May 16, 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT	STAFF PRESENT
Max Andrews	Eric Davis
Joe Helton	Mark Bloomer
Bobby Austin	Deanna Rios
Gerelene Blevins	Billie Black
Bill Ramsey	Terry Taylor
David Stamey	

CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order by Mayor Max Andrews. Mr. Andrews welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION-In the absence of Rev. Buford Pennell, Mayor Pro-tem Joe Helton gave the invocation.

ADOPT THE AGENDA-David Stamey made the motion to adopt the agenda, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVE REGULAR MINUTES, MAY 1ST, 2000-On a motion made by David Stamey and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1st, 2000, with a correction about Councilman Stamey's concern about the tractor bids. He reiterated that his concern was that the three bids were from companies owned by the same person, not that there were only three bids. All were in favor of correcting the minutes.

APPROVE BUDGET MINUTES, MAY 9TH, 2000-Gerelene Blevins made the motion to approve the minutes of the budget meeting held on May 9th, 2000. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING MOBILE HOME APPEARANCE ORDINANCE-
Town Planner Mark Bloomer related to Council that the current ordinance could be changed so that section 93.031 should read "Class B and Class C manufactured homes would be allowed in RA20 and R15" areas in Sawmills.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, council voted to open the public hearing on the Mobile Home Appearance Ordinance.

COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST-One citizen, J.C. Annas, voiced his support for changing the ordinance. No one spoke against changing the ordinance.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-David Stamey made the motion to close the public hearing. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

MOBILE HOME APPEARANCE ORDINANCE-Joe Helton made the motion to adopt the amendment to 93.031, with David Stamey seconding. Gerelene Blevins and Bobby Austin were in favor. Bill Ramsey voted against the amendment.

CDBG PROJECT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING-Ms. Billie Black presented to Council the application for a CDBG Grant for installing sewer along Sawmills School Road, Helena Street and the surrounding area. She explained that the Town was applying for an $850,000 grant to be matched with $441,665 from the Town. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Joe Helton stated that he was opposed to the grant application in its present form, because one half of the grant was going to subsidize 100 apartments on Oak Tree Lane. He made the motion to apply for the grant, but to exclude the apartments from the grant. Gerelene Blevins seconded the motion. David Stamey, Gerelene Blevins and Joe Helton voted for the motion, Bill Ramsey and Bobby Austin voted against the motion.

After more discussion, when Ms. Black stated that the chances of the grant being funded would be jeopardized by changing the parameters of the application, Mr. Helton offered to amend the motion if Oak Tree Apartments would have to pay to be hooked on to the sewer system. Ms. Black stated that according to the grant, the Town could not charge the apartments to hook on. Mr. Helton did not offer any formal amendments to the motion.

David Stamey then made a motion to submit the grant as changed and to limit the Town's contribution to $150,000 cash and in-kind. Joe Helton seconded. Vote unanimous.

SURPLUS MATERIALS AWARDS-Council was informed of the highest bids for the surplus materials. They were also informed that the highest bid received for the trencher was being withdrawn, with the bond forfeited. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to award the trencher to the next highest bidder. On a motion made by David Stamey and seconded by Bobby Austin, council voted to add the room dividers to the surplus list and award the items to the highest bids.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BOARD APPOINTMENT-On a motion made by David Stamey and seconded by Bobby Austin, council voted to reappoint Eric Davis to the EDC Board.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Bill Ramsey, council voted to donate $500 to the DARE program.

OTHER BUSINESS-David Stamey submitted a petition for sewer service from residents of Hwy 321A, Spartan Drive, Hwy 321, Innovated Lane and Baker Circle. David Stamey also made a motion that when staff puts notices in the paper about public hearings, that in addition to the technical terms, a summary is also included that tells what the hearing is about in non-technical terms. Joe Helton seconded. Vote unanimous.

David Stamey then made the motion that the Town could not spend over $200,000 on a single project or item without a referendum. Ms. Terry Taylor informed council that Mr. Stamey could not make a motion that would be binding, and the matter was dropped.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion that the Town's engineers take a look at Jess Drive, as the residents are having septic problems. She stated that currently all of the residents are willing to sign easements. David Stamey seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

MANAGER'S REPORT-Administrator Eric Davis informed the council that the Town had two bid openings coming up. There is a waterline project bid opening on May 23rd at 2 pm, and a road paving project bid opening on May 25th at 2pm.

David Stamey then informed the council that Mr. and Mrs. Triplett have had a plat pending in the Planner's office for seven months. The Planning Board has not been able to meet with a quorum in the past few months. Terry Taylor stated that the council could appoint more alternates to the Board. Bobby Austin made the motion to appoint Clyde Miller to the Board as an alternate for the ETJ. David Stamey seconded. On a motion made by David Stamey, Hoke Clark was appointed to the Board as an alternate. Gerelene Blevins seconded. David Stamey made a motion to request that the Planning Board hold a special meeting. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

Billie Black informed the Council that they needed to pass a formal resolution to apply for the CDBG grant. Joe Helton made the motion to approve the Resolution attached with Gerelene Blevins seconding. Vote unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION-David Stamey made the motion to go into closed session at 8:15 PM for personnel matters and attorney-client privilege. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, council voted to come out of closed session. Vote unanimous.

ADJOURN-David Stamey made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

Deanna Rios

Deanna Rios, Finance Director

Max Andrews

Max Andrews, Mayor

TOWN OF SAWMILLS
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION AND CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, various State and Federal agencies provide for funds to municipalities to meet the needs of local governments in financing the cost of Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Community Assistance will be the State administering agency for the Community Development Block Grant Program whose funds are designed to improve the living condition and environment of low to moderate income households; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sawmills has solicited and received citizen input regarding the Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Sewer project which will provide sewer service to 106 homes as part of the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sawmills will allocate $97,000 in local government funds toward this project, and in addition will waive sewer tap fees in the amount of $53,000, and will make these funds and waived service fees available immediately upon execution of a Grant Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS TOWN COUNCIL:

That the Town of Sawmills will substantially comply with all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances pertaining to the project and to Federal and State grants pertaining thereto.

That, Max Andrews, Mayor, and successors so titled is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate governmental agencies may request in connection with such applications for the project; to make the assurances and certifications as contained above, and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the construction of the project.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 16th day of May 2000, at Sawmills, North Carolina, by a vote of the Sawmills Town Council upon a motion by Joe Helton and seconded by Gerelene Blevins.

Max Andrews

Max Andrews, Mayor

Wanda Reid

Wanda Reid, Clerk to the Board

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JULY 1, 1988
CALDWELL COUNTY, N.C.