

AUGUST 18, 1998
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Billie Black
Eric Davis
Alex Fullbright
Wanda Reid
Randy Laws

Mayor Max Andrews opened the regular meeting and welcomed all guests.

Finance Director Randy Laws gave the invocation.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to approve the agenda.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 1998. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Michael Talbert, Finance Director of Catawba County, and also representing the Government Finance Office Association (G.F.O.A.) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award of the United States and Canada, presented Mayor Max Andrews the prestigious G.F.O.A. plaque. Mr. Talbert also presented Finance Director Randy Laws the Certificate of Achievement, for winning the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report Award. Mr. Talbert informed Council that this award was hard to win. Mayor Andrews thanked Mr. Talbert for his presentation.

Planner Alex Fullbright related to Council that Rezoning Case 98-4 consists of approximately .75 acres (two lots) located off Kensway Drive. A nonconforming building is built on both properties. Mr. Patton is requesting the property to be rezoned to Highway Business District. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to open the Public Hearing for Rezoning Case 98-4. Several residents of Kensway spoke against rezoning this property. Mr. Michael Patton informed Council that after talking with residents on Kensway Drive, that he wanted the board to vote against the rezoning. Attorney Terry Taylor told Mr. Patton that Planner Alex Fullbright would take care of his withdrawal. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson Council voted to close the public hearing. The petition for rezoning was withdrawn.

Western Piedmont Council of Governments representative Billie Black opened the Public Hearing on the CDBG application. Ms Black explained that a grant could be applied for installation of infrastructure for businesses that will create additional jobs for low and moderate-income persons. As there was no comment from the public the Public Hearing was closed by motion of Bill Ramsey, and seconded by Roger Clark. Vote unanimous. Roger Clark made the motion for staff to look into where we need to have an

infrastructure grant and to apply for that grant. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Roger Clark, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to set a Public Hearing for Rezoning Case 98-5 for September 15, 1998.

Concerning the Dennis Wilson Major Subdivision preliminary plat, located off Baker Circle, Councilman Dennis Wilson asked to be excused as there is conflicting interest. Roger Clark made the motion to excuse Mr. Wilson and Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the Dennis Wilson Subdivision preliminary plat.

David Stamey made the motion to approve the Annie G Church Minor Subdivision. Property is located off Joplin Road. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

Town Planner Alex Fullbright communicated with Council about the Mobile Home Appearance Criteria that had been requested from Council at the last meeting. David Stamey made the motion to turn this information over to the Planning Board and get their suggestions and advice on this subject. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to have seventeen intersections equipped with streetlights, and to have Eric Davis talk with Blue Ridge Electric Membership to see if they could lower their prices similar to Duke Powers.

Roger Clark made the motion to authorize staff to obtain bids for a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck with gas or diesel engine. Dennis Wilson seconded, with all in favor. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve \$5,948.84 for needed water materials purchased from Hughes Supply, Ferguson enterprise, and Pipeline Supply Company.

Council discussed the subject of combining the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment. After several options discussed by Council, Bill Ramsey made the motion not to do anything about combining both Boards. Dennis Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to table the appointment of an alternate Board of Adjustment member until the next meeting.

Town Council had requested a listing of the streets with "Speed Limit" signs, and "Children at Play" signs. After reviewing the list, Dennis Wilson made the motion not to place signs on any street until asked for by a resident. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

In the manager's report, Town Administrator Eric Davis informed Council that Industrial Seaming sewer line is in operation. Also Mr. Davis stated that the Town had closed with Mr. Huntley on the purchase of his property for the use of a sewer pump station site.

In other business, Bill Ramsey made the motion to table the billboard subject until staff and the Attorney could study this farther. David Stamey seconded. Bill Ramsey, Dennis Wilson, Bobby Austin and David Stamey voted for on this motion and Roger Clark voted against.

Eric Davis reminded Council that the North Carolina League of Municipalities would be having the annual convention during October 18-20 in Charlotte and asked if any Council member wanted to go. Town Council stated that they would let Eric Davis know by the end of this week.

Town Administrator Eric Davis related that Duke Power was leasing property on the waterfront in the southern part of Sawmill's ETJ to municipalities for twenty-five years, to be used for recreation activities. He informed them of Recreation Grants available for this project. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted that staff writes a letter to reserve the land for recreational uses for the Town of Sawmills.

Dennis Wilson made the motion to place a the letter in their personnel files and put a notice in the Newsletter from Council to Eric Davis and Arnold Arrowood, commending them on the great job in renovating of the new Town office and Council Chambers. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

It was noted that the Sawmills Acceleratated School would be having their fall festival on October 17, 1998. Mrs. Melody Wilson, President of the PTO was very excited about setting up a Child Identification Kit booth during their festival hours.

David Stamey made a motion to go into CLOSED SESSION at 7:30 PM. Dennis Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

Roger Clark made the motion to come out of CLOSED SESSION, with Dennis Wilson seconding. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to adjourn at 8:30 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor