

September 19, 2006
Minutes of Town Council Regular Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Council Present

Bobby Austin
Bob Gibbs
Eddie Bowman
Gerelene Blevins
Joe Wesson

Staff Present

Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Terry Taylor

Council Absent

Joe Norman

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bobby Austin called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Mayor Bobby Austin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bobby Austin led Council in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15th REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: August 15th regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 15th CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: August 15th closed session minutes were approved on a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 18th SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: August 18th special meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs. All were in favor.

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

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

BID AWARD: Street Paving

The Town received three bids for the paving and patching of the following Town streets.
(See attached)

The bids were as follows:

APAC	\$292,666.35
Burke Grading and Paving	\$213,742.54
Midstate Contractors	\$240,058.46

As the low bid was over the allocated budget of \$9,369.54 staff recommended deleting Helena Street from the list of paving projects there by lowering the bid amount by \$12,909.54 for a total bid amount of \$200,833.00.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, Council awarded the bid to Burke Grading and Paving in the amount of \$200,833.00. All were in favor.

UPDATE: Cajah's Mountain Road Waterline Upgrade

Due to the bids on Cajah's Mountain waterline project coming in at \$51,000.00 over budget, Town Administrator Robert Frye recommended that this project be postponed.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by, Gerelene Blevins no bids will be awarded at this time and this project will be postponed until the Town has the sufficient funds to cover this expenditure. All were in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION UTILITY VEHICLE: State Contract Purchase

Included in this year's budget are funds to purchase a small 4x4 utility vehicle for use by the Parks and Recreation Department. This vehicle will also be made available for use by the Sawmill's Fire department.

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that since the vehicle in question had been purchased on State contract there was no need to go through the bid process. He then stated that the John Deere Gator HP 4x4 utility vehicle is the type of vehicle that is offered under State contract.

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The cost to purchase this vehicle is \$8,858.16 and Mr. Frye recommended that Council approve this expenditure.

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

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDER: TIRES

The Public Works Department recently solicited bids for tires for the Freightliner trash truck.

The bids were as follows:

Ailen Black Tires	\$3,873.76
Bolick Tires	\$2,910.00
Clark Tire	\$3,226.00

Town Administrator Frye stated that were sufficient funds in the budget to cover this expenditure and recommend awarding the bid to the low bidder; Bolick Tire.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, Council awarded the bid to Bolick Tire. All were in favor.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDER: FLAGS

Town Administrator Robert Frye requested the purchase of the following flags two POW MIA flags, four NC State flags, four U.S. flags, and four Town of Sawmills flags from Flags over America.

The cost for this purchase from the company Flags over America is \$1,345.44.

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

WATER BILING POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Town Attorney Terry Taylor recommended to Council that the Town continue to follow its current policy regarding water disconnection fees. After discussion, Councilman Joe Wesson made a motion to rescind his previous motion made at the August 15th Council meeting regarding refunds. Seconded by Bob Gibbs. Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins voted against the motion. Joe Wesson, Bob Gibbs, and Eddie Bowman were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

PARKS AND RECREATION POLICY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Council appointed the following three persons to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The three names are as follows: Sabriena Miller, Dare Duncan, and Dino DiBanardi.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson the Council appointed these three people to the Parks and Recreation Policy Board.

DISCUSSION:

ADDITIONAL SHERIFF'S DEPUTY FOR SAWMILLS

Mayor Austin asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

After discussing the matter, Joe Wesson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to continue discussing this matter with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department for Sawmills and Bob Gibbs seconded. Joe Wesson and Bob Gibbs voted for the motion. Gerelene Blevins and Eddie Bowman while opposed to contracting with the Sheriff's Department agreed to continue discussion with the understanding that this issue would come back to Council before any funds are expended.

DISCUSSION:

RESCHEDULE OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to postpone the October 17th Council meeting until October 24th due to several of the Council members being out of town attending the NCLM conference in Greensboro on the 17th. Gerelene Blevins made the motion and Eddie Bowman seconded. All were in favor.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sabriena Miller spoke to the Council and gave them a brief update on the ball fields.

At 6:49 p.m. Mayor Austin asked for a motion to go into closed session Eddie Bowman made the motion and Bob Gibbs seconded. All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

At 7:17 p.m., a motion was made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Wesson to go out of closed session. All were in favor.

ACTION TAKEN: No action was taken.

Mayor Austin then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Eddie Bowman.

The meeting was adjourned.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor

NEEDED STREET REPAVING LIST 2006-07

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. LENGTH</u>	
JORITY # 1	LIST: SHOWN DR.	,15	{ AFTER WATER LINE }
	MILLER ST.	,09	
	BENFEILD DR.	,36	

JORITY # 2	MAGNOLIA LN.	,50
	CARRIAGE LN.	,20
	RUSSELL DR.	,30
	KARR DR.	,18

RTY # 3	HELENA ST. (UPPER END)	,25
	EDGEWOOD DR.	,36
	OT LN.	,43
	MILAND DR.	,13
	GRANVILLE DR.	,12

PATCH OVER W/ MACHINE

BUCKHEAD DR.	- SOFT PLACES	] - CUT PATCH ?
NORTH BAY DR.	- SOFT PLACES	
FREEDOM LN.		
ELI LN.	- SOFT PLACES	- CUT / PATCH ?