

SEPTEMBER 2, 1998
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Eric Davis
Alex Fullbright
Wanda Reid

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

Mayor Pro-tem Dennis Wilson gave the invocation.

Bill Ramsey voted to approve the agenda. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to approve the minutes of August 18th, 1998.

Ms. Terri Looper, Executive Director with the Caldwell County Shelter Home, related to Council her thanks for the support given to the Shelter Home by the Town in the past. She informed Council that October is Domestic Violence Month, and encouraged Council to endorse a proclamation concerning battered women. She also informed Council of an open house by invitation only to the Shelter Home on October 21 and encouraged Council to attend.

Keith Phillips, speaking for the Sawmills Optimist Club informed Council of the club's wishes to build an extension to the concession stand. This will be used for a meeting room. Also, the Optimist Club wishes to build a beach volleyball court at the Town Park. After some discussion, on a motion made by Roger Clark, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to table the extension of the concession stand and volleyball court until the next meeting for discussion.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to allow Gordon Helms to plant and maintain two flowerbeds in front of Town Hall. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor. Bill Ramsey also made the motion that the town cover any expense credited to the flowerbeds within reason. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

Charter Communications has requested that the Town of Sawmills allow for an amendment to the contract between the Town and Charter Communications, so that they may be able to pursue an IPO (initial purchase offer) to the public. Roger Clark made the motion to take no action on the contract amendment at this time. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to wait on building a picnic shelter at the present park until

something is found out about a possible park at Lake Rhodhiss. David Stamey seconded. Bill Ramsey, Roger Clark, Dennis Wilson, and David Stamey voted for waiting. Bobby Austin voted against.

After discussing renovating the rest of Town Hall, Roger Clark made the motion to authorize staff to renovate the old bathrooms, redo the old ceilings in the back, and to enlarge the Planning Office. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

Town Administrator, Eric Davis reminded Council of the literature in the agenda packet concerning Governor Hunts' proclamation designating September 17-30, 1998 as "LITTER SWEEP" in North Carolina.

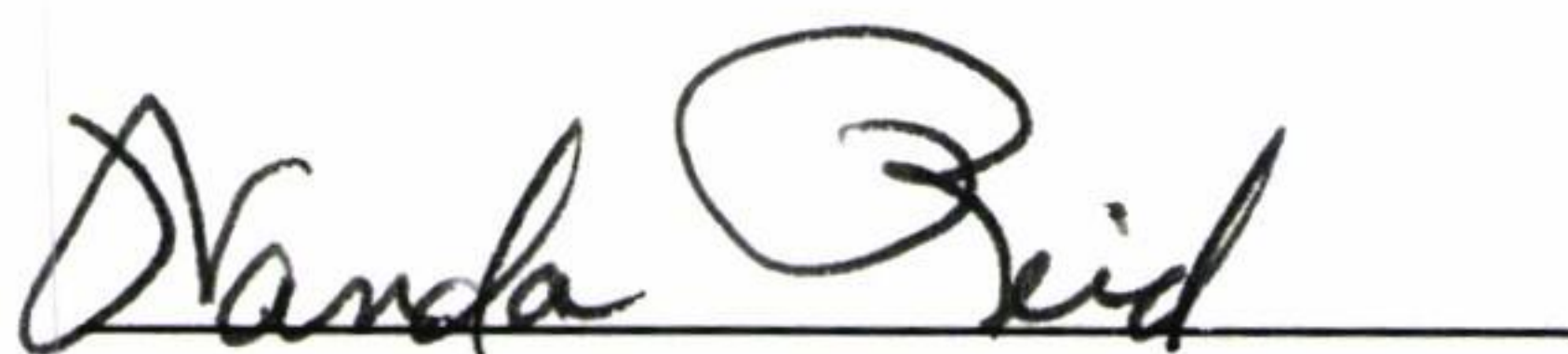
On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to have Adams Drive surveyed and paved, with a "T" at the end of the road, after the Planner and Administrator obtain a 35 foot right-of-way.

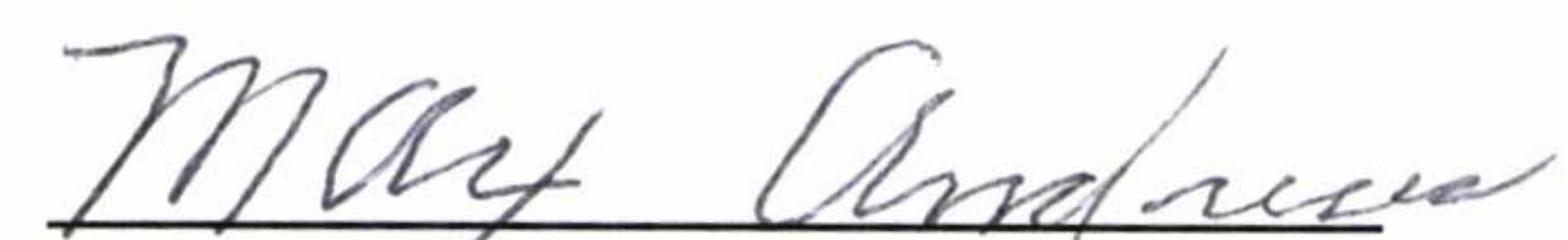
Town Administrator, Eric Davis related to Council that twelve intersections to be lighted will be with Duke Power Company at the price of \$9.48 and the remaining five would be with Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation at the cost of \$12.15 per light per month.

In other business, Administrator Eric Davis informed Council that Caldwell County had changed some on the contract between the Town and Caldwell County about the Town buying water lines off Spartan Drive. He informed Council that another Public Hearing would have to be called before the water lines could be bought. Instead of the Town taking over the water lines in October as planned he said it would be January 1999.

Eric gave Council the budget document for Fiscal Year 1998-1999, and informed them that we had extra copies.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, council voted to adjourn at 7:00 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor