

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2010
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Eddie Bowman
Donnie Potter
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor

COUNCIL ABSENT

Beverly Fry

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Gibbs gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF JUNE 15th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the June 15, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, 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 Donnie Potter, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

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

Alan Barger spoke about the cost for the New Town Hall and why Council decided to start now. Mr. Barger stated that he would like to see the Town pick up the recycling instead of contracting with GDS.

David Powell spoke on the tax increase and asked the Council questions on the statements that were made at the last Council meeting.

Johnny Wilson spoke on the Town hiring local people, the budget, and wanted to know if the New Town Hall had anything to do with the tax increase.

UPDATE: TOWN HALL/COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN PROCESS: Ernie Sills from CBSA Architects stated that the New Town Hall should be ready to go out for bids on Monday, July 26, 2010.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, CBSA can move forward with the bid process when ready. Those in favor were Eddie Bowman, Joe Wesson, and Donnie Potter. Those opposed were Gerelene Blevins for a 3-1 vote.

PLANNING MATTERS: ETJ APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD: Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that one opening remains available on the planning board for the Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) area. Clyde Miller former member of the Sawmills Planning Board has agreed to serve in this appointment.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman, Clyde Miller will serve on the Planning Board from in the ETJ area. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

BUDGET AMENDMENT FY 2009-10 YEAR END CLOSEOUT: Town Administrator Frye stated that staff is preparing for the annual audit. Enclosed is a few final budget amendments needed in order to close out the year. Mr. Frye stated that no additional funds are required these amendments merely shift funds between line items.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the enclosed budget amendments were approved. All were in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION MATTERS:

CONCESSION STAND ISSUES: The Parks and Recreation Committee met to discuss retrofitting the Baird Drive Park concession stand in order to prepare and sell hot foods. The Town is also considering hiring a private vendor to operate the concession stand.

In order to proceed the staff will need to call the Health Inspector to see what needs done then call for a special meeting so that Council may determine how to proceed.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the Town will call the Health Inspector to come and do an inspection. All were in favor.

BALL PARK ADVERTISING SIGNAGE: The Parks and Recreation Committee met to discuss putting up 4'x5' corrugated plastic signs on the fences at the Baird Drive ball fields. The Town will charge local businesses \$125.00 per sign per year.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, the Town will allow local businesses to purchase signs for \$125.00. All were in favor.

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE: Town Administrator Frye stated that the Town of Sawmills is going to dedicate the Veteran's Monument this November 2010. In years past, the Town has held an observance on the Saturday following Veteran's day. The Town plans to do so this year as well. The Veterans Day observance and Veteran's Monument dedication will take place on Saturday November 13, 2010.

No Council action is required.

FALL FESTIVAL SCHEDULE: Town Administrator Frye stated that the Third Annual Town of Sawmills/Sawmills VFD Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

No Council action is required.

DISCUSSION: SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES: Councilman Donnie Potter stated that he would like to see the Town of Sawmills start conducting their own solid waste enforcement instead of having the County enforce solid waste issues within the Town.

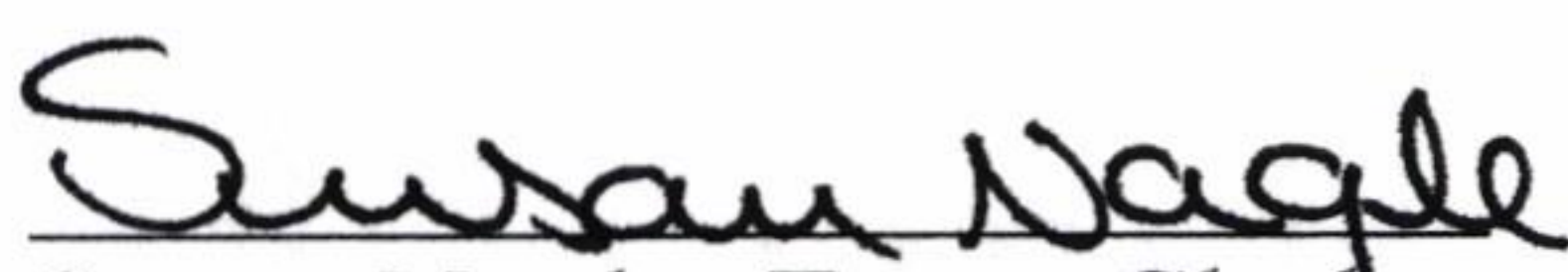
Mayor Gibbs appointed Gerelene Blevins and Donnie Potter to serve on this committee with Town Administrator Robert Frye serving as the enforcement officer.

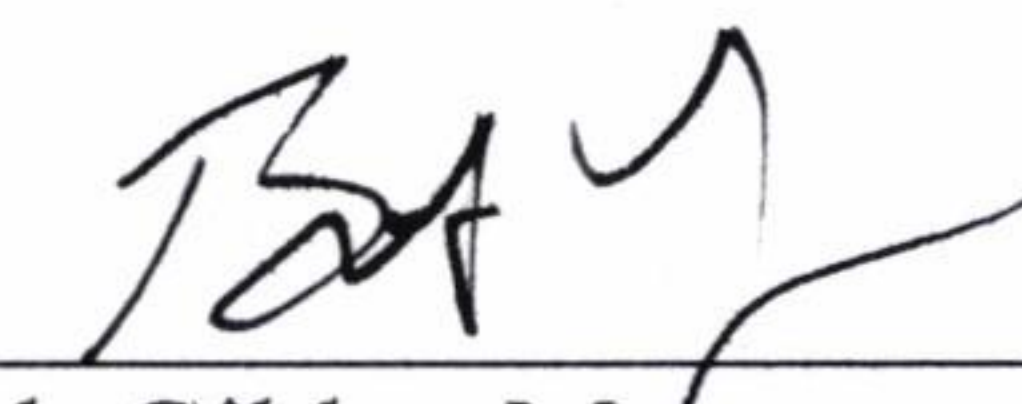
On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, the Town will resume responsibility of the solid waste enforcement from Caldwell County. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION: EXTENDED WATER DEPARTMENT OPERATING HOURS: Councilman Donnie Potter stated that it would be beneficial for Town residents if the Town Hall would remain open until 5:30 p.m. 2-3 days prior to the disconnection date.

After discussion, a motion was made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Donnie Potter, for the Town Hall to have extended operating hours. The Town Hall will remain open until 5:30 p.m. 3 days prior to disconnection day for a trial period of two months starting July 22, 2010. Those in favor were Donnie Potter, and Joe Wesson. Those opposed were Eddie Bowman and Gerelene Blevins for a 2-2 vote. The deciding vote then fell to Mayor Gibbs who voted in favor making the vote 3-2.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. All were in favor.


Susan Nagle, Town Clerk


Bob Gibbs, Mayor