

June 20, 2006

MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bobby Austin
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Bob Gibbs
Joe Norman
Joe Wesson

Staff Present

Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Paul Culpepper

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION: Mayor Austin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Austin led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE June 6, 2006 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Norman, the Agenda was adopted without changes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: FY 2006-07 BUDGET: Mayor Austin called for a motion to open the public hearing on the FY 2006-07 Budget. Bob Gibbs made the motion to open the hearing and Eddie Bowman seconded. All were in favor. Town Administrator Robert Frye then provided a brief overview of the proposed budget

General Fund Expenditures:

Governing Body	\$22,146.00
Administration	\$258,498.00
Finance	\$52,445.00
Public Works	\$169,679.00
Streets and Highways	\$263,193.00
Sanitation	\$236,866.00
Community Development	\$17,700.00
Parks and Recreation	\$71,184.00
Operating Transfers	\$135,000.00
Interlocal Transfer to Caldwell County	\$150,000.00
<i>Total</i>	\$1,376,711.00

Utility Fund Expenditures:

Water	\$555,847.00
Sewer	\$134,753.00
<i>Total</i>	\$690,600.00
<i>Total Budget</i>	\$2,067,311.00

Mr. Frye stated that the proposed budget required a \$58,824.00 fund balance appropriation to make the budget balance.

In regards to the tax rate, it will remain at .15 cents per \$100.00 valuation.

Water rates will remain at \$12.00 for the first 2,000 gallons minimum usage and \$4.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons.

Minimum usage rates for sewer will remain at the current \$14.00 for the first 2,000 gallons. The charge for each additional 1,000 gallons of usage will remain at \$4.00.

There will be an increase in the sanitation fee. This fee will increase from \$2.00 a month or \$24.00 per year for each household, to \$4.00 per month or \$48.00 per year for each household.

Administrator Frye explained that the increase was due to the high cost of fuel.

The cost of a water tap will increase from \$350.00 to \$500.00

Mr. Frye stated that the budget also includes a two percent cost of living allowance for employees.

Public Comments: There being no public comments either for or against Mayor Austin asked for a motion to close the FY 2006-07 budget public hearing. Gerelene Blevins made the motion with Eddie Bowman seconding. All were in favor.

Action Taken: Joe Wesson made the motion to adopt the FY 2006-07 budget as presented. Eddie Bowman seconded. All were in favor.

Financial Matters: Administrator Frye requested \$4,000.00 be shifted from the Parks and Recreation Engineering Line Item to the Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay Line Item to cover the cost of the Veteran's park monument. Mr. Frye stated that this was an administrative budget amendment and that no new funds were required. Eddie Bowman made the motion to shift the funds and Joe Norman seconded. All were in favor.

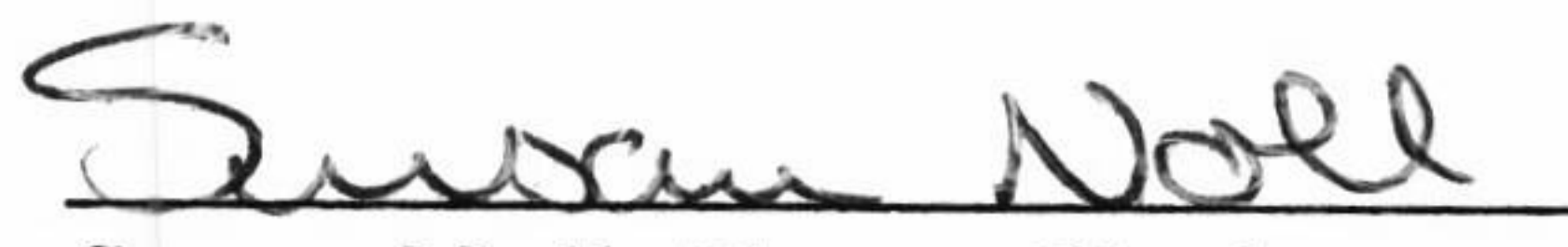
Soliciting: Administrator Frye informed Council that town attorney Terry Taylor would present her recommendations on this matter to Council at the July Council meeting. There was no action taken.

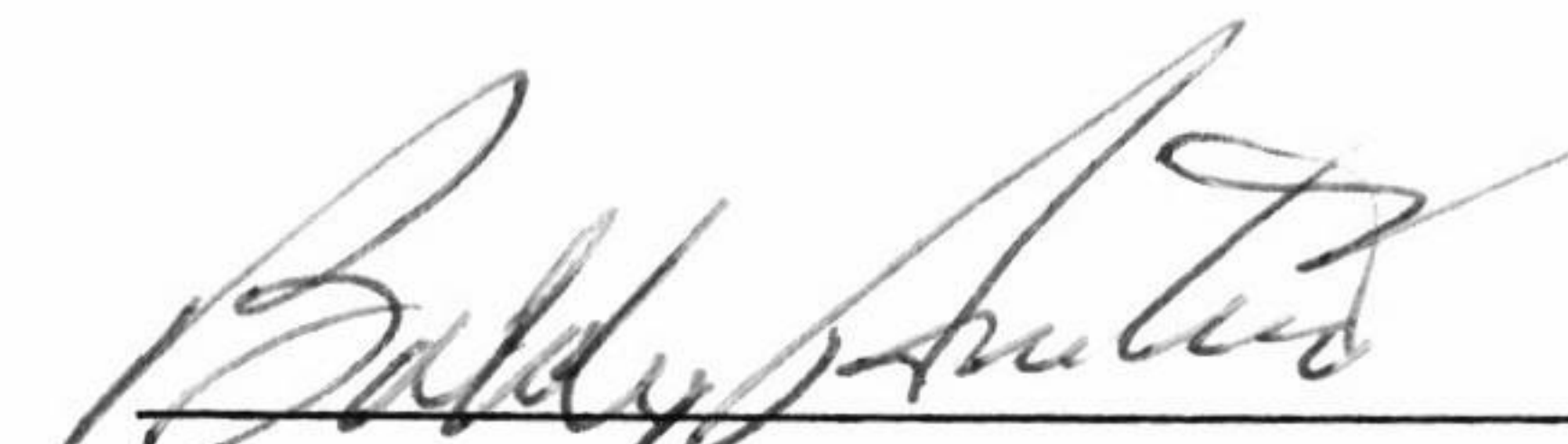
Speed Bumps: Administrator Frye reiterated the Town Staff's recommendation that speed bumps not be placed on town streets: No action was taken.

Town Hall Meeting: The following persons spoke to council concerning problems with the South Caldwell Athletic Association Sabrenia Miller, Julie Mundy, and Ken Triplett

all spoke. Sabrenia Miller stated that they have eight Board Members and nine volunteers on the Overlook Committee. Julie Mundy explained that they will have two people from the Board and two people from the Overlook Committee go to the bank when they have a financial transaction. Ken Triplett stated that he would like to have traveling teams come here for a price to play tournaments which he feels would bring money in for the Little League.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. All were in favor.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor