

September 21, 1999
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Terry Taylor, Eric Davis, Alex Fulbright, and Wanda Reid.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Max Andrews.

Roger Clark gave the invocation.

As there was no additions to the agenda, on a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Roger Clark, Council voted to adopt the agenda.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the minutes of September 7, 1999. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

Tony Colvard, Director of the Caldwell County Economic Development Commission, enlightened Council of the changes being made in the EDC Program. These changes will hopefully entice outsiders to consider bringing their business to Caldwell County. Mr. Colvard explained that this should take some of the weakness out of the current EDI Program.

Roger Clark made the motion to approve the recommend changes in the Economic Development Incentive Program. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

Town Planner Alex Fulbright advised Council of the vacant seat on the Planning Board due to the death of Dennis Harrison. His term will expire December 1999. Mayor Max Andrews directed Council to check around and bring a recommendation back to the next meeting.

After some discussion of what size trencher to buy and how to dispose of the old trencher, on a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to go out for bids on a similar size trencher as the Town's current trencher.

Roger Clark made the motion to solicit sealed bids for the old trencher once the new one arrives. Bill Ramsey seconded. Vote unanimous.

Eric Davis, Town Administrator, informed Council that two security lights had been placed at the Town Park and inquired for direction of how many more lights the Board wanted to be placed at the park.

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On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to purchase three more security lights.

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve four water line projects for construction for this fiscal year. These include a six-inch line on Benfield Drive and Lafayette Avenue. Stamey Road and Sawmills School Road are intended for eight-inch lines, and will be part of a proposed central loop.

Roger Clark made the motion to table JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES REQUIRING MANDATORY RIPARIAN BUFFERS ALONG ALL PERRENIAL WATER BODIES WITHIN THE UPPER CATAWBA RIVER BASIN TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY, for further study. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

In other business, David Stamey related to Council that a resident had improved the street in front of her house on Baker Circle and wanted the Town to reimburse some of the money, since this was in the street right-of-way. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to reimburse the resident one half of her investment.

Roger Clark and Bill Ramsey, members of the Public Works Committee, recommended that in the future, residents come before Council for approval, before doing any work in the right-of-way.

Town Administrator Eric Davis informed Council that the resident at the end of Adams Drive was holding up the paving of this street, because he will not let a turn around be placed on his property. Mr. Davis informed Council that the resident at the house next to the end was willing for a turn around to be placed on his property. Council instructed staff to move forward with paving Adam's Drive.

Mr. Davis told Council it was time to sign up for the League of Municipalities Convention October 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Eric Davis also told Council the board needed to make a decision on where the people will vote in the upcoming election, either the meeting room or the back room at Town Hall. On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to have persons vote in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Davis informed Council the concrete pads for the picnic shelters are poured, and the shelters should arrive the first week in October.

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Mr. Davis informed Council that the City of Lenoir wanted to change dates with Sawmills for the next WPCOG Policy Board meeting. Sawmills was scheduled for the month of November. On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded with Bobby Austin, Council voted to change dates with Lenoir and hold the next WPCOG Policy Board meeting in March 2000.

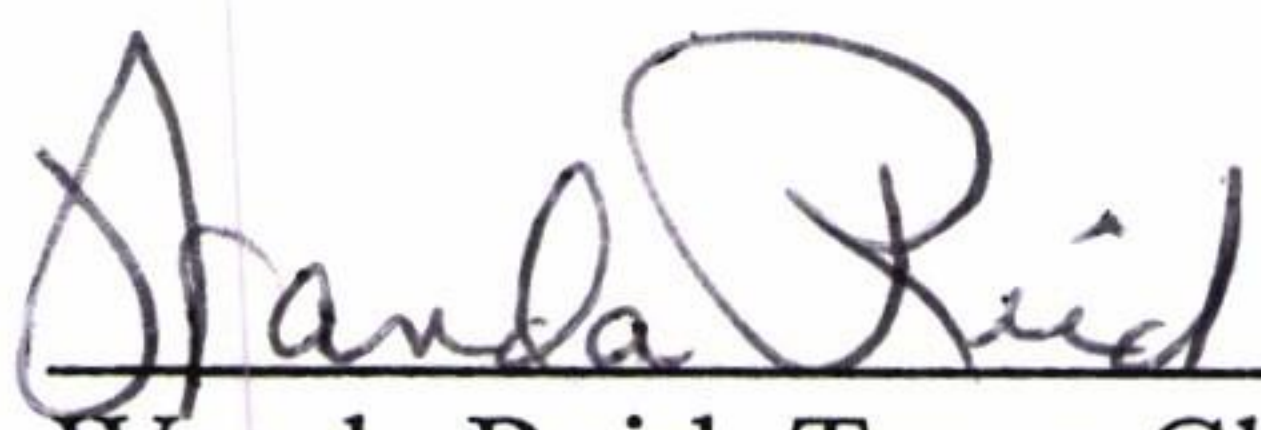
Mr. Davis informed Council that the pipes were too small on the heat and air conditioner, in town hall and it had been a very hot summer. Mr. Dwight Cook, owner of Granite Sheet Metal, had estimated that it would cost approximately \$1300 to replace the pipes with larger ones. Dennis Wilson made the motion with Bobby Austin seconding to replace the heating and cooling pipes with larger pipes, at no more than \$1300. All were in favor.

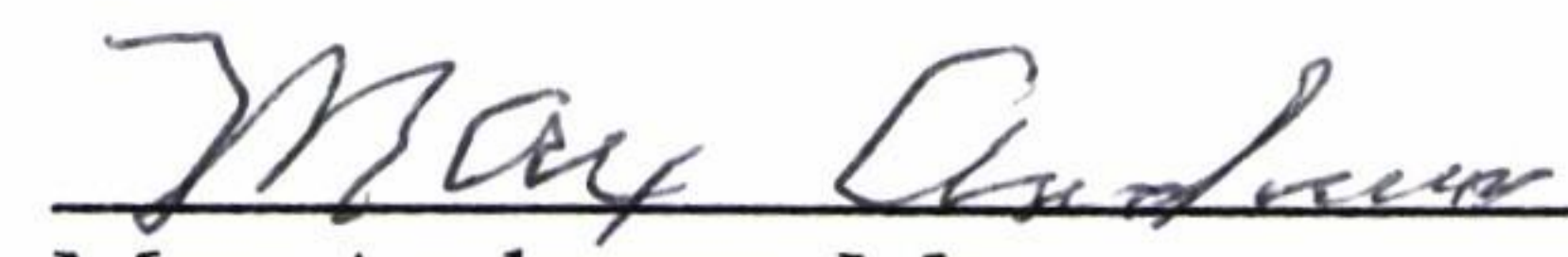
After some discussion about striping newly paved roads, Council directed Administrator Eric Davis to get bids and report back at the next meeting.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Dennis Wilson, Council voted to go into CLOSED SESSION for discussion of personnel matters at 7:00 PM.

David Stamey made the motion to come out of closed session, with Roger Clark seconding. Vote unanimous.

David Stamey made the motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Roger Clark seconded. All were in favor.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor