase a freezer. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to donate \$500 to the Optimist Club for a freezer, and that freezer would belong to the Town of Sawmills. If the freezer was donated by another party, the money could be used on other needed articles. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor.

NEW LEASE-OPTIMIST CLUB- The current lease between the Town and the Sawmills Optimist Club will expire on March 27th,2000. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to allow the current lease to expire, and that a new lease be written up.

IN OTHER BUSINESS-Western Piedmont Council of Governments had submitted a Resolution that would install buffers up to 100' along all lakes, rivers and streams in regards to the Catawba River Basin Buffer Regulations. WPCOG had asked all municipalities to adopt the buffers. Some municipalities of Caldwell County did not adopt the resolution, because they felt the buffers were affecting too much property. Caldwell County Commissioners are planning to attend the April Environmental

Management Commission meeting in Raleigh, and has requested each municipality to send a letter of endorsement to take with them. Joe Helton made the motion to send a letter of support. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS-Jeff Tolbert, representing his parents, was concerned about a letter sent from the Town relating to junk cars and campers in their yard. He asked if other persons in the Town had been sent letters. Town Planner Mark Bloomer assured Mr. Tolbert that other letters were sent.

STAFF REPORT- Business Manager Eric Davis reminded Council about the Western Piedmont Council of Government Policy Board scheduled to conduct their regular meeting at Town Hall on March 28, 2000, at 7:00 o'clock. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to host the Policy Board meeting.

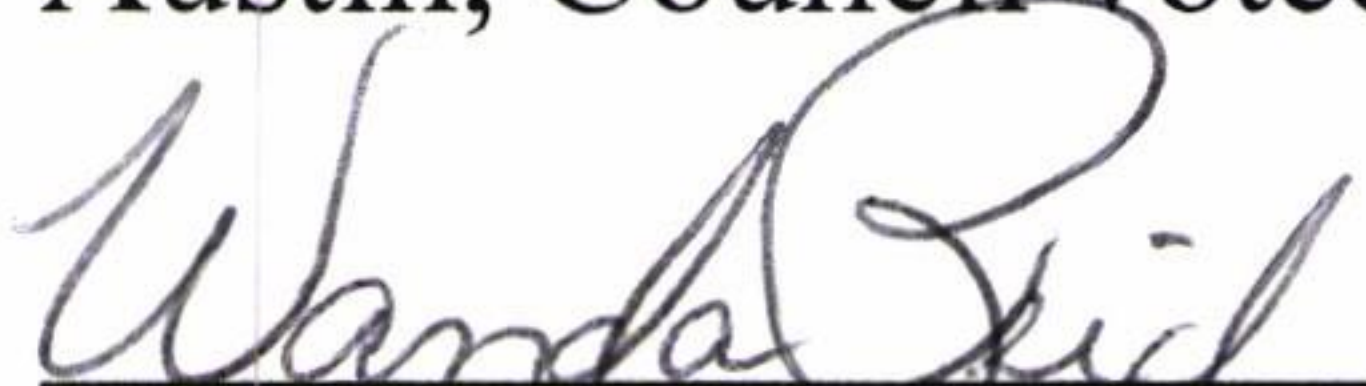
WEB Mr. Davis informed Council, Staff was working with Computer Wise to develop a Web Page for the Town of Sawmills.

CLOSED SESSION- On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to go into Closed Session at 7:40 PM.

Bobby Austin made the motion to come out of closed session. Bill Ramsey seconded. Vote unanimous.

AMEND ORDINANCE- Joe Helton made the motion to call a Public Hearing for April 4, 2000 to amend the text of the Appearance Criteria for Mobile Homes Ordinance. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

ADJOURN- On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to adjourn at 8:25 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor