

MAY 1ST, 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

Max Andrews
Joe Helton
Gerelene Blevins
David Stamey

COUNCIL ABSENT

Bobby Austin
Bill Ramsey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Eric Davis
Mark Bloomer
Wanda Reid
Ronnie Coffey

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

INVOCATION-Rev. Bufford Pennell gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-.A student of Sawmills Accelerated School, Ms. Rebecca Minton, led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adopt the agenda.

APPROVE APRIL 18, 2000, MINUTES-Joe Helton made the motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2000. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001 BUDGET-Town Administrator Eric Davis related to Council this was the first public hearing on the fiscal year 2000-2001 budget before being adopted. He stated there would be no proposed tax increase this year, but communicated the deposits fees would increase from \$30.00 to \$50.00. Also, the reconnect fee will begin at \$25.00 and every other time there after, will increase \$25.00.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to open the public hearing on Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT-There was no public comment.

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

RIGHT-OF-WAY MOWER-Mr. Davis informed council of the three bids for a right-of-way mower in the agenda packet. They are as follows:

New Holland TN70	\$15,978.00
John Deere 5310	\$17,523.66
New Holland TN75	\$17,684.00
Alamo side mounted sickle mower	\$ 7,600

PURCHASE OF NEW HOLLAND TN70-Assistance Public Works Director, Ronnie Coffey answered questions from the Board concerning the three mowers. After some discussion, on a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to purchase the New Holland TN70 at \$15,978.00 and the Alamo side mounted sickle mower at \$7,600. Councilman David Stamey related that he had a concern that three bids received were basically from the same company. He stated that he did not think it was fair to the citizens of Sawmills to only have three bids. Mr. Coffey stated that more bids were solicited, but that there were only three bids that was returned.

CABLE FRANCHISE MEETING-Mr. Davis informed Council of the joint meeting between the elected officials of Caldwell County, City of Lenoir, Town of Hudson and Town of Sawmills and that it would be Tuesday May 16th, at 4:00 PM in the Caldwell County commissioner room. The meeting concerns the Cable re-franchising. After some discussion, David Stamey made the motion to have the joint meeting with the other elected officials on May 16th, at 4:00 PM in the Caldwell County Commissioners room. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

MOVE REGULAR MEETING-On a motion made by David Stamey seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to move the town's regular meeting held at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on May 16th, 2000.

PUBLIC HEARING-APPEARANCE CRITERIA FOR MOBILE HOMES-David Stamey made the motion that Town Administrator, Eric Davis advertises in the newspaper that the public hearing meeting originally scheduled for 6:00 PM will be held on May 16th, at 7:00 PM. Joe Helton seconded. Vote unanimous.

CORAL DRIVE UPDATE-Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins related that she, Chester West, Engineer, and Eric Davis, Administrator met with the Sawmills

Accelerated School Principal and talked with her about the paving of another lane on Coral Drive. So far she has not heard from them. Mrs. Blevins informed Council that the Town's Engineer had given the principle some ideas about solving the problem.

OTHER BUSINESS-Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins related that a couple in her neighborhood needed sewer service desperately and wondered if there was any thing the town could do about hooking the couple up. After some discussion, Councilmen Joe Helton and David Stamey said they would look at the problem.

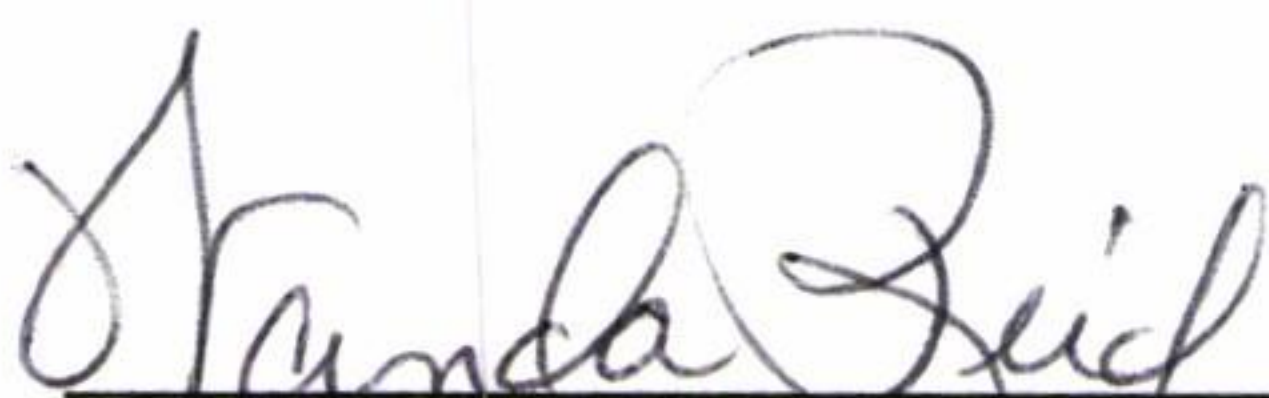
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT COMMENDED-Councilman Joe Helton commended the Sawmills Public Works department in the excellent work they did in hooking the George Stinnett family up with emergency water service off the South Caldwell MHP 2" water line.

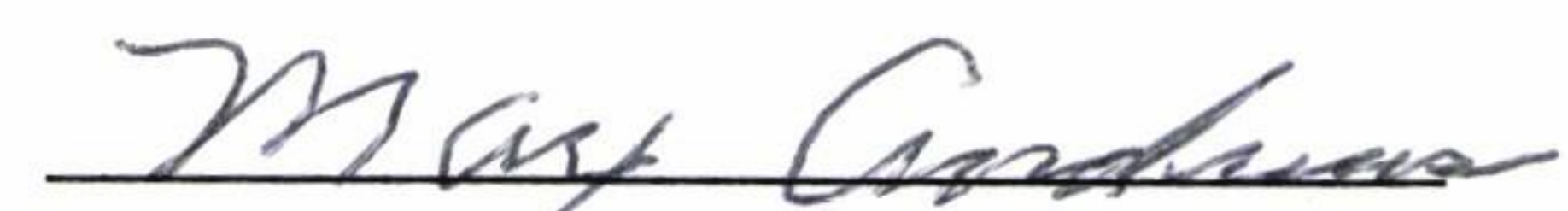
UPDATE ON CHURCH PROPERTY- In the Staff Report, Town Planner Mark Bloomer informed Council that the nephew of Robert Church had taken a backhoe and pushed the junk to the back of the property. This property is located on Kendall Drive and neighbors had complained to staff about the property. He informed council the property looked some better but was not cleaned up. Mr. Bloomer assured Council the matter would be kept up with.

CLOSED SESSION-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to go into closed session for discussion of personnel matters.

David Stamey made the motion to come out of closed session, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adjourn at 7:50 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor