

November 6, 2000
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

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

INVOCATION-Mayor Pro-tem Joe Helton gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Nicholas Herman, 4th grader of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17TH, 2000 MINUTES-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to approve the minutes.

CALDWELL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING REQUEST-Town Administrator, Robert Frye, related to Council a request from Caldwell County Arts Council for a donation. Mr. Frye suggested requests such as this should be handled at budget time. Bill Ramsey made the motion to discuss this during budget time. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

WESTERN PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF STATE FUNDS. Western Piedmont Council of Government is requested the Town pass a resolution REQUESTING RELEASE OF STATE FUNDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The Council of Governments will use these funds for technical and planning assistance to local governments. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Joe Hellion, Council voted to adopt the resolution.

UPDATE: LENOIR SEWER PROJECT CONTRACTOR PROGRESS- Administrator Frye related to Council that this project was complete and that the 10 days of fines assessed to the contractor will be deducted from Burke Grading and Construction's sub contractor's final bill.

UPDATE: ELI LANE PAVING REQUEST. Mr. Frye informed Council the septic tank system going across the road in front of the apartments would not cause a problem in paving the road. Mr. Frye then stated that some form of agreement with the septic system owner that would relieve the Town of any liability associated with maintaining or repairing the tank system. Mr. Frye then informed Council that it would be very costly for town engineers to survey the road and he recommended that the Town have the residents sign easements before proceeding any further. Bobby Austin made the motion not to have the road surveyed until residents on Eli Lane have signed all deeds of easement. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

TOWN CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPOINTMENT-Mr. Frye informed Council a code enforcement officer needed to be signed by Council in order to sign off on plats and carry out the town's ordinance actions. On a motion made to Bill Ramsey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to appoint Mr. Frye as the towns' code enforcement officer and that a letter be sent to the Caldwell County Commissioners for approval.

TOWN HALL CLEANING SERVICES BIDS-The town has received (4) bids for the cleaning of Town Hall. Bids are as follows:

Bidders	Cleaning once a month	Cleaning twice a month
T and D Cleaning Lenoir, NC	\$60.00	\$120.00
Angie Hatley Lenoir, NC	\$120.00	\$100.00
Watts Cleaning Lenoir, NC	\$100.00	\$150.00
Harper's General Lenoir, NC	\$75.00	\$125.00

Staff recommends that T and D Cleaning be awarded the contract for cleaning the Town Hall once a month. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to award T and D Cleaning to do the cleaning once a month at town hall. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION: MANUFACTURED HOUSING AGE RESTRICTIONS-Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins related about a situation in which a mobile home park owner is attempting to upgrade his park by removing several old and worn out manufactured homes and wants to replace them with newer models. The newer homes do not qualify under our current (10) year of newer requirement (Section 93.078 (H)).

After discussion, on a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to send this to the Planning Board for review, then report back to the Board.

WATER DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MATERIALS PURCHASE-Bill Ramsey made the motion to allow the Water Department purchases approximately \$2,183 needed materials. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Gerelene Blevins mentioned that a property owner's fence had been damaged while waterlines were installed on the Sawmills School Road. She requested staff to review this and determine if it needed to be replaced or repaired.
- ◆ David Stamey informed Council that he would like to see Christmas lights installed up to Cornettes Mobile Home Supply. It was noted that it was too late to order lights this year.
- ◆ A resident of Virginia Acres informed Council that a person had replaced a singlewide mobile home with a doublewide and has not removed the singlewide. He told Council a letter was written in October to the owner about this and requested Council to check into this. Also he requested that 20-MPH street signs be installed on his street to slow traffic down.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to have the Town's engineer check into placing speed limit signs in Virginia Acres.

CLOSED SESSION-David Stamey made the motion to go into closed session for discussion of personnel matters. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

Gerelene Blevins made the motion to come out of closed session. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to go with Mr. Frye's recommendation that Mark Bloomers last day would be November 10th, 2000. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Joe Helton, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to adjourn. Vote unanimous.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor