



September 5, 2000  
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

Max Andrews  
Joe Helton  
Bobby Austin  
Gerelene Blevins  
Bill Ramsey  
David Stamey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor  
Deanna Rios  
Mark Bloomer  
Wanda Reid

***CALL TO ORDER***-Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

***INVOCATION***-Invocation was given by Max Andrews.

***PLEDGE TO ALLEGIANCE***-Chase Heien, student of Sawmills Accelerated School, led in saying the pledge of allegiance.

***ADOPT THE AGENDA***-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda, with David Stamey seconding. Vote unanimous.

***APPROVE AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES***-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to approve the minutes.

***ALLOWING MANUFACTURED HOMES ON LOTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS***-Town Planner Mark Bloomer, presented the language drafted by Town Attorney Terry Taylor. This language deals with enforcing the removal of the manufactured homes after the hardship has expired.

***ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT FOR SIDEWALKS***-Mr. Bloomer related the Sawmills Town Attorney, Town Engineer and Wayne Atkins of the North Carolina Department of Transportation met for discussion of the Enhancement Agreement for Sidewalk grant. Mr. Atkins informed them the sidewalks would have to be constructed with curbs, gutters, drainage pipes, etc. Mr. Atkins also said the sidewalks would have to be five feet wide instead of four feet as stated in the agreement. This was not included in the amount of grant money the Town would receive for the sidewalk project. Town Engineer Chester West estimated this will cost the Town an extra \$100,000. Mr. Bloomer recommended the Town request an extension for executing the Enhancement Agreement. Bill Ramsey made the

motion to get an extension of the Enhancement Agreement. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

***APPLY FOR LARGER GRANT***-David Stamey made the motion to apply for a larger grant for the Enhancement Agreement for Sidewalks. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

***EMPTY TRAILER SPOT***-Mobile Home Park owner George Harris requested that he be allowed to place one 80' long trailer on two spots that has been empty for several months in his Mobile Home Park. After some discussion, Council informed Mr. Harris they would have an answer for him at the next meeting for September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

***DONATION TO SAWMILLS ACCELERATED SCHOOL***-On a motion made by David Stamey seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to donate \$1,000 for an educational training program to Sawmills Accelerated School.

***THOROUGHFARE PLAN MEETING***-Interim Administrator Deanna Rios informed Council of a meeting with Sam Erby from DOT for discussion of the thoroughfare plan that will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000 at 6:00 at the Cahah's Mountain Town Hall meeting room.

***LITTER SWEEP***-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to proclaim September 17<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> as litter sweep time.

***RECYCLE BINS***-Mrs. Rios informed Council the town was almost out of recycle bins and GDS will add the Towns bins to their order and save the Town freight. She informed Council the bins would cost \$6.21 each. Bobby Austin made the motion to purchase 200 bins. Bill Ramsey seconded. Vote unanimous.

***CHRISTMAS PARADE***-Interim Administrator Deanna Rios informed Council it was getting to be that time of the year again for the Annual Christmas parade and requested Council to decide a date. Bobby Austin made the motion that staff check with Granite Falls and Hudson for their parade date and Sawmills use the same date. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

***REPAVING BIDS***-The Town has received bids for paving Oxford Drive, Keith Avenue, Mindy Drive and Acorn Avenue. They are as follows:

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Midstate Contractors     | \$33,470. |
| Carolina Paving          | \$31,827  |
| C.Nelson Sigmon          | \$30,700  |
| Hoffman Paving & Grading | \$28,554  |

**EXCUSED**-Councilman David Stamey asked to be excused as there was a conflict of interest. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to excuse Mr. Stamey.

**AWARD REPAVING BIDS**- Bobby Austin made the motion to award the bid to Hoffman Paving & Grading, on the condition the paving is completed by the middle of November, and also that the street committee keep up with the progress of the paving. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

- ◆ Dale Reid Lingerfelt requested a permit for a piece of property on Duff Drive. Town Attorney Terry Taylor, noted that the deed had not been subdivided property and would have to do this in order to get a permit.
- ◆ Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins related that Vernon Nelson's fence had been damaged by contractors installing the waterline, and it needed to be repaired.
- ◆ A Virginia Acres resident asked if grant monies could be obtained in order to put speed humps in his neighborhood in order to keep traffic speed down.

**CLOSED SESSION**- On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to go into closed session at 7:00 PM.

Bobby Austin made the motion to come out of closed session a 7:35 PM.

**SPECIAL MEETING CALLED**- Gerelene Blevins made the motion to call a special meeting for September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM to review resumes for the Town Administrator position. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

  
Wanda Reid, Town Clerk

  
Max Andrews, Mayor

***OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-ALLOWING MANUFACTURED HOMES ON LOTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS***-Bill Ramsey made the motion to open the public hearing, with David Stamey seconding. Vote unanimous.

Comments against;

- ◆ A resident of Virginia Acres asked the audience who were not in favor of this amendment to stand. Approximately 30 people stood.
- ◆ A resident wanted Council to use common sense when voting on this subject.

Comments for:

- ◆ Mobile homes and mobile home people are not the worst thing in the world.
- ◆ Don't keep people from having a home.

***CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:*** On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to close public hearing.

***ALLOWING MANUFACTURED HOMES ON LOTS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS***-David Stamey made the motion to not even consider approving this amendment at this time. Bill Ramsey seconded. Voting for the motion: David Stamey, Bill Ramsey and Bobby Austin. Voting against the motion: Gerelene Blevins, and Joe Helton. Motion passed.

***POLICY FOR LOST SPACES IN MOBILE HOME PARK***-Town Planner Mark Bloomer informed Council about the Policy for Lost Spaces in Mobile Home Parks. A motion was made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by David Stamey to approve the policy. All were in favor.

***PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS FOR PAVING ROADS IN MOBILE HOME PARKS***—Town Planner Mark Bloomer informed Council of the preliminary set of requirements concerning paving streets in nonconforming Mobile Home Parks that staff has drafted. He related that staff is open to suggestions from Council concerning changes to the requirements. After some discussion, by a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to have the town engineer check the requirements before making a decision.

***CHANGE TO SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE***-Council had requested staff to work with the Planning Board to change Section 92.50(A) of the Sawmills Town Code. Staff determined that the 20 days to hold onto the Final Plat of a Minor Subdivision could be reduced to 5 days.

***PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHANGE OF SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE***-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to call a public hearing for October 3, 2000 for the proposed change to Section 92.50.

***SIDEWALK PROJECT***-Planner Mark Bloomer informed council the Mayor and Planner had met with DOT employees and had received an extension of one month for executing the Enhancement Agreement for the sidewalk Project.

***PLAT OF WHITE PINE MOBILE HOME PARK***-It was noted in the agenda packet the plat does not show the electric lines that run between the utility poles. After some discussion about the condition of this park, Bill Ramsey made the motion to have the planner inspect the park thoroughly before Council voted to approve the plat. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

***LESTER TOWNSEND MINOR SUBDIVISION 00-04***-All lots meet the zoning requirements for the Town of Sawmills. The plat contains all of the items required by Section 92.55 of the Sawmills Town Code. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to approve the Lester Townsend Minor Subdivision. Bill Ramsey seconded. Vote unanimous.

***LESTER TOWSEND MINOR SUBDIVISION 00-05***-All lots meet the zoning requirements for the Town of Sawmills. The plat contains all of the items required by Section 92-55 of Sawmills Town Code. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the Lester Townsend Minor Subdivision 00-05.

***CLEANING BIDS FOR TOWN HALL***-Interim Administrator, Deanna Rios referred Council to the cleaning bids for Town Hall in the agenda packet. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to award Bolick's Cleaning Service the job.

***OTHER BUSINESS-***

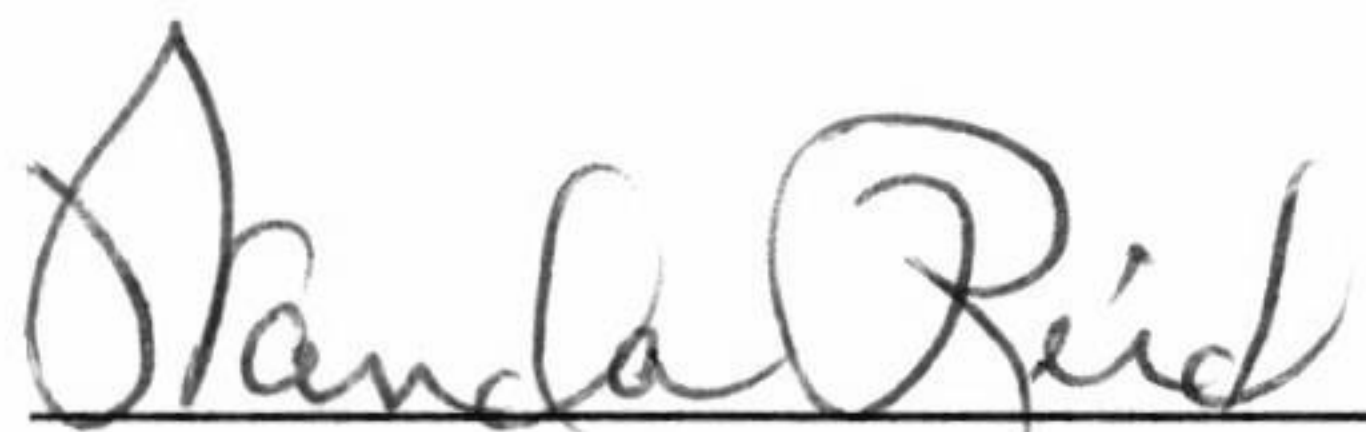
- ◆ David Stamey made the motion that when an ordinance is amended or passed that staff sends each Council member a copy of what has been adopted. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins made the motion to place a "Children at Play" signs and a "15 MPH" speed sign on Kendall Place. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

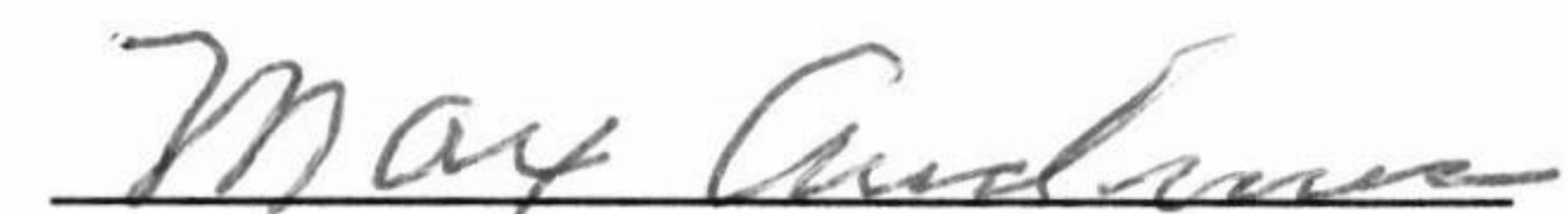
***CLOSED SESSION-***On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to go into closed session at 7:15 PM.

Bobby Austin made the motion to come out of closed session. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Vote unanimous.

***MEETING CALLED-***On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to have a special meeting for Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM and Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM for personnel matters.

***ADJOURN-*** Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

  
Wanda Reid, Town Clerk

  
Max Andrews, Mayor