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TOWN OF SAWMILLS
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 12, 1992, 5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL

All council members were present as Mayor Bill Ramsey called the meeting to order. They were: Bill Ramsey, Max Andrews, Paul Pope, Dennis Wilson, Larry Prestwood, and Tim Sanders.

Dennis Wilson gave the invocation.

Paul Pope made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Terry Edwards and Steve Reid to the itinerary. Motion was seconded by Dennis Wilson. All were in favor.

Tim Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Larry Prestwood seconded. All were in favor.

Terry Edwards, a member of the Sawmills Christmas Committee, related to the council that her board would collect donations for Christmas decorations through the Sawmills Optimist Club and then in turn, the Optimist Club would donate the money over to the town for purchasing of Christmas lights. On a motion made by Tim Sanders, seconded by Larry Prestwood, council moved to accept the donation for Christmas lights from the Optimist Club.

A resident of Virginia Acres, Steve Reid, informed the council that speed signs and "Children at Play" signs were needed in his community. On a motion made by Tim Sanders, seconded by Paul Pope, council moved to place, "Children at Play" signs and 35 MPH signs on the main streets, Lafayette Avenue and Dakota Drive, and 25 MPH signs on the side streets of Virginia Acres.

Paul Pope made a motion to adopt the following as part of the town's code of ordinances:

Section 40.01 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF NEW STREETS.

Before any new street offered for dedication to the town is accepted as such, and officially recognized as a town-maintained street, the Town Council must give its approval, finding that the street complies with each of the requirements listed below.

- 1) The road must be free of charge and clear of all encumbrances.
- 2) A signed agreement of the dedication must be submitted by 100 percent of the adjacent property owners. The Town of Sawmills will pave roads from April 1 to September 30 of each year. The signed petitions for all new streets offered for dedication to the town must be submitted to the Town Clerk by February 1 to be considered for paving that year. By March 1 of each year, the Town Council Street Committee and the Public Works Superintendent will rank each street eligible to be

paved according to the density in which the streets are developed and the physical shape the streets are in. This ranking will be approved by the Town Council prior to April 1. If necessary, the paving schedule may be spread over two or more years to accommodate the Town's budget.

- 3) All utilities requiring removal, relocation or adjustments shall be made at no expense to the Town of Sawmills. Any existing utilities may remain upon approval by the Town of Sawmills prior to dedication.
- 4) At least 20 % of the number of lots bordering the road must be individually owned.
- 5) Any road less than 2/10 of one mile (1056 feet) must serve at least four (4) owner occupied residences (otherwise it will be considered a private driveway). Additionally, there must be one (1) owner occupied residence for each 1/10 of one mile (528 feet) thereafter.
- 6) All roads and right-of-way offered to the Town must meet the following minimum construction standards prior to dedication.

Minor Residential Roads

All necessary grading as determined by the Town of Sawmills
Four (4) inches of packed gravel
* Thirty five (35) foot right-of-way
(Eighteen (18) feet reserved for paved surface)

Pavement to be provided by the Town
Two (2) foot valley curb to be provided by Town as needed

Local Residential Roads

All necessary grading as determined by the Town of Sawmills
Four (4) inches of packed gravel
* Forty five (45) foot right-of-way
(Eighteen (18) feet reserved for paved surface)

Pavement to be provided by the Town
Six (6) foot shoulder to be provided by the Town as needed
Five (5) foot ditch to be provided by the Town as needed

Local Collector Roads

All necessary grading as determined by the Town of Sawmills
Four (4) inches of packed gravel
* Fifty foot (50) right-of-way
(Twenty (20) feet reserved for paved surface)

Pavement to be provided by the Town
Eight (8) foot shoulder to be provided by the Town as needed

Five (5) foot ditch to be provided by the Town as needed

- 7) The Town reserves the right to allow deviations from the design and construction criteria listed herein. The deviations allowed will be reasonable and limited only by safety and maintenance factors and must be recommended by the Public Works Superintendent.
- 8) Any road that extends from an existing state or town maintained road must meet the right-of way standards of the existing road.
- 9) The following definitions shall be used to determine the appropriate design and construction standards. These determinations will be made by the Town Council Street Committee and the Public Works Superintendent. Any determination by the Street Committee and/or the Public Works Superintendent concerning the dedication of private streets to the Town may be appealed to the Town Council.

A. Minor Residential Subdivision Roads - dead-end, cul-de-sac and loop roads less than 1/10 of one mile (1056 feet) in length that do not connect to more than one local residential road.

B. Local Residential Roads - roads that do not connect thoroughfares or serve major traffic generators. These roads may serve as connectors between existing local residential roads.

C. Residential Collector Roads - roads which serve as the connecting road between local residential roads and thoroughfare roads.

D. Private Driveway - roads which serve less than four (4) permanent residences, regardless of length. These roads will not be eligible for acceptance into the Town system.

Max Andrews, seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Paul Pope, seconded by Larry Prestwood, council moved to appoint Tim Sanders as Sawmills representative for Caldwell County Solid Waste Member.

Joe and Jane Wesson appeared before the council, asking for an adjustment in their water bill. For the April billing, they had been billed for 51,800 gallons of water. They related that they could not find any leaks and suggested that their water meter was old and not metering correct. In the past their water usage had ranged from 26,000 to 33,000. Tim Sanders made a motion to charge them an estimated 29,000 gallons of water and that their old meter be replaced with a new one. Dennis Wilson seconded. All were in

favor.

Tim Sanders made a motion to appoint Max Andrews as representative from Sawmills to the Catawba River Study. Larry Prestwood seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Tim Sanders, seconded by Larry Prestwood, council moved to adopt the proclamation for RiverFest as requested by Western Piedmont Council of Government.

Paul Pope made a motion that the town clerk and the public works superintendent attend the Controlling Workers' Compensation Costs Seminar to be held at the Morganton Community House on May 28, 1992. Larry Prestwood seconded. All were in favor.

In the past, town bills have been approved for payment on the second Tuesday of each month. Some invoices have late fees charged for not paying on time. If bills were paid on the first Tuesday of each month, there would not be any late fees. For bookkeeping purposes, Tim Sanders made a motion to change the town council meeting times from the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, to the first and third and to change the meeting time from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Larry Prestwood seconded. Tim Sanders and Larry Prestwood was in favor. Dennis Wilson, Paul Pope, and Max Andrews against. Thus the above motion was defeated.

On another motion made by Tim Sanders, seconded by Larry Prestwood, it was recommended that the town council meeting times be changed from the second and fourth Tuesdays to the first and third Tuesday, effective July 1, 1992. All were in favor.

Tim Sanders then made a motion to change the meeting time from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Larry Prestwood seconded. Tim Sanders and Larry Prestwood voted for the time change, Dennis Wilson, Paul Pope, and Max Andrews against. This motion was defeated.

At 6:00 PM, Max Andrews made a motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION, to discuss several applicants for two positions of employment to be created as part of the town's recycling program. Paul Pope seconded. All were in favor.

Dennis Wilson made a motion at 6:10 PM, to come out of EXECUTIVE SESSION. Larry Prestwood seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Larry Prestwood, council moved to have the personnel committee interview an applicant and to recommend hiring if appropriate at the next meeting for one position and to go ahead and advertise and interview for a second position to be filled around July 1, 1992.

Tim Sanders made a motion to approve an audit contract with, Huntley, Sigmon, Walton, Wilson, CPA for 1991-1992 year. Larry

Prestwood seconded. All were in favor.

Bids for the paving of Kendall Place, Villa Woods, and Lafayette Avenue are as follows:

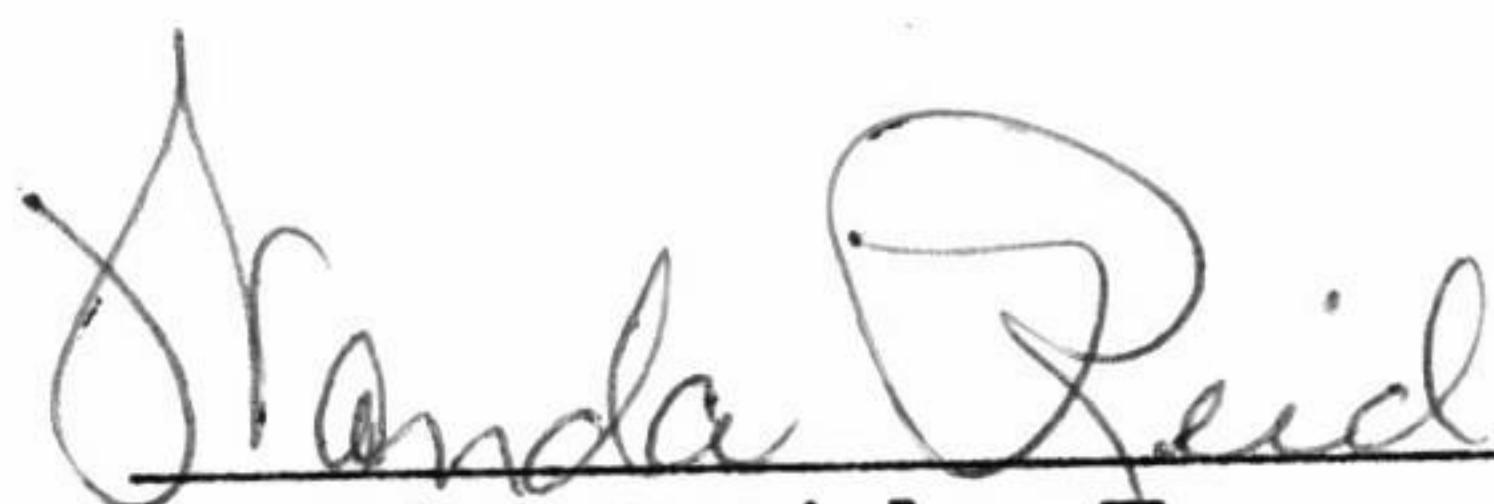
	Midstate Contractors:	Asphalt Care & Paving
Lafayette Avenue:	\$3,875.00	\$3,500.00
Kendell Place:	\$4,218.75	\$3,500.00
Villa Woods:	\$3,562.50	\$3,052.00

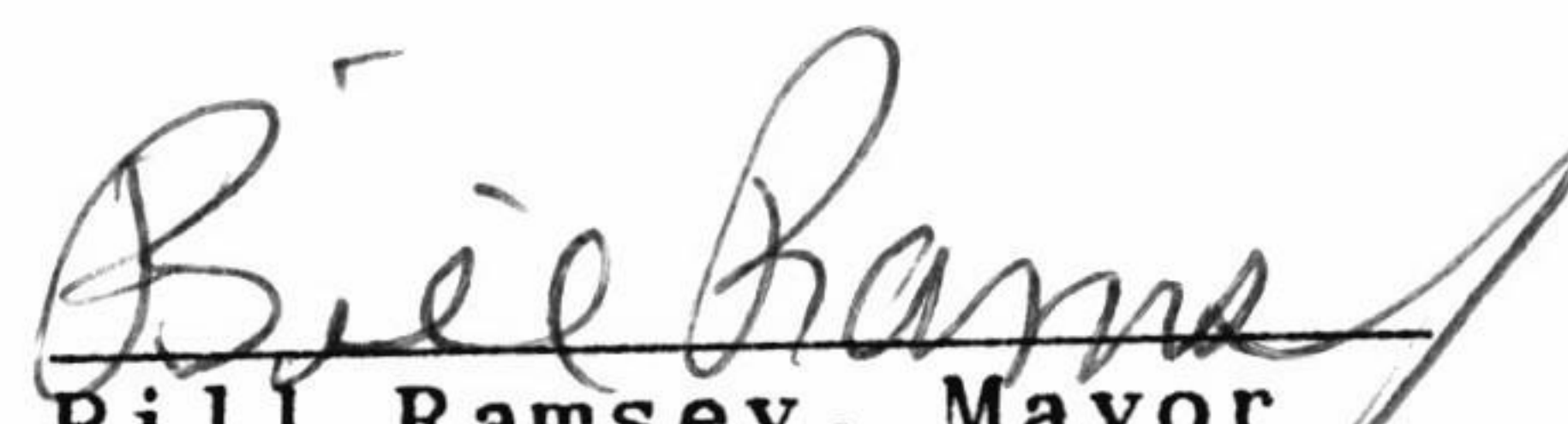
On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Paul Pope, council moved to accept Asphalt Care & Paving's bid for the paving of these roads.

Dennis Wilson made a motion to not contribute any monies to Caldwell Arts Council for the coming year. Paul Pope seconded. Max Andrews, Larry Prestwood, and Tim Sanders opposed.

On a motion made by Max Andrews, seconded by Larry Prestwood, council moved to contribute \$500.00 next year to the Caldwell Arts Council. All were in favor.

Max Andrews made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 PM. Motion was seconded by Larry Prestwood. All were in favor.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Bill Ramsey, Mayor