

OCTOBER 17TH, 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Chester West
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS-Mayor Max Andrews, introduced Robert Frye as the new Town Administrator/Planner to the audience, and welcomed him to the Town of Sawmills..

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

INVOCATION-Rev Rick Crouse, Pastor of Dry Ponds Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Ben Wilson, student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the pledge of allegiance.

ADD TO AGENDA-Town Administrator, Robert Frye added agenda item 13A under other business, discussion concerning contractor difficulties on the Lenoir Sewer tie in project.

ADOPT AGENDA-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to adopt the agenda with the addition.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3RD, 2000 MINUTES-Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor. Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the closed session minutes of October 3rd, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING-NON CONFORMING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK PROVISIONS. Town Administrator Robert Frye related to Council the proposed change to Section 93.097 (B)(1) of the Towns Non Conforming Manufactured Home Park Provisions. The new language will delete the part stating that all streets must meet or exceed North Carolina's Department of Transportation Minimum Standards.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to open the public hearing.

COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST-After Administrator Frye explained that the new proposed language did not include DOT minimum road standards, there were no comments for or against this change.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-Bobby Austin made the motion to close public hearing. Joe Helton seconded. Vote unanimous.

Joe Helton made the motion to accept the revised language of the Non Conforming Manufactured Home Park Provisions. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

REVISION TO MINOR SUBDIVISION SURVEY POLICY-Mr. Frye related to Council that the existing minor subdivision survey policy requires the entire acreage of a lot to be surveyed. The proposed policy change would require only the road frontage of the newly created lot(s) be required to be surveyed with a tie line to the corner of the overall parcels. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to accept the proposed language.

PUBLIC HEARING-TOWNSEND REZONING REQUEST. The property in question is presently zoned R-20 Residential Low Density. The Townsends requested it be rezoned RA-20 Residential Medium Density. This would allow for a doublewide mobile home to be placed on the property. The property is located on Hickory Nut Ridge Road between Troy Road and Grouse Lane.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING- Bill Ramsey made the motion to open the public hearing on the rezoning request. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

COMMENTS FOR AND AGAINST-There were no comments for or against the rezoning.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to close the public hearing.

REZONING CASE 00-04-The motion was made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin to rezone the Townsend property as requested. All were in favor.

ACCEPT FINAL PLAT-Joe Helton made the motion to accept the Townsend's Final Plat of a Minor Subdivision. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

REVALUATION PRESENTATION-Mack Chandler, Monty Woods, and Betsy Baker with the Caldwell County Tax Department made a brief presentation to Council concerning the upcoming County Property Revaluation process.

NCDOT SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT-Administrator Robert Frye recommended to Council that the agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Town of Sawmills be approved. This agreement provides for NCDOT to reimburse the town for 80% of the costs involved in the installation of sidewalks along the Sawmills School Road, 321-A, and Mission Road. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adopt the resolution between NCDOT and the town.

WHITE PINES MOBILE HOME PARK PLAT-The plat has been reviewed and approved by the Sawmills Planning Board conditional upon the roads in the park being paved to a width of 16 feet wide. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to approve the White Pine Mobile Home Park Plat with the condition that roads in the park be paved 16 feet wide.. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING TOWN PLANNER DUTIES-Mr. Frye outlined the various responsibilities listed in the Town Planner's job description. He informed Council that he did not anticipate any difficulties in undertaking these responsibilities and he felt that he would be able to assume all planning duties by the end of November.

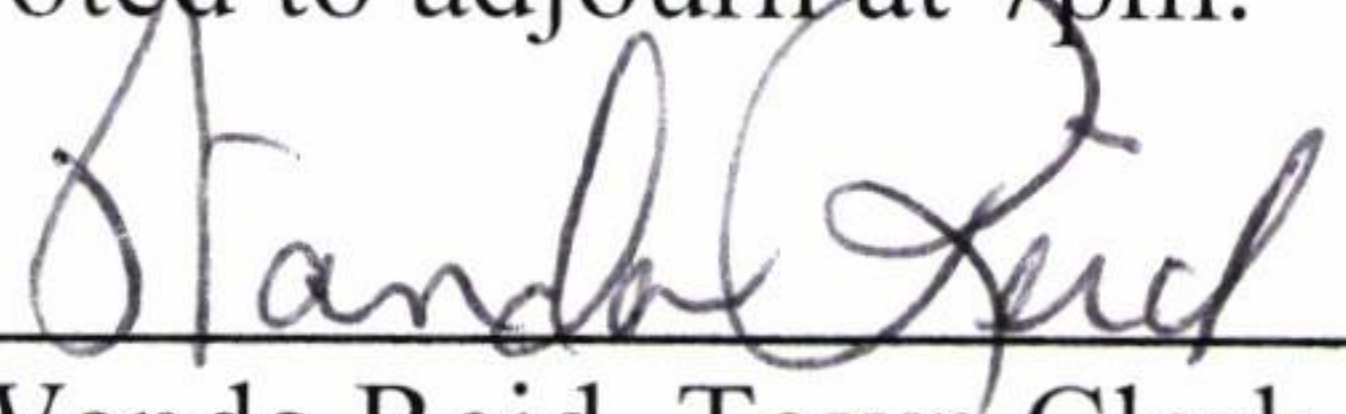
OTHER BUSINESS:

- ◆ Town Engineer Chester West related to Council that the Lenoir Sewer hook up had been delayed because the contractors were on another job. He suggested that Council set a finish date and that a letter be written to them confirming the deadline. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted that 5:00 o'clock, Tuesday, October 24th, 2000 would be the deadline to finish this project, and that a letter be sent to the contractor informing him of this..
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins requested that letters be sent to the churches and business notifying them of the Christmas Parade and invite them to participate.
- ◆ David Stamey related that he, Mr. Frye and Town Engineer met with persons on Eli Lane about the easements for paving the road. Also that Mr. Stamey had met with George Harris and Boyd Helton about the possible connecting of Gatewood Drive and Oxford Drive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Thoroughfare Plan Meeting-October 18, 6pm Baton School
- B. Next Town Council Meeting Has Been Rescheduled to Monday November 6.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to adjourn at 7pm.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor