

MINUTES

April 13, 1999
6:00 PM

Sawmills Town Hall
Sawmills, North Carolina

Mayor Max Andrews opened up the second budget meeting for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2000 at 6:00 PM.

In addition to Mayor Andrews were Dennis Wilson, Bobby Austin, Roger Clark, David Stamey, Eric Davis and Randy Laws.

Randy Laws gave the invocation.

Mayor Andrews then turned the floor over to Eric Davis. Mr. Davis first suggested that the tax rate for the upcoming year remain the same.

Davis then brought up the possibility of raising the rezoning rates, explaining that the current rates were not enough to fund the costs involved in a rezoning case.

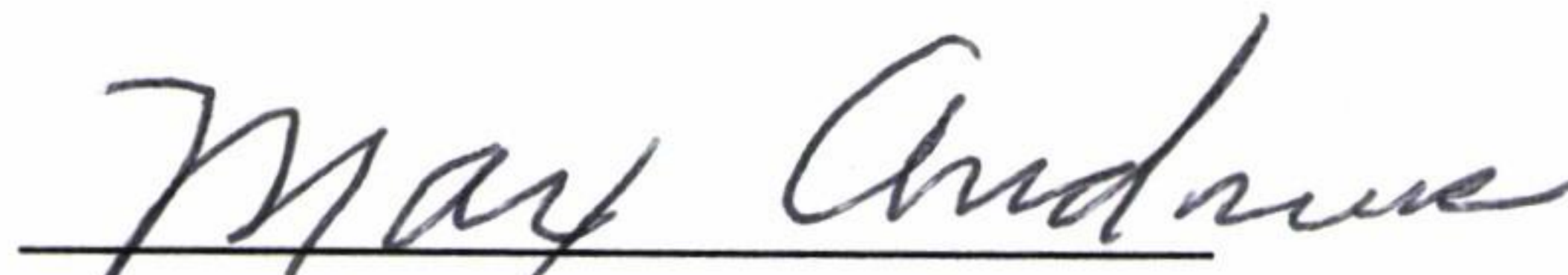
Mr. Davis next alerted the council that the city of Lenoir will be going up on their water charges in February of the year 2000. He explained that the expected rate of increase will be in the neighborhood of 6%. He provided the council with several ways the town could revamp its water charges in order to fund the extra expense the 6% increase would cause. The council then discussed the various methods considering the impact that each would cause.

Wages and benefits for employees were next on the agenda. Davis led the council in a discussion about cost of living increases and the possibility of substituting a portion of the increase with an increase in the town's part of the 401k plan.

A long discussion was then undertaken on the possibility of contracting out recycling with a private provider. Davis was instructed to get information from Garbage Disposal Systems.

At 8:30 P.M. David Stamey made a motion to adjourn. Dennis Wilson seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.


Randy Laws, Finance Director


Max Andrews, Mayor