August 15, 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: Reverend Kenny Duke 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 Joe Wesson. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE TO ORDER BENCHES AND TRASH CANS

Included in the current year's budget are funds to cover the purchase of several park benches and trash cans for use in the Veteran's Park.

The staff would like to purchase three 32-gallon trash cans with mounting frames and four 6-foot long benches with backrests at a total cost of $1,858.00.

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

REQUEST TO PURCHASE FLAG POLES

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that funds for this purchase were not included in the current year's budget. He then stated that there were sufficient funds in the Parks and Recreation budget to cover this expenditure if funds are shifted from the construction of several small picnic shelters to the purchase of flag poles. The cost for this purchase is $8,017.51, which includes four 25-foot flagpoles.

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

REQUEST FOR DONATION: SAWMILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Town has received a request from Sawmills Elementary School for a donation. The donation would go towards the purchase of T-shirts for the accelerated reader program.

The Town has given $500.00 in year's past.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, a donation of $500.00 was approved. All were in favor.

BID AWARD: VETERAN'S PARK REST ROOMS

The Town received two bids for construction of the Veteran's Park restroom facilities.

The bids were as follows:

Carolina Shelter Construction	$122,536.00
Moss-Marlow Building	$109,525.00.

Town Administrator Frye stated that there were sufficient funds in the budget to cover this expenditure and recommend awarding the bid to the low bidder; Moss-Marlow.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Joe Wesson, council awarded the bid to Moss-Marlow. All were in favor.

HAYES MILL LANDING PHASE III

This is the final phase of this subdivision. There are fourteen lots included in phase III. The plat is sufficient for preliminary approval and the Planning Board would recommend approval.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Wesson, the subdivision was approved. All were in favor.

JOPLIN ESTATE

MINOR SUBDIVISION REQUEST 1

The family of Jacob Joplin has requested that their property located on Joplin Road be subdivided into three lots. The lot in question is approximately 3.153 acres and would be subdivided as follows: lot one: 1.55 acres, lot two: .878 acres and lot three: .72 acres. Mr. Frye stated that the Planning Board had reviewed this request and would recommend approval

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

MINOR SUBDIVISION REQUEST 2

The family of Jacob Joplin has requested that their property located on Joplin Rd. be subdivided into five lots. The existing lot is 6.6 acres and would be subdivided as follows: lot one: 1.266 acres, lot two: 1.536 acres, lot three: 1.719 acres, lot four: 1.719 acres and lot five: 0.505 acres.

The Family is also requesting that the newly created lot five be recombined with the property belonging to Dallas R. Joplin.

The Planning Board had reviewed this request and would recommend approval.

On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Joe Wesson, the request was approved. All were in favor.

EDWIN MILLER MINOR SUDIVISION REQUEST

Mr. Miller has requested his property located on Oxford Dr. be split into two lots. The existing lot is 1.87 acres and would be split as follows: lot one: 1.391 acres and lot two: 0.486 acres.

The Planning Board has reviewed this request and would recommend approval.

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

ELDEN SMITH MINOR SUBDIVISION REQUEST

Mr. Smith has requested a minor subdivision of his property located on Hickory Nut Ridge Road. The existing lot is 11.05 acres.

Mr. Smith would like to split 0.855 acres off from the rest of his property.

The Planning Board has reviewed this request and would recommend approval.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson, Mr. Smith's request was approved. All were in favor.

UPDATE:

TOWN-WIDE SEWER EFFORTS

One hundred thirty nine residents expressed an opinion at the Town's public information session on sewer. Of the 139 residents fifty-six were fir the sewer, seventy-nine were opposed to the sewer, and four were undecided.

RESOLUTION:

PARTICIPATION IN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Caldwell County Solid Waste Management Plan has been updated from the original plan dated 1996.

The Staff would recommend the continued participation of the Town in the plan.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman the resolution supporting and endorsing the 2006 Caldwell County Solid Waste Management Plan was adopted. All were in favor. (See attached)

LITTER SWEEP

Mayor Bobby Austin informed all in attendance about the Litter Sweep that will take place September 16^{th}-30^{th}.

DISCUSSION:

PARKS AND RECREATION POLICY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council decided to have Councilman Joe Norman, Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins, and President of the South Caldwell Little League Sabriena Miller as members of this board. Council will decide on appointee's at the next meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL BALL TOURNAMENTS

Mayor Bobby Austin received a written proposal from the South Caldwell Little League concerning a ball tournament to take place on September 13, 2006 that will help raise funds.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman the Council has decided to allow such tournaments. All were in favor.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mrs. Carolyn Dietz addressed Council concerning the disconnection of her water service last month. Mrs. Dietz did not receive her water bill last month, and as a result, she does not feel she should be required to pay the reconnect fee.

After much discussion, Joe Wesson made a motion to add to the water cards a comment that reads; "you may or may not receive a courtesy call and if by error, you do not receive a water bill you are still responsible for your bill by the due date. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

Joe Wesson made a motion to credit all disconnect fees to accounts. Gerelene Blevins seconded. The Mayor called for a vote by show of hands. Joe Wesson, Gerelene Blevins, and Bob Gibbs were in favor. Joe Norman and Eddie Bowman were not in favor. The motion was carried by a vote of three to two.

TOWN HALL MEETING: There were no speakers during the Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session. Eddie Bowman made the motion and Joe Norman seconded.

Closed Session: Personnel Matters

At 7:00 p.m., a motion was made to enter closed session by Gerelene Blevins and was seconded by Eddie Bowman. All were in favor

At 7:19 p.m., a motion was made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman to come out of closed session.

ACTION TAKEN: No action taken.

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting Joe Norman made the motion and Eddie Bowman seconded. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Susan Noll
Susan Noll, Town Clerk

Bobby Austin
Bobby Austin, Mayor

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF 2006 FOR CALDWELL COUNTY

WHEREAS, it is a priority of this community to protect human health and the environment through safe and effective management of municipal solid waste;

WHEREAS, the reduction of the amount and toxicity of the local waste stream is a goal of this community;

WHEREAS, equitable and efficient delivery of solid waste management services is an essential characteristic of the local solid waste management system;

WHEREAS, it is a goal of this community to maintain and improve its physical appearance and to reduce the adverse effects of illegal disposal and littering;

WHEREAS, the Town of Sawmills recognizes its role in the encouragement of recycling markets by purchasing recycled products;

WHEREAS, involvement and education of the citizenry is critical to the establishment of an effective local solid waste program;

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has placed planning responsibility on local government for the management of solid waste;

WHEREAS, NC General Statute 130A-309.09A(b) requires each unit of local government, either individually or in cooperation with other units of local government, to update the Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan at least every three years;

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Solid Waste Management Department and Citizens Solid Waste Advisory Council have undertaken and completed a long-range planning effort to evaluate the appropriate technologies and strategies available to manage solid waste effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS

That Caldwell County's 2006 Ten Year Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan is accepted and endorsed and placed on file with Clerk to the Board on this day, August 15 2006.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF SAWMILLS
SEAL
JULY 1, 1988
CALDWELL COUNTY, N.C.