

MAY 5, 1998
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

DENNIS WILSON
BILL RAMSEY
ROGR CLARK
BOBBY AUSTIN
DAVID STAMEY

STAFF PRESENT

TERRY TAYLOR, ATT
ERIC DAVIS, ADMIN.
WANDA REID, CLERK

In the absence of Mayor Max Andrews, Mayor Pro-tem Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

Rev. Dwayne Kuykendall gave invocation.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 1998, regular meeting. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Dennis Wilson presented Ms. Eleanor "Granny" Ward with a plaque of appreciation for winning the North Carolina's Prime Time Workers of the year award. Granny Ward is 83 years old and still working.

The first of two PUBLIC HEARINGS concerning the budget for the upcoming fiscal year was opened by motion of Bill Ramsey and seconded by David Stamey. All were in favor.

This budget includes an increase in the water rates of approximately twelve- percent. The minimum water bill will be eight dollars and the cost per additional 1000 gallons will be two dollars and twenty cents. There was no comment offered by the public. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to close the PUBLIC HEARING at 6:15 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING #2 was opened by motion made by David Stamey and seconded by Roger Clark. All were in favor. This PUBLIC HEARING concerns doing away with primary's during general elections for the Town of Sawmills. There was no comment offered by the public. Bill Ramsey made the motion to close public hearing with Roger Clark seconding. Vote unanimous.

On a motion made by Roger Clark, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to call PUBLIC HEARINGS on rezoning case 98-2, and rezoning case 98-3 for June 2, 1998.

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Dennis Wilson related that item #8 on the agenda concerned property that he owned and asked to be excused, as there would be a conflict of interest. Roger Clark made the motion that Dennis Wilson be excused during the next item. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Wilson wishes to subdivide property located off Baker Circle and build duplexes. The right-of-way leading into this property is thirty (30) feet and graveled.

The subdivision regulations require that residential streets be forty-five (45) feet in width and be paved. Mr. Wilson requests the Town Council to approve the right-of-way leading to this property as submitted. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to turn this over to the Planning Board for recommendation.

Brian Steele requested that the Town of Sawmills sponsor the South Caldwell High School by purchasing a sign for the outfield fence. Roger Clark made a motion to open this for discussion, David Stamey seconded. All were in favor. After some discussion, on a motion made by Roger Clark, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to purchase a four-foot by eight-foot sign for \$1,000. The sign will be on the outfield fence for seven years. Money for this project will come from recreation department.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to purchase twelve-inch white lettering from Commercial Sign to be placed across the front of Town Hall. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to purchase quarterly water department supplies and meter box lids from Ferguson Enterprises. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Roger Clark, Council voted to purchase needed tires from Bolick's Discount Tires.

Town Administrator Eric Davis related that the town had received a safety award and a check for \$560 from North Carolina League of Municipalities Risk Management Services. Mr. Davis gave the credit to Ronnie Coffey, Safety Officer and Kelly Lookadoo, for their work in this area.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Roger Clark, Council voted to table park purchases to a later date.

Sawmills Engineer Chester West has received a letter from Ronny Turner Construction Company, Inc. requesting a time extension of sixty days to complete the line work on the Sawmills Industrial Seaming Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Project, due to the inclement weather since December and the vandalism that occurred on the weekend of April 18 and

19, 1998. They also requested in addition to the sixty days, another thirty days for restoration of this project. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Roger Clark, Council voted to grant this extension, and directed a letter to be sent stating this motion.

In other business, Eric Davis related that new computers are here and the town would be able to donate two monitors and three computers to Sawmills Accelerated School. Also that Rathnell Day would be working twenty-two hours a week for the Town of Sawmills under the Green Thumb program.

Wanda Drum, resident of White Pine Drive related the present owner of White Pine Mobile Home Park was letting the park run down really bad. After some discussion it was decided that a letter be written to the owner about cleaning up the park. Council directed that Eric to see that the culverts be cleaned out. Bill Ramsey suggested that a street light be installed at White Pine Drive and Sawmills School Road during the next fiscal year.

Ms. Lois Benfield addressed the Council regarding the proposed development by Dennis and Eddie Wilson. She related that her land joins the property, and there is a conflict concerning the location of the right-of-way access. She informed Council that her land was being surveyed and was in the hands of her lawyer. Council thanked her for her comments.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to go into CLOSED SESSION for discussion of Personnel Matters at 6:50 PM.

David Stamey made the motion to come out of CLOSED SESSION at 7:30 PM. Roger Clark seconded. Vote unanimous.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adjourn at 8:05 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor