

September 7, 1999
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

Mayor Max Andrews, Dennis Wilson, Bobby Austin, Roger Clark, Bill Ramsey, and David Stamey.

STAFF PRESENT

Attorney Terry Taylor, Engineer Chester West, WPCOG Representatives, Billie Black and Leah Martin, Town Administrator Eric C. Davis, Town Planner Alex Fulbright, Public Works Supervisor Arnold Arrowood and Town Clerk Wanda Reid.

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

Rev. Duane Kuykendall gave the invocation.

David Stamey made the motion to adopt the agenda. Dennis Wilson seconded, with all in favor.

Dennis Wilson made the motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 1999. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on August 23, 1999.

Town Planner Alex Fulbright related to Council of Rezoning Case: 99-11. The applicant wishes to rezone the property from R-15 High Density Residential to H-B Highway Business. The owner wants to use the property for a car lot. The property consists of .39 acres and is located at the intersection of major thoroughfare US Highway 321-A and Crystal Drive, which is an unimproved, privately maintained local Street.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to open PUBLIC HEARING #1 Rezoning Case 99-11. Roger Clark seconded, with all in favor.

Mr. Fulbright informed Council that two persons living on Crystal Drive had previously talked with him concerning the rezoning case. Mr. Knight was for the rezoning and Mr. Davis was against the rezoning.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Roger Clark, Council voted to close the public hearing.

David Stamey made the motion to deny the rezoning request because the lot is too narrow to build on and the required setbacks would limit the size of the structure and site layout. Also it would be a danger to persons trying to get on US Highway 321-A. Roger Clark seconded, with all in favor.

Mayor Andrews opened PUBLIC HEARING # 2- Community Development Block Grant Sewer Project Amendment.

Ms. Billie Black, Project Administrator of the Town's CDBG Sewer Grant related to Council the project was close to being finished and there was approximately \$89,084 remaining in the sewer budget. She recommended that this money be used to extend 2,004 linear feet of 8-inch sewer line to Helena Street. This street is located between Sawmills School Road and the Cahah's Mountain Road. Ms. Black related that this would add twenty more users to the project and is adjacent to the original project area. Therefore, the project would increase the total number of persons served to 413, 93% of which are of low and moderate income.

As there was no comment for or against this, public hearing was closed by motion of Bill Ramsey and seconded by Dennis Wilson. Vote unanimous.

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

Mr. Steward Story, owner of Story's One Stop, informed Council of his appreciation in what the board was doing and of the Town's sewer system. He related that he thought the sewer lines would be installed in the back of his property instead of in front. With it being installed in front of his building, he lost business at the gas tanks and his store while the sewer lines was being installed. Mr. Story was concerned about who was going to repair the pavement. Council assured Mr. Story that the contractor would repair the pavement, within the next few days.

Town Planner Alex Fulbright informed Council that the application relating to getting sidewalks installed in the Town was almost completed. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the amount of the twenty-percent match, (first phase \$28,540) to be made in applying for the Department of Transportation Enhancement Program Grant.

David Stamey made the motion to adopt the Utility Bill Payment Policy. Town Staff, regarding water bills coming due by the 15th day of the month, and the 15th day being on a weekend or holiday, prepared this policy. Dennis Wilson seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to authorize staff to develop specifications for a new trencher and to advertise and to bring the bids back to Council.

Town Administrator Eric Davis related to Council that he and Arnold Arrowood, Public Works Supervisor, met with Bill Hall from Blue Ridge Electric about the installation of lights for the park. Mr. Hall suggested that two 400-watt metal halo lights be installed on

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the poles to light the parking area on a trial basis. Council could go out and inspect these lights, then decide if they wanted more lights installed at other sections of the park.

On a motion made by Roger Clark, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to deny water to petitioning residents living on the Free Mason Road. This property is in the Town's ETJ and is approximately one and a half miles from the town's water lines.

In other business, Mayor Max Andrews passed a committee list to the members on the board. He requested staff to refer calls from the public to the chairman of the appropriate committee, so that the board members could take care of the complaints.

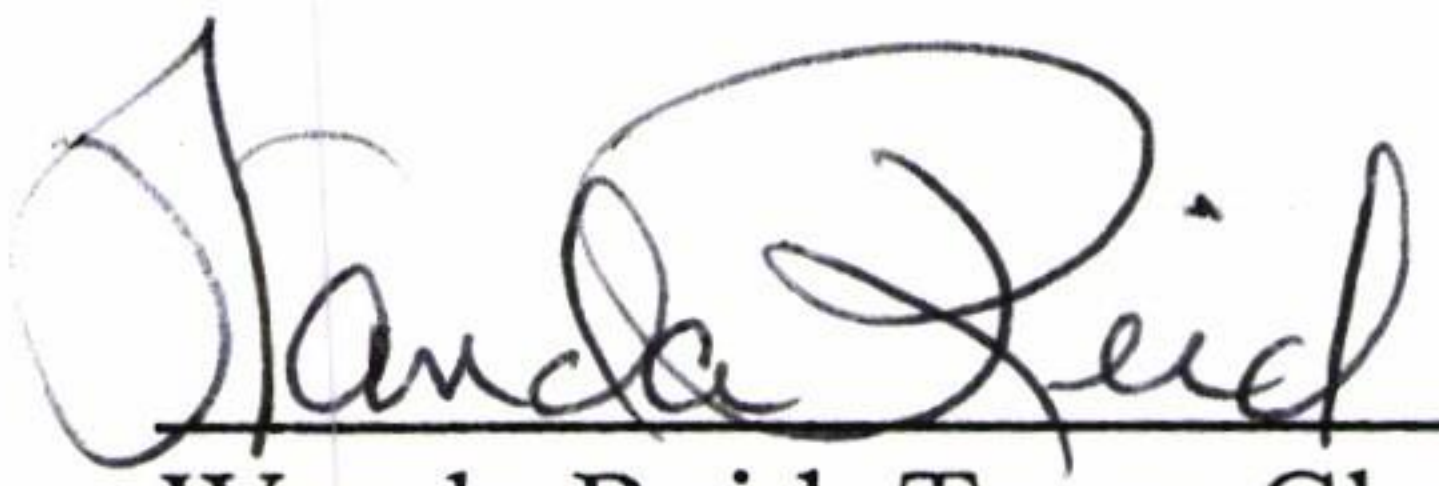
Eric Davis remained Council of the League of Municipalities Annual Business Meeting in Greensboro, NC on October 25, 1999.

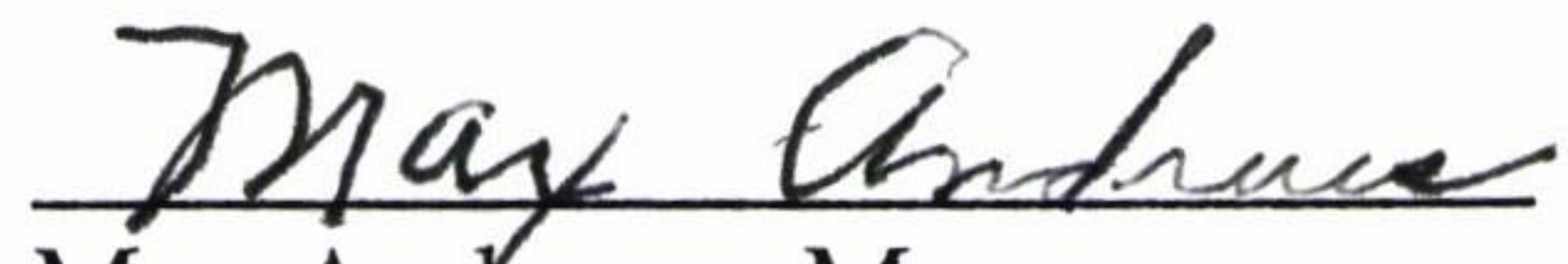
Bryan Crouse, a resident of Sawmills and a former student of South Caldwell High School has won the 1999 National Masonry Vocational Skills Competition. Mayor Max Andrews declared that September 15, 1999 be "Bryan Crouse Day", and presented Mr. Crouse a copy of the proclamation and a check for \$50.00.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Roger Crouse, Council voted to go into CLOSED SESSION at 6:48 PM.

Roger Clark made the motion to come out of closed session, with Bill Ramsey seconding. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:57 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

