Tuesday October 24, 2006
Minutes of Town Council Regular Meeting
6:00 P.M.

Council Present
Bobby Austin
Bob Gibbs
Joe Norman
Eddie Bowman
Gerelene Blevins
Joe Wesson

Staff Present
Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Terry Taylor

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Austin gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: September 19, 2006 regular meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Bob Gibbs. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: September 19, 2006 closed session minutes were approved on a motion by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2006 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: October 12, 2006 special closed session 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 Norman and Seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDER: ALTITUDE VALVE:

The Water Department periodically needs to replace the altitude valve (the valve that allows the water tank to refill) in the Town's water tank.

The cost for the rebuild kit is $1,403.60.

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that there are sufficient funds in the budget to cover this expenditure and staff would recommend that Council approve this purchase.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Gerelene Blevins Council approved this purchase. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS:

REZONING REQUEST: COOK PROPERTY (SPARTAN DRIVE)

Mr. Thomas Cook has requested that his property located on Spartan Drive adjacent to the property occupied by STAT Inc., be rezoned.

Mr. Cook has an interested buyer who plans to move his business onto the property. The property is currently zoned for General Manufacturing (G-M) on a third with the remaining two thirds being zoned for Residential–Agricultural (RA-20). Mr. Cook is requesting that the entire parcel be rezoned for General Manufacturing use.

The Planning Board has reviewed this request and has given it a positive recommendation.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman a public hearing has been called for Tuesday November 21, 2006 at the Town Hall. All were in favor.

RURAL CENTER SEWER STUDY FINAL REPORT:

The Town received a grant from the N.C. Rural Center to have an engineering study done as to what it would cost to provide sewer to the entire Town.

Benjie Thomas of West Consultants reviewed the completed study with Council and discussed what the next step in this process might be.

No action required.

DISCUSSION:

TOWN-WIDE SEWER REFERENDUM:

After much discussion, Council decided to start the procedure to place the issue of Town-wide sewer on the ballot for a referendum vote in May of 2007.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, the Council voted to proceed with holding a referendum on Town-wide sewer.

TOWN HALL MEETING:

Don Farr asked the Council if they could do something about the sound system. Mayor Bobby Austin said the Council would start to put the microphone closer to their mouth.

Lloyd Carter asked Town Administrator Robert Frye if they were going to put the water lines in on Edgewood Drive this year and Mr. Frye replied that there were no plans to do so in the current budget year.

Chris Miller asked the Council if he would be able to tear out and replace the windows on the concession stand at the Sawmills Park on Baird Drive. He is going to try to get donations for the cost of repairs. Mayor Austin asked Councilwoman Blevins, Councilman Norman, and Administrator Frye to go and look at the building to see the repair work that he wants to do.

At 6:35 p.m., Mayor Austin asked for a motion to go into closed session, Joe Wesson made the motion and Joe Norman seconded. All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

At 6:47 p.m., a motion was made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Bob Gibbs to go out of closed session. All were in favor.

ACTION TAKEN: No action was taken.

Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Norman.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Noll, Town Clerk

Bobby Austin, Mayor