MINUTES

Minutes from the July 21, 1998 Town Council meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT
Max Andrews
Dennis Wilson
Bill Ramsey
Roger Clark
Bobby Austin
David Stamey

STAFF PRESENT
Terry Taylor
Bengie Thomas
Leah Pannell
Billie Black
Eric Davis
Alex Fulbright
Wanda Reid

Mayor Max Andrews called the regular meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

Rev. Ashley Crouse gave the invocation.

Dennis Wilson made the motion to approve the agenda. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 16, 1998 were approved by motion of David Stamey and seconded by Dennis Wilson. Vote unanimous.

After some discussion about acquiring water lines located off Trojan Lane that is owned by Caldwell County, Bill Ramsey made the motion to purchase the water lines and water system components at the cost of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR AND 60/100 DOLLARS ($157,344.60) from Caldwell County. This will become effective October 1, 1998. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

Town Planner Alex Fulbright related to Council that a permit to move a billboard from the lot where it had been to a new location on Hickory Boulevard was denied because once a billboard is moved, it is subject to the zoning ordinance as a new use. Mr. Arnold Wilson was claiming discrimination because another business had recently placed a sign on their property. The owner was informed that Sawmills did not issue a permit for the signs. Attorney Terry Taylor informed the Board that legally they couldn't take any action on this subject. Mr. Wilson was advised to go before the Board of Adjustment with this matter. The Planning department was asked to investigate the illegal billboard signs and report back during the August 4th meeting.

Mr. Al White, patrol officer for the Town of Hudson, who lives on Jett Drive in Sawmills, informed Council of the reckless driving and speeding on Jett Drive. He requested that speed limit and Children at Play signs be placed on Jett Drive. Bill Ramsey made the motion with David Stamey seconding to install both signs on the street. Dennis Wilson made the motion that letters be sent to each resident informing them of the signs. Roger Clark seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Al White, Patrolman for the Town of Hudson, also related to Council of the success the Town of Hudson has had by installing speed humps on several of the town's streets. Roger Clark made the motion to table the speed humps until the next meeting so staff could investigate this more thoroughly. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

At the request of the Town's Planner Alex Fulbright, Bill Ramsey made the motion to call a public hearing on August 18, 1998 for rezoning case 98-4. Dennis Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

Concerning the Board of Adjustment appointment, Bobby Austin suggested combining the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. Town Attorney Terry Taylor informed Council that the town would have to redo the ordinance in order to do this. It was decided for staff to investigate this subject and report back to the board at a later date.

In a previous meeting the Town of Sawmills was approached by the residents of the Greenbrook subdivision about being annexed into the town. After receiving a cost estimate of $62,200 dollars, staff recommended not to annex. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted that staff approach Greenbook residents to see if they would be willing to pay to run a six-inch water line to their development. David Stamey made the motion to write each resident a letter informing him or her of the Boards decision and ask them if they were willing to pay the cost of installing a six-inch water line. Bill Ramsey seconded with all in favor.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted unanimously to approve the Cleat Isenhour minor subdivision located off Duff Drive.

Roger Clark made the motion to donate $300 requested by the City Clerk of Hickory, to help sponsor the annual conference of the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to allow the Town Clerk to attend this conference on August 6, 7, and 8, 1998.

David Stamey made the motion to approve the "Doe Run" minor subdivision preliminary plat. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor. Doe Run is located of Dry Ponds Road.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to approve the "Doe Run" major subdivision preliminary plat. Doe Run is located off Dry Ponds Road.

Dennis Wilson made the motion, with Bobby Austin seconding, to have the Public Works Department install a speed limit sign and a "Children at Play" sign on Duncan Drive as requested by a resident of that street. Vote was unanimous.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the "Park Terrace, major subdivision. Park Terrace is located off Baird Drive. Bill Ramsey, Roger Clark, Dennis Wilson, and Bobby Austin voted for, with David Stamey voting against.

Dennis Wilson made the motion to reappoint Dare Duncan and Kathy Godfrey for another three year term on the Park Advisory Board. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

Town Administrator Eric Davis informed Council that the Town of Sawmills did not receive a grant for construction of a picnic shelter and a basketball court at the Town Park. Council directed Mr. Davis to discuss this with the Park Advisory Committee and to report back to Council with a recommendation on whether to apply for a larger grant or to go ahead and begin another project at the park this fall.

Councilman David Stamey communicated to the Town Council of the need to begin a "Community Watch" program for the residents in Sawmills. Roger Clark made the motion to contact Detective Todd Corley with the Sheriff's Department to come at his convenience for the discussion of starting this project. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

Eric Davis informed Council that the Industrial Seaming Sewer Project should be hooked up and running with Industrial Seaming using the sewer before the next board meeting. He also related that the Council Chambers carpet would be down before the next board meeting.

Alex Fulbright told Council that the tax maps that were 15 to 20 years out-of-date had been replaced. He told Council he appreciated the Board working with him in his new job.

Randy Ervin, resident of Drum's Lane, informed Council of the problem he was having with water running into his back yard and basement because of the new neighbors filling up the culvert when moving their mobile home on to the lot across the road. The Town Planner was instructed to write this person, telling him if he would buy a culvert, the Public Works Department would install it for him.

Mr. Robert Mogray, resident of Drum's Lane, related to Council of the junk, cars, and etc. piled up in his neighbor's yard causing a health hazard and a breeding ground for misquotes. Alex Fulbright was instructed to write Mr. Harold Gragg a letter informing him to clean up his mess.

David Stamey made the motion to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:30 PM. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Wanda Reid, Town Clerk

Max Andrews, Mayor