

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bobby Austin
Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Beverly Fry
Eddie Bowman
Joe Norman

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Terry Taylor

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Austin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Bobby Austin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 31ST SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the January 31, 2008 minutes.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Norman, the regular minutes were approved. Eddie Bowman was not present. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the February 19, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Beverly Fry the closed session minutes were approved. All were in favor. Eddie Bowman was not present.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Beverly Fry, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor. Eddie Bowman was not present.

PUBLIC HEARING: UPDATES TO ZONING ORDINANCE: A Public Hearing was called for the purpose of taking comments on the proposed changes to the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

STAFF PRESENTATION: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated what the major changes were to the new Zoning Ordinance.

They are Clarification of Definitions and Changes to Minimum Lot Sizes. Inclusion of Several New Special Use Permits: Horses, Adult Businesses, and Elimination of Subdivision Open Space Requirements Outside of Watershed Areas.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to open the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs the Public Hearing opened at 6:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Austin asked if anyone had signed up to speak during the Public Hearing.

Signed up to speak were the following persons:

Todd Herold
Olivia Wilson
Johnny Wilson
Dean Wilson
Clay Wilson
Donna Powell

Persons who actually spoke were Johnny Wilson and Donna Powell.

COMMENTS: Johnny and Donna both expressed concern over the need to require conditional use permit for horses.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Norman the Public Hearing was closed at 6:30 p.m. Eddie Bowman was not present. All were in favor.

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to seat Eddie Bowman. On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Beverly Fry Eddie Bowman was seated.

COUNCIL ACTION: On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the Council approved the Zoning Ordinance. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS:

PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF PHASE 4 FRIENDSHIP ACRES SUBDIVISION:
The Planning Commission has approved a preliminary sketch of Phase Four of Friendship Acres Subdivision.

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that Mr. Bolick still has a lot of work to do to qualify for preliminary approval but that Mr. Bolick would have 60 days to submit this preliminary plat for approval under the old Zoning Ordinance.

No Action was taken.

AUDIT CONTRACT AWARD: The Town of Sawmills received proposals for new Auditing services, as the Town's contract with Martin Starnes & Associates has ended.

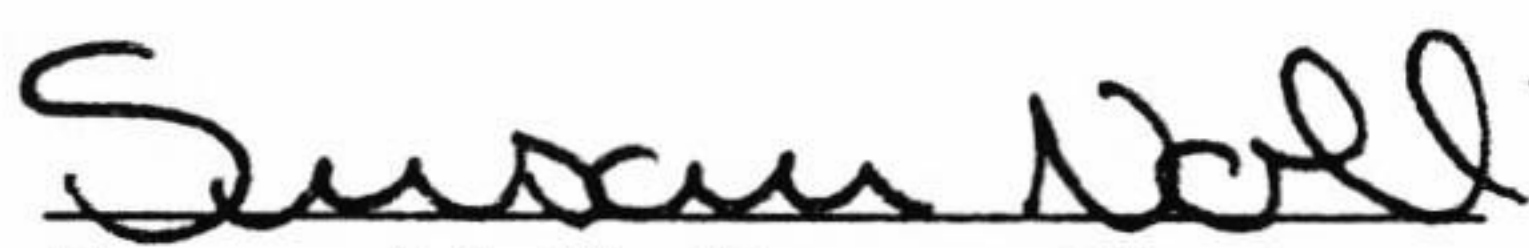
Eddie Bowman made a motion to award an Auditing contract to Lowdermilk Church & Co., LLP in the amount of \$8,700.00 and Beverly Fry seconded. All were in favor.

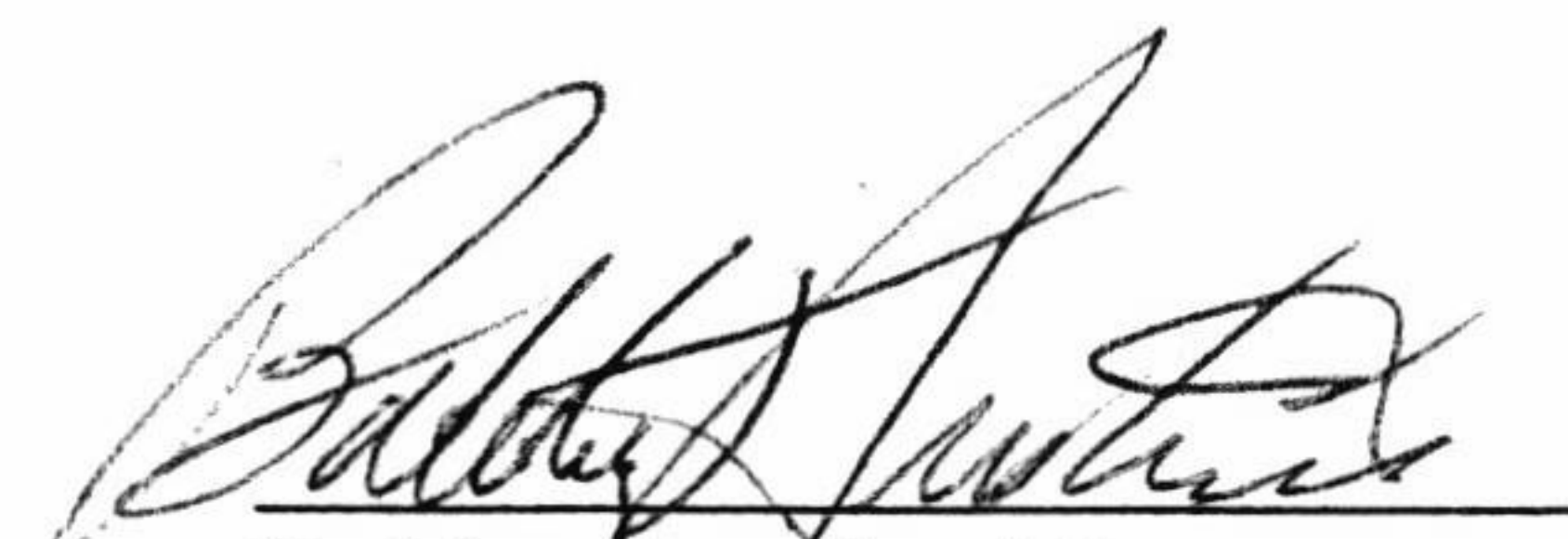
TOWN HALL MEETING: Johnny Wilson and Donna Powell signed up to speak during the Town Hall meeting.

Johnny Wilson asked why the Town did not use an Auditor from Caldwell County. Donna Powell wanted to know where Friendship Acres is located.

ADJOURN: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the meeting was adjourned.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor