

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 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

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 MARCH 18TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2008 minutes.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the regular minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 20TH SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the March 20, 2008 regular meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Beverly Fry and seconded by Eddie Bowman special meeting minutes were approved. All were in favor.

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

On a motion made by Beverly Fry and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

BID AWARD: STREET AND PARKING LOT PAVING: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated to Council that the Town received bids for three paving projects.

The following are the paving projects to be done and the department where the money will come from:

Mayfield Pump Station Road
Baird Drive Parking Lot
Street Resurfacing

Utilities Funds
Parks and Recreation Funds
Powell Bill Funds

There is enough in the Utilities Funds and the Powell Bill Funds in this year's budget to cover the Street Department resurfacing and to cover paving on Mayfield Pump Station Road. There are not sufficient funds in the Park's and Recreation Funds in this year's budget to cover paving the Baird Drive Parking Lot.

The Town has received four bids for those paving projects.

The bids were as follows:

Burke Grading and Paving	\$113,762.10
Midstate Contractors	\$137,880.49
Evans Construction	\$151,066.95
J.T. Russell and Sons	\$120,048.37

Administrator Frye requested Council approve the bid to Burke Grading and Paving in the amount of \$42,606.65. Because there are not enough Parks and Recreation Funds in the budget to cover paving the Baird Drive Parking Lot Administrator Frye would recommend a fund balance appropriation in the amount of \$58,856.00.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Beverly Fry, the bid was awarded to Burke Grading and Paving in the amount of \$113,762.10. All were in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION: As there is not enough funds in the budget to cover the Baird Drive parking lot paving Administrator Frye would recommend a fund balance appropriation in the amount of \$58,856.00.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman a fund balance appropriation in the amount of \$58,856.00 was approved. All were in favor.

UPDATE: PLANNING MATTERS:

WHITE PINES NON-CONFORMING MANUFACTURED HOUSING PARK: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that White Pine Manufactured Housing Park has been approved for refinancing by the Bankruptcy Court on April 4, 2008. The Bank of Granite now has until 5:00 pm April 21, 2008 to submit the required bond to the Town.

Mr. Frye Then reviewed the following important Thresholds with the Council:

April 21, 2008- The Town must have a Surety Bond, Cash Bond, or a Letter of Credit from the Bank of Granite to cover the cost to bring White Pine Manufactured Housing Park in compliance with the Town's Ordinance.

May 5, 2008- Mr. Cook as specified in the letter from the Bank of Granite on December 18, 2007 must complete all required repairs.

JUNE 6, 2008- Mr. Cook must have all roads paved in White Pines Manufactured Housing Park to the required standard.

Mr. Frye further stated that as of April 15, 2008 the Bank of Granite has not been in contact with the Town to discuss Bond amounts. In response the Council instructed Administrator Frye to proceed with enforcement action against the park owner should the April 21 date be missed.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Larry Edminston signed up to speak during the Town Hall meeting.

Larry would like the Council to allow him to keep his sign that he has anchored to the ground at Caldwell Appliance.

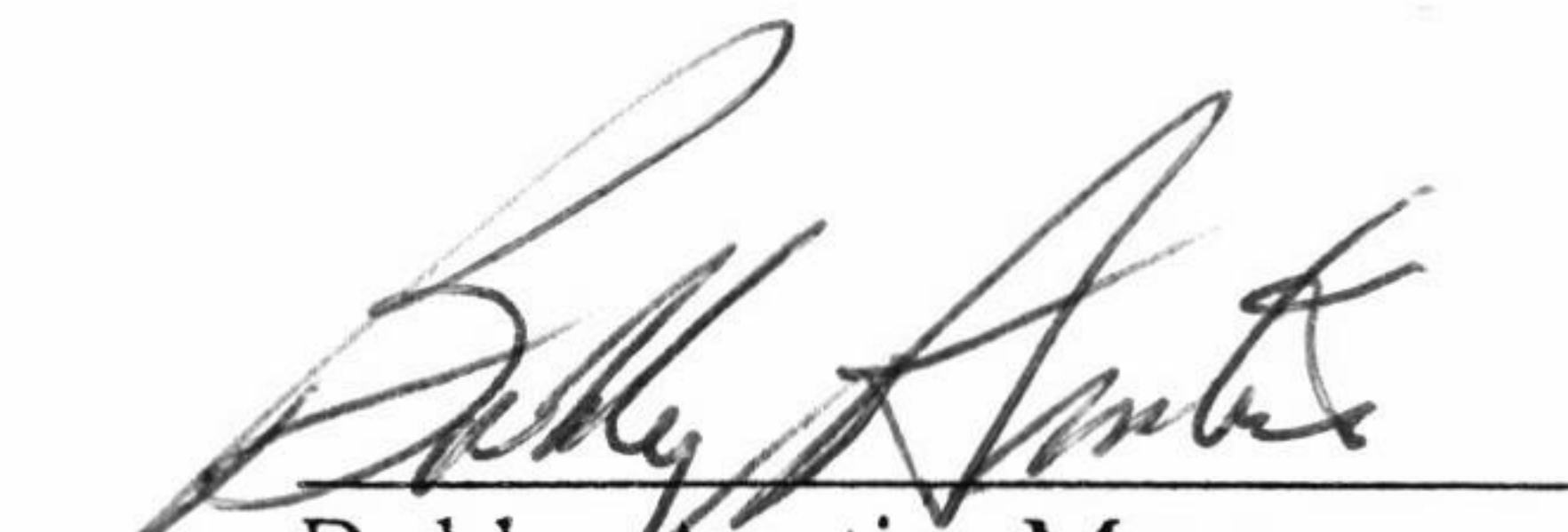
CLOSED SESSION: At 6:20 p.m., Eddie Bowman made a motion to go into closed session with Joe Norman seconding. All were in favor.

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: At 7:20 p.m., Joe Norman made the motion to go out of closed session with Eddie Bowman seconding. All were in favor.

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

2008-09 BUDGET WORKSHOP

MINUTES

March 20, 2008

Council Present:
Bobby Austin, Mayor
Gerelene Blevins
Bob Gibbs
Eddie Bowman
Beverly Frye

Staff Present:
Bob Frye
Bonnie Mann
Terry Taylor

Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. After giving the invocation, he led all in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Eddie Bowman made the motion with Bob Gibbs seconding. All were in favor.

The meeting opened with an update from the Town's architect Ernie Sills. Mr. Sills presented to the Council the design drawings of the proposed new Town Hall. Town Administrator Bob Frye, reviewed possible financing options and the impact on the upcoming budget.

Mayor Austin asked for a proposal to proceed with the new Town Hall and keep in this year's budget. Eddie Bowman made the motion, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

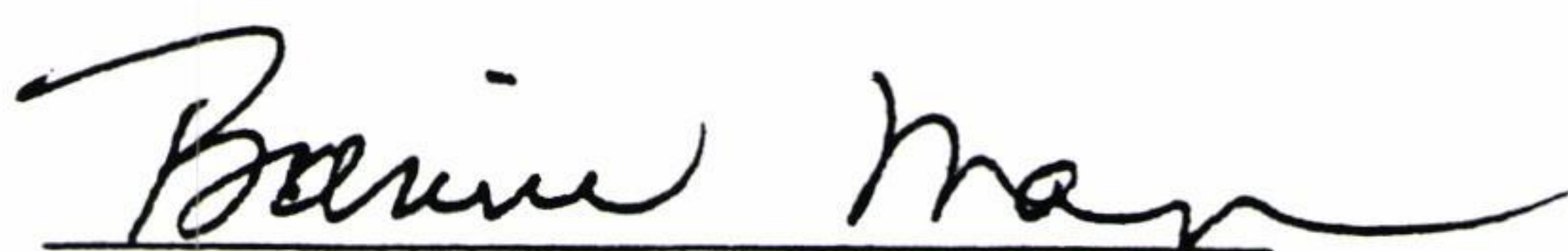
Mr. Frye reviewed with Council the major changes in the State's proposed collection of sales tax and distribution methods and how it affected revenue for the 2008-09 budget and how falling interest rates would not help investments. Of ways to generate revenue, he mentioned were: a tax increase which would help in funding needed projects, and increasing the sanitation rates to help cover rising fuel costs.

Other items discussed were: a leaf pickup program, paving Baird Park, renaming the park, and a new park position. Mr. Frye said the initial equipment cost for the leaf pickup program would be \$110,000 with \$80,000 annual recurring cost. The cost to pave the parking lot at Baird Park would be \$72,000. The Council decided to do an amendment at the April meeting to rename the park to Sawmills Athletic Park, and all agreed that a new full time park employee was needed and should be included in the budget.

Capital needs by department were discussed. The major expenses being: the Traffic Analysis study on Waterworks Road, the new trash truck purchase, the match for the PART F of the Veteran's Park, other improvements to the parks, 200 water meters, and paving of South Caldwell pump station road. Under the Powell Bill, a trailer for the skid steer and backhoe were listed.

The Council also approved a Budget Amendment to transfer monies from Wages to Contracted Services in the Sanitation Department to cover Joel Hart, a temp employee in that department. All agreed that a permanent employee be placed in that position by July 1. Eddie Bowman made the motion to approve the Budget Amendment, with Bob Gibbs seconding. All were in favor.

At 4:20 Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddie Bowman made the motion, with Bob Gibbs seconding. All were in favor.


Bonnie Mann, Finance Director


Bobby Austin, Mayor