

**April 18, 2006**  
**Minutes of Town Council Regular Meeting**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Council Present**

Bobby Austin  
Bob Gibbs  
Eddie Bowman  
Gerelene Blevins  
Joe Wesson  
Joe Norman

**Staff Present**

Robert Frye  
Terry Taylor  
Jennifer Nichols

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

**INVOCATION:** Mayor Bobby Austin gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Bobby Austin led Council in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** March 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Wesson. All were in favor.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Bob Gibbs the agenda was adopted as presented. All were in favor.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**Skid Steer Loader Bid Award:** Funds are included in the current year's budget to cover the purchase of a skid steer loader for use by the Streets and Public Works Departments.

The Town Received the following three bids:

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| Bobcat of Lenoir      | \$29,120.27 |
| James River Equipment | \$29,284.71 |
| Tarheel Tractor Inc.  | \$33,063.00 |

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that although James River was not the low bid, the skid steer bid by James River Equipment was slightly larger and had a higher horsepower rating. For that reason he recommended that the bid be awarded to James River Equipment in the amount of \$29,284.71. On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Eddie Bowman the bid was awarded to James River Equipment in the amount of \$29,284.71. All were in favor.

**Pickup Truck Bid Award:** Funds are included in the current year's budget to cover the purchase of a pickup truck for use by the Utilities Department.

The Town Received the following three bids:

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| Armstrong Ford         | \$21,935.00 |
| Rooster Bush Chevrolet | \$20,595.60 |
| Walters Chrysler.      | \$23,053.00 |

Town Administrator Robert Frye recommended that Rooster Bush Chevrolet be awarded the bid. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Bob Gibbs the bid was awarded to Rooster Bush Chevrolet in the amount of \$20,595.60. All were in favor.

**Public Works Tire Bid Award:** The Public Works Department recently solicited bids for new tires for the following vehicles:

GMC Trash Truck (8 tires)  
Freightliner Trash Truck (8 tires)  
GMC Trash Truck (2 tires)  
F-250 Service Truck (4 tires)  
Trencher Trailer (4 tires)  
F-350 1 ton Dump Bed Truck (4 tires)

The Town received the following bids:

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| Blue Ridge Tire | \$5,450.00 |
| Bolick Tire     | \$5,214.00 |
| Fairway Tire    | \$5,324.98 |

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated there were sufficient funds in the budget to cover this expenditure and recommended that Bolick Tire be awarded the bid in the amount of \$5,214.00. On a motion by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins the bid was awarded to Bolick Tires in the amount of \$5,214.00. All were in favor.

**Donation Request: Sawmills Elementary:** Councilman Bob Gibbs stated that he had been approached by Sawmills Elementary to see if there was any way possible for the Town to make a \$250.00 contribution which would help cover the cost associated with a school trip to see a Hickory Crawdads game. On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Eddie Bowman a \$250.00 donation would be made to the Sawmills Elementary School. All were in favor.

## **REQUESTS:**

**Request for a Special Meeting:** Town Administrator Robert Frye asked Council to consider a special council meeting to be held on Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of interviewing prospective candidates for the vacant Office Administrative Assistant position. On a motion made by Joe Wesson and Seconded by Eddie Bowman a special Council was scheduled for Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 A.M. All were in favor.

## **DISCUSSION:**

**Commercial Trash Pickup Policy:** After much discussion, Council decided that each Sanitation account would be allowed up to three trash cans. Those accounts needing more than three cans would be considered to be of a commercial nature and would not be serviced by the Town Sanitation Department. On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Joe Norman the policy limiting pickup to three cans per sanitation account was approved. All were in favor.

**Plaque of Appreciation for Sawmills VFD:** On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Bob Gibbs, Council decided to that a plaque of appreciation to the outstanding fireman, officer, and first responder was an appropriate way in which to thank the Fire Department for their hard work. Plaques will be awarded in December and will coincide with the Fire Department's annual awards dinner. All were in favor.

## **Amendments to rules for Town Hall Meetings**

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the following section concerning political activity at a Town hall meeting was added to the Town Hall Meeting Policy.

To be added as section H of the Town Hall Meeting Speakers Policy:

The Town Hall meeting is intended as a method for Town residents to make Council aware of their concerns or to ask questions about Town policies or operations procedures. It is not intended to be used as a platform for political campaigning either for or against a particular candidate.

Any person violating this policy will be asked to leave the meeting.

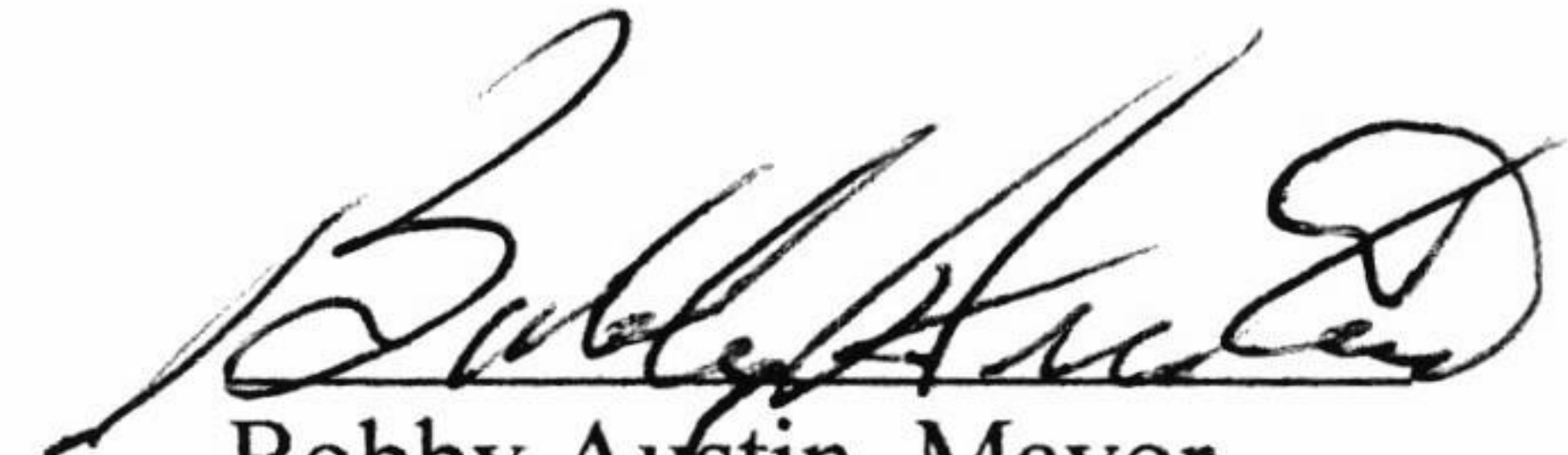
All were in favor (see attached)

**TOWN HALL MEETING:** There were no speakers during the Town Hall meeting.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made to adjourn the Town Council meeting by Joe Wesson and was seconded by Bob Gibbs. All were in favor.



Robert Frye, Town Administrator



Bobby Austin, Mayor