

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bobby Austin
Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Beverly Fry
Eddie Bowman
Joe Norman

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Susan Noll

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

INVOCATION: Reverend Rick Crouse gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 30th SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the June 30, 2008 minutes.

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

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

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

BID AWARD: AUTOMATED TRASH TRUCK: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated to Council that the Town had received the following three bids for the new automated trash truck.

The bids were as follows:

Carolina Environmental	\$233,933.00
Trans Source	\$214,894.00
Triad Freightliner	\$228,177.00

Administrator Frye requested that Council award the bid to Trans Source in the amount of \$214,894.00 as this was the lowest bid.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the bid was awarded to Trans Source in the amount of \$214,894.00. All were in favor.

TRASH TRUCK FINANCING RECOMMENDATION: The Town has contacted area banks to get rates on financing for the new automated trash truck.

The banks, their rates, and terms are as follows:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Term</u>
Bank of Granite	3.95%	3 years
BB&T	3.02%	3 years
First Citizens	3.3%	3 years
RBC Centura	3.4%	3 years
SunTrust	3.7%	3 years

There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover the first year's lease payment.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the financing was awarded to BB&T at 3.02% for 3 years at a fixed rate with no setup fee. All were in favor.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that the Sheriff's Department is having their annual charity golf outing and they are asking for a \$100.00 donation from the Town of Sawmills.

The Town has participated in the past and there are sufficient funds in the budget to cover this expenditure.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the Town will donate \$100.00. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION: COUNCIL PAY: Joe Norman would like to suggest that Council eliminate pay for the Council members and the Mayor. The Council will still receive pay for any mileage for out of town business trips.

After much discussion, the motion was made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman to eliminate pay for the Mayor and Council. All were in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS: ACTIVITIES REPORT: Benny Townsend briefed the Council on some of the ball games that are going on in the park with the senior league. Mr. Townsend stated that fall ball signups started July 15th and will continue until about August 15th.

DISCUSSION: TOWN 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: David Price and Tim Wilson will be working with the Town on a joint Anniversary Celebration. The Council asked Gerelene Blevins to be the Council representative. Gerelene Blevins will pick someone to help her with the celebration.

Mayor Austin stated that Gerelene Blevins needs to get together with the representative's from the fire dept. and discuss the plans further.

No Council action was required.

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

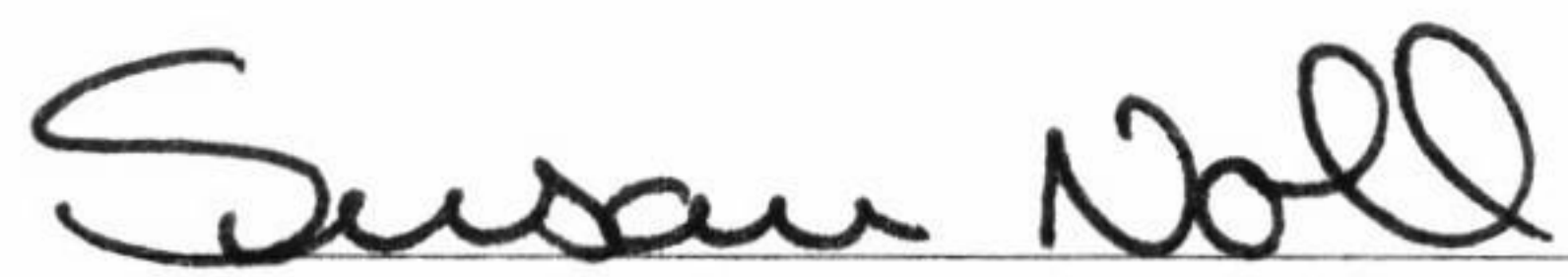
The following people spoke:

Mr. Donnie Potter stated he would like to see the Council give Town Administrator Robert Frye and the Town more flexibility.

Mr. Clarence Fare would like to know if anyone on the Council has been down to Villa Woods and seen what a mess it is and what the Town can do to get the property cleaned up and get rid of the goats.

ADJOURN: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the meeting was adjourned.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor