

July 18, 2006
Minutes of Town Council Regular Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Council Present

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

Staff Present

Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Terry Taylor

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Austin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bobby Austin led Council in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July 18th regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Joe Norman, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

PARKS AND RECREATION: STATE CONTRACT PURCHASE

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that funds for the purchase of a heavy duty mower for the Parks and Recreation Department were included in the current year's budget and that staff would recommend purchasing the mower currently listed on state contract.

Mr. Frye stated that the state contract mower; a John Deere 777 Mid ZTRAK with 60 inch mowing deck would meet the Town's needs. He also stated that as this was a state contract purchase there was no need to go through the usual bidding process.

Cost of the mower is \$9,112.50

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the purchase was approved. All were in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS CELL PHONE/WALKIE TALKIE PURCHASE

Administrator Frye stated that funds for this purchase were included in the current year's budget and that after comparing the various available plans, the Verizon Wireless America's choice plan with push to talk feature would best meet the Town's needs.

Total cost of this plan which includes 700 minutes, 5 phones and all applicable activation fees is \$2,000.00

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman the contract was approved. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION: NATIONAL INCIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, a resolution was adopted to participate in the national Incidence Management System. All were in favor. (See attached)

UPDATE: TOWN-WIDE SEWER EFFORTS:

Town Administrator Frye reminded Council that the Town would be holding an all day public information meeting at the Sawmills Elementary School on August 10th 2006 to solicit the opinions of town residents on the issue of Town wide sewer. No Council action was required.

DISCUSSION:

ROADSIDE SOLICITING:

Town Attorney Terry Taylor presented to Council a draft of the proposed ordinance addition pertaining to roadside solicitation. On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the ordinance amendment was adopted. All were in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION POLICY BOARD:

After a brief discussion, Council decided to revisit this issue at the August Council meeting. It was agreed that Council would look to make appointments to this board at that time. No action was taken.

SAFETY POLICY: STEEL TOED BOOTS

Town administrator Robert Frye asked Council to reaffirm the Town's safety policy concerning the wearing of steel toed safety boots. Mr. Frye stated that several Public Works employees had questioned the need to wear them and that he felt it was important for the employees to know the importance that Council placed on a safe work place. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, Council reaffirmed that where applicable; all employees must wear some form of steel toed or composite toed safety boots while on the job. All were in favor.

TOWN HALL MEETING:

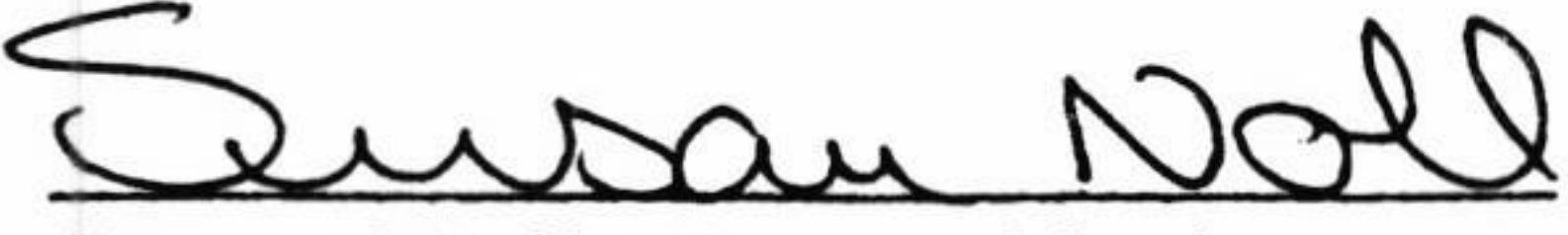
The following persons spoke to Council:

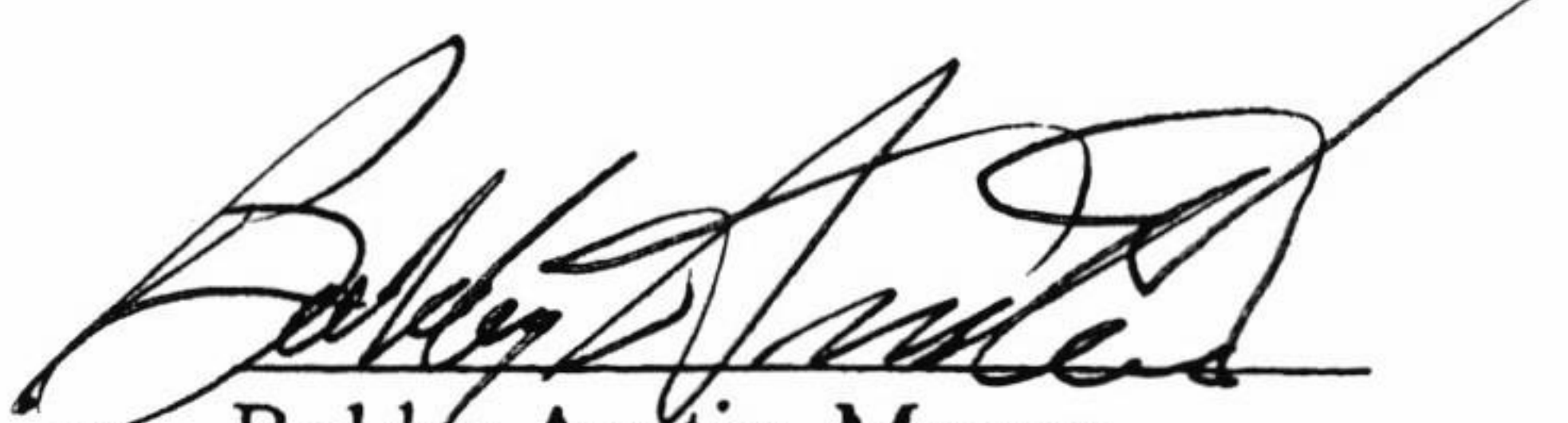
Sabrina Miller (Present of South Caldwell Little League) briefed Council on the activities of her group.

Chris Miller asked the Council for some additional detail and clarification on the roadside soliciting ordinance.

Ken Triplett inquired about the feasibility of holding fund raising ball tournaments at the Town Park.

ADJOURN: A motion was made to adjourn the Town Council meeting by Eddie Bowman and was seconded by Gerelene Blevins. All were in favor.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS
DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) AS
THE BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT OF ALL INCIDENTS
IN THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS**

WHEREAS, the President, of the United States, in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, local and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated emergency operations plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Town of Sawmills departments and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 requires Federal departments and agencies to make adoption of the NIMS by State, local and tribal organizations a condition for Federal preparedness assistance beginning in fiscal year 2006;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the Town's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes.

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System (ICS) components of NIMS are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State of North Carolina, the County of Caldwell and the Town of Sawmills; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council does hereby establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management to be followed by all agencies, departments, and organizations within the Town of Sawmills.

Adopted this the 18 day of July, in the year Two Thousand and Six.

BY THE CLERK TO THE BOARD

Susan Noll
_____, Clerk to the Council

Bobby Austin
Bobby Austin, Mayor

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 40 - STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Proposed New Section 40.24. Pedestrians soliciting rides, employment, business or funds upon highways or streets.

Section (a) No person shall stand in any portion of a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride, employment or business from the occupant of any vehicle.

Section (b) No person shall stand on or in proximity to any street or roadway for the purpose of soliciting employment, business or contributions from the driver or occupant of any motor vehicle that impedes the normal flow of traffic on the public roadway or street. (Provided the provision of this subsection shall not apply to licensees, employees, or contractors of the Town of Sawmills or any municipality or local governmental entity engaged in construction or maintenance or in making traffic or engineering surveys).

These provisions enacted this the 18 day of July, 2006.

TOWN OF SAWMILLS

BY:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk