

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Beverly Fry
Donnie Potter
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gibbs called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor David Woods gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bob Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 23rd REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the March 23, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Beverly Fry, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 31st SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the March 31, 2010 special meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 31st CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the March 31, 2010 closed session meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Donnie Potter, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Beverly Fry, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING CDBG-R PROJECT AMENDMENT:

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

Eddie Bowman made a motion to open the public hearing with Donnie Potter seconding. All were in favor.

STAFF COMMENTS: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated the bid prices for the CDBG-R project were better than anticipated allowing the Town to possibly add a portion of May Road and Union Church Road to the project.

Lisa Helton from the Council of Governments stated that in order to add the May Road and Union Church Road sections to the project Council would need to amend the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone signed up to speak at the Public Hearing.

There was no one signed up to speak.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the public hearing was closed. All were in favor.

COUNCIL ACTION: On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Donnie Potter, Council amended the project to include the May Road section and Union Church Road to the Grant to the State. All were in favor.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone signed up to speak at the Town Hall meeting.

Mr. Bobby Austin questioned the reinstatement pay amount proposed for the Council in the FY 2010-11 budget.

Mr. William Eckard questioned why the waterlines on Waterworks Road were not replaced under the Dry Ponds CDBG-R Project. Administrator Frye stated that Waterworks Road did not qualify according to the grant guidelines.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED FY 2010-11 BUDGET: Town Administrator Robert Frye presented the Council with the 2010-2011 FY Budget.

Total budget of:	\$2,879,282.00
General Fund Budget of:	\$2,322,950.00
Utility Fund Budget of:	\$550,332.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$326,755.00

As required by State Law the budget is balanced.

The budget includes a property tax increase of .5 (five cents) per \$100.00 (One hundred Dollar) valuation changing from fifteen cents to twenty cents per One hundred dollar valuation.

The water rates will increase by \$1.00 (one dollar) changing the current \$12.00 minimum usage rate for 2,000 gallons to \$13.00. The current charge of \$4.00 per additional 1,000 gallons of usage will remain the same.

The sewer rates will increase by \$1.00 (one dollar) changing the current \$14.00 minimum usage rate for 2,000 gallons to \$15.00. The current charge of \$4.00 per additional 1,000 gallons of usage will remain the same.

The current sanitation rate of \$4.00 per month and \$48.00 per year will remain the same.

The proposed budget includes a reinstatement of Council pay in the amount of \$150.00 a month for Council members and \$250.00 a month for the Mayor. Also, included in the budget is a 3% (3 percent) cost of living adjustment for Town employees.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Donnie Potter, the Council will hold a public hearing on the budget at the June 15, 2010 Council meeting. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS:

DISCUSSION: PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Gibbs stated the Town Planning Commission needs three people to serve on the Board.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Donnie Potter, serving on the Planning Commission will be former Mayor Bobby Austin, former Councilmember Joe Norman, and David Powell as the alternate. The Town still needs one member who lives in the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (E.T.J.) to serve and will continue to look. All were in favor.

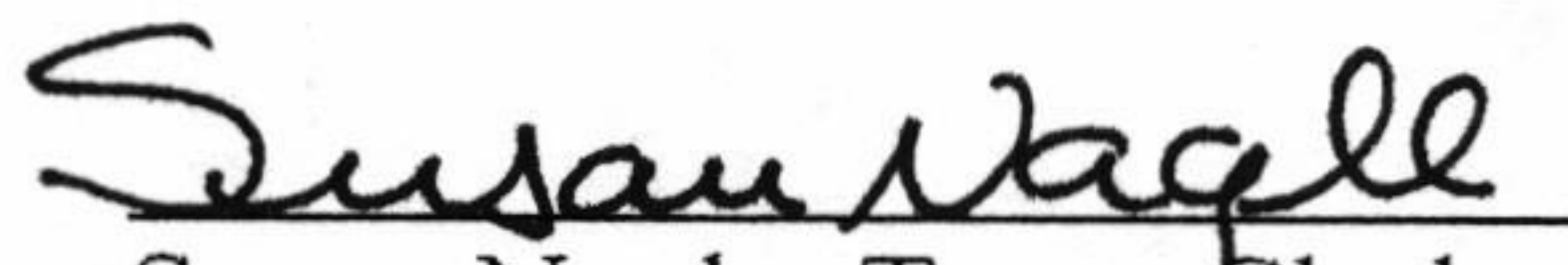
DISCUSSION: INTERNET CAFES: Mayor Bob Gibbs stated that the current zoning ordinance does not include internet cafes leaving the possibility for this type of establishment to open in Sawmills. The NC General Assembly is taking action on this matter.

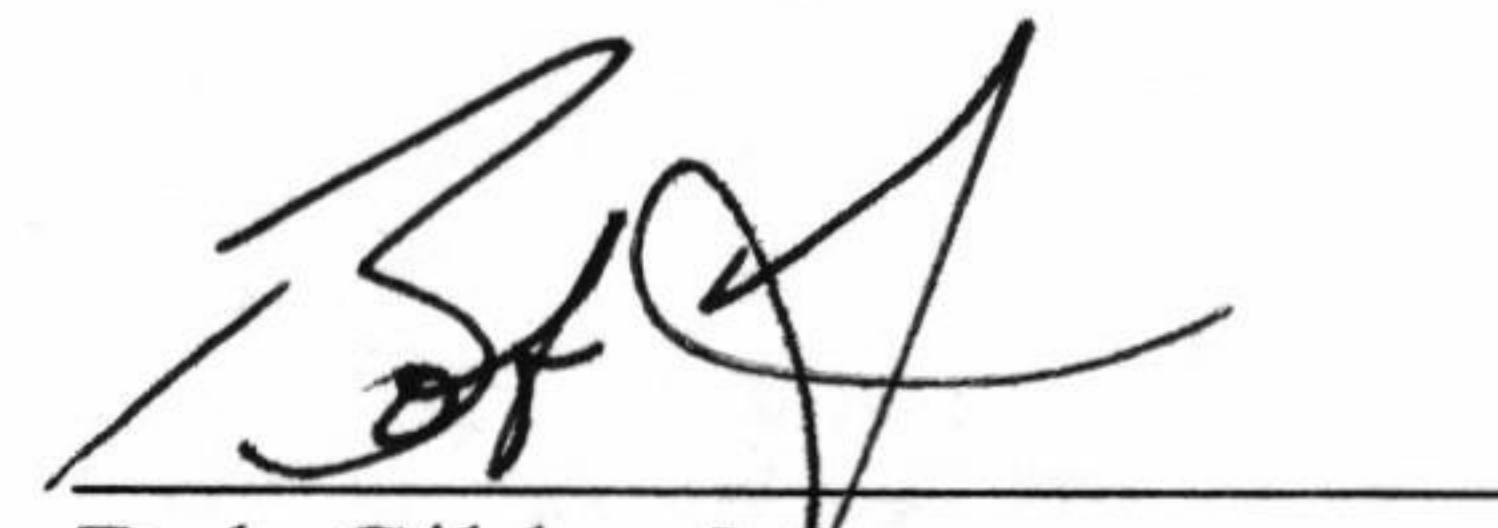
Council will table this matter until the NC General Assembly takes action on this matter.

SMOKE FREE WORKPLACE POLICY AMENDMENT: The Council discussed making changes to the smoke free workplace policy currently in place.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council will leave the existing policy as is. All were in favor.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor.


Susan Nagle, Town Clerk


Bob Gibbs, Mayor