

TOWN OF SAWMILLS  
NOVEMBER 17, 1992 MINUTES  
5:00 pm at TOWN HALL

All councilmembers were present as Mayor Bill Ramsey called the meeting to order. They were: Bill Ramsey, Max Andrews, Paul Pope, Larry Prestwood, Dennis Wilson, and Tim Sanders.

Invocation was given by Dennis Wilson.

Added to the agenda was, c., Rick Oxford with Western Piedmont Council of Governments, d., Christmas dinner list, e., Christmas lights, f., pay raise for Steve Coonse, g., the hiring of Billy Joe McRary.

Tim Sanders, made a motion to adopt the agenda. Paul Pope seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Dennis Wilson, seconded by Max Andrews, council moved to accept the minutes of November 3rd, and of the Public Hearing held at the Sawmills Elementary School Gym on questions of the involuntary annexation on November 10th, 1992.

The buying of a new copy machine was discussed and was decided that the old machine still had some good years in it.

After discussing several options given by Town Planner Mike Legg, Tim Sanders made a motion to adopt alternative one of Sawmills Street Paving Policy. Larry Prestwood seconded. All were in favor. Tim Sanders amended his original motion to take in changes of paving policy discussed at this meeting. Larry Prestwood seconded. All were in favor. Below is the adopted road paving policy with changes discussed:

Section 40.01 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF NEW STREETS.

Before any new street offered for dedication to the town is accepted as such, and officially recognized as a town-maintained street, the Town Council must give its approval, finding that the street complies with each of the requirements listed below.

- 1) The street must be free of charge and clear of all encumbrances.
- 2) The street must be part of a thirty-five (35) foot recorded right-of-way. Otherwise, a registered survey and legal description must be prepared prior to dedication.

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- 3) A signed agreement of the dedication must be submitted by 100 percent of the adjacent property owners. The signed petitions for all new streets offered for dedication to the town must be submitted to the Town Clerk by February 1 to be considered for acceptance and paving that year. All petitions submitted after February 1 will be considered for acceptance and paving the following year.
  - 4) The Town of Sawmills will pave roads from April 1 to October 30 of each year. By March 1 of each year, the Town Council Street Committee and the Public Works Superintendent will rank each street eligible to be paved according to the density in which the streets are developed and the physical shape the streets are in. This ranking will be approved by the Town Council prior to April 1. If necessary, the paving schedule may be spread over two or more years to accommodate the Town's budget.
  - 5) All utilities requiring removal, relocation or adjustments shall be made at no expense to the Town of Sawmills. Any existing utilities may remain upon approval by the Town of Sawmills prior to dedication.
  - 6) At least 20 % of the number of lots bordering the street must be individually owned.
  - 7) Any street less than 2/10 of one mile (1056 feet) must serve at least four (4) owner occupied residences (otherwise it will be considered a private driveway). Additionally, there must be one (1) owner occupied residence for each 1/10 of one mile (528 feet) thereafter.
  - 8) All streets and right-of-way offered to the Town must meet the following minimum dimensional standards prior to dedication.
    - A. Minor Residential Streets
      - \* Street right-of way: 35 feet  
(Eighteen (18) feet reserved for paved surface)
      - \* Turnaround right-of way: 35 foot radius  
(Twenty five (25) foot radius reserved for paved surface)
    - B. Local Residential Streets
      - \* Street right-of way: 45 feet  
(Eighteen (18) feet reserved for paved surface)
      - \* Turnaround right-of way: 50 foot radius  
(Twenty five (35) foot radius reserved for paved surface)
    - C. Local Collector Streets

\* Street right-of way: 50 feet  
(Twenty (20) feet reserved for paved surface)

\* Turnaround right-of way: 50 foot radius  
(Twenty five (35) foot radius reserved for paved surface)

- 7) The Town reserves the right to allow deviations from the design criteria listed herein. The deviations allowed will be reasonable and limited only by safety and maintenance factors and must be recommended by the Public Works Superintendent.
- 8) Any street that extends from an existing state or town maintained street must meet the right-of way standards of the existing street.
- 9) The following definitions shall be used to determine the appropriate design and construction standards. These determinations will be made by the Town Council Street Committee and the Public Works Superintendent. Any determination by the Street Committee and/or the Public Works Superintendent concerning the dedication of private streets to the Town may be appealed to the Town Council.

A. Minor Residential Subdivision Streets - dead-end, cul-de-sac and loop streets less than 1/10 of one mile (1056 feet) in length that do not connect to more than one local residential street.

B. Local Residential Streets - streets that do not connect thoroughfares or serve major traffic generators. These streets may serve as connectors between existing local residential streets.

C. Residential Collector Streets - streets which serve as the connecting street between local residential streets and thoroughfare streets.

D. Private Driveway - streets which serve less than four (4) permanent residences, regardless of length. These streets will not be eligible for acceptance into the Town system.

David Miller requested water to be run to his property off Horseshoe Bend road. This property is approximately two miles from the Sawmills Town limits. It was determined that Davids best bet would be to ask for water from Baton Water Corp.

As the lawsuit is still pending on the Dorman Little property, a motion was made by Tim Sanders, seconded by Larry Prestwood, to direct the town's attorney, Terry Taylor, to send Dorman Little a copy of the report of Robin Soots, Building Inspector, stating that the lawsuit against him is still pending, and that he may need to make the minor repairs in order to bring it up to standard. All in favor.

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Paul Pope made a motion to accept the contract with Caldwell County tax department to collect all the town's ad valorem taxes. Larry Prestwood seconded with all in favor.

Rick Oxford, administrator of the CDBG grant for the Town of Sawmills, related to the board that there was some unexpended funds available for water and street improvements in the rehabilitation area on Baird Drive. He suggested paving an additional road off Baird Drive for a cost of \$10,316.00; resurfacing Baird Drive at a cost of \$7,106.00; installing additional water lines for a cost of \$5,500.00 and widening the sidewalk adjoining the town park property at a cost of \$9,578.00. This change order will be drawn up by Chester West, Engineer. On a motion made by Larry Prestwood, seconded by Dennis Wilson, council moved to approve this change order.

Tim Sanders made a motion to have the annual Christmas Dinner at Caisy's on Thursday, December 10th, 1992 at 7:00 pm, and if not feasible for the 10th to have it on December 3rd, 1992. Paul Pope seconded. All were in favor. This year the pastors who have been giving the invocations for the town meetings will be invited.

On a motion made by Tim Sanders, seconded by Larry Prestwood, council moved to adopt the following resolution:

TOWN OF SAWMILLS  
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR CONTINUED RAIL SERVICE TO CALDWELL COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met in regular session this 17th day of November, 1992.

WHEREAS, the Board of directors discussed the need for continued rail service in Caldwell and recognizes that continued full rail service is vital to existing and future economic development of Caldwell County;

WHEREAS, rail service is an essential mode of transportation in Caldwell County being used by local businesses and industry to transport raw products and finished goods in and out of the County;

WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce's Highways and Transportation Task force met with Rail Link officials in October 1992 wherein Rail Link officials indicated that service to the twenty (20) miles of rail line to Caldwell County is under consideration to be discontinued;

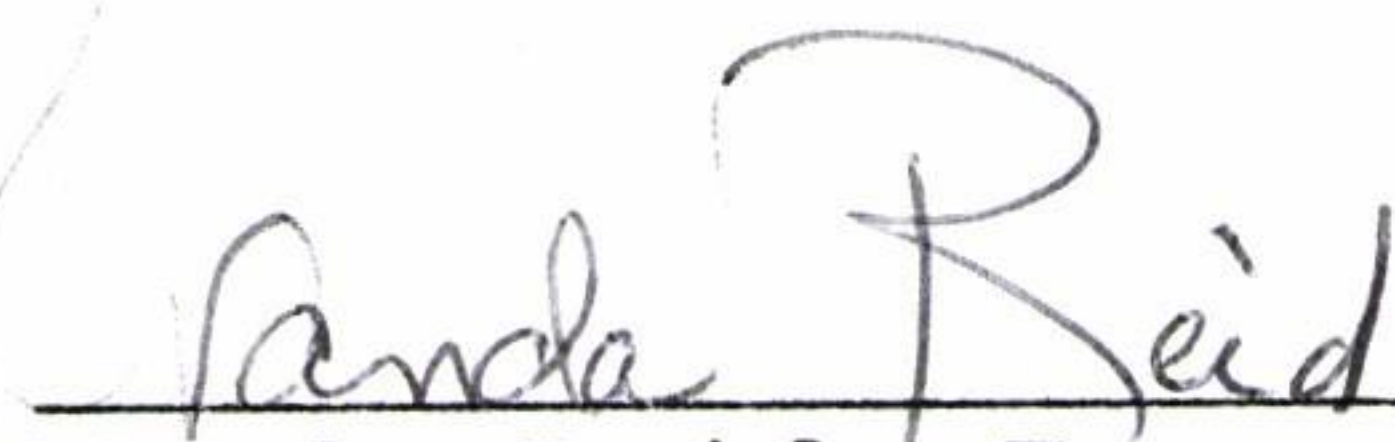
WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce's Highways and Transportation Task Force, the NC Dept. of Commerce and the and the Caldwell County Economic Development Commission met with the users and potential users of rail at which time the users requested assistance in expressing opposition to any consideration of any reduction or cessation in rail service.

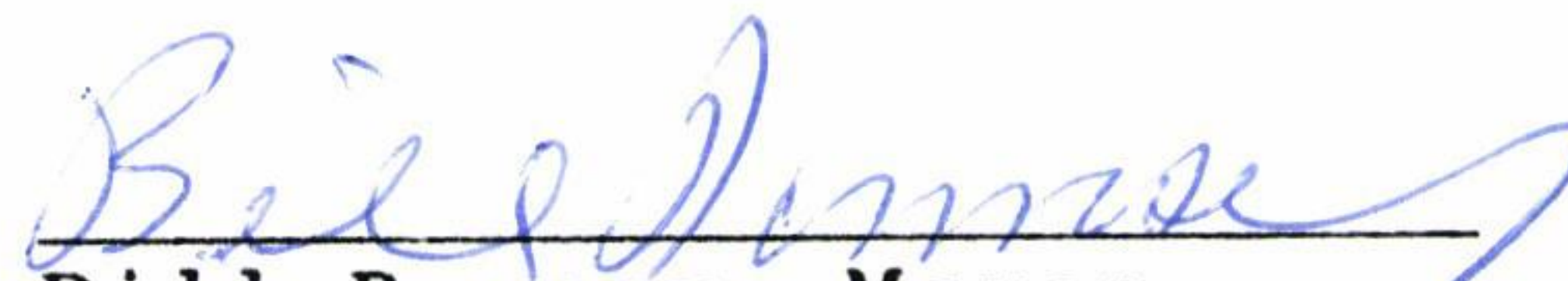
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Sawmills Town Council commends Rail Link on the rail service provided to Caldwell County in the past and hereby communicates our support for continued full service. The Town will solicit the full support from Governor Jim Martin, Secretary of Transportation Tommy Harrelson, Senators Jesse Helms and Terry Sanford and Congressman Cass Ballenger to assist in continued rail service to Caldwell County on a long-term basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Governor Jim Martin, Secretary of Transportation Tommy Harrelson, Senators Sanford and Helms, and Congressman Cass Ballenger.

ADOPTED this 17th day of November, 1992.

ATTEST:

  
Wanda Reid, Town Clerk

  
Bill Ramsey, Mayor

Paul Pope made a motion to amend the personnel vacation policy as follows.

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 23 OF THE TOWN ORDINANCE

Chapter 23 Personnel Policy

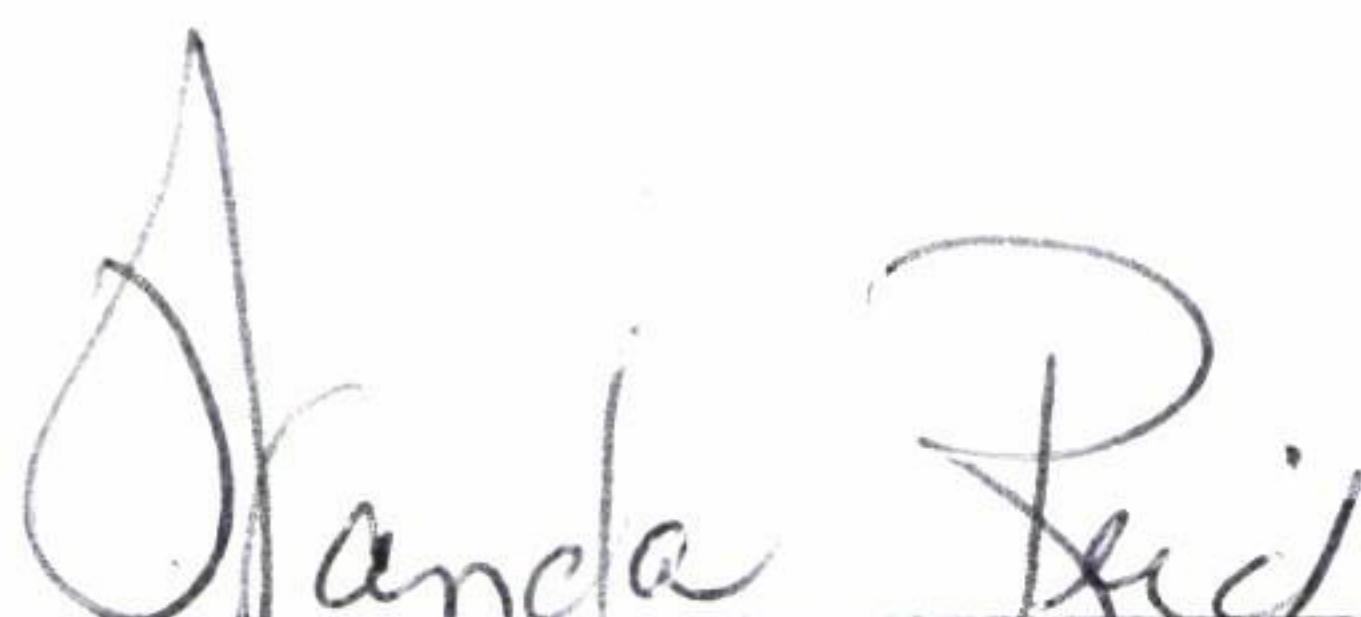
Section 23.03 - Vacation

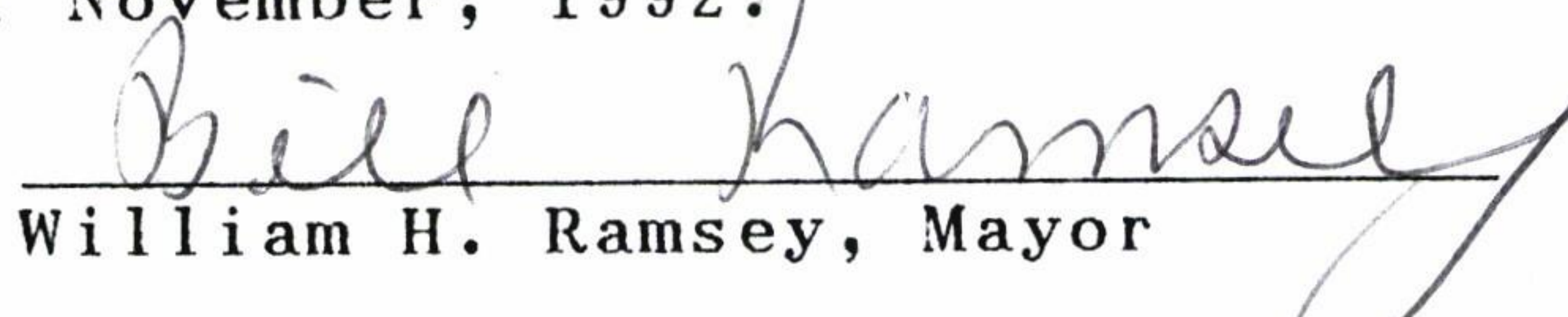
NOW, THEREFORE, Section 23.03 (A) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) All Town employees shall have one (1) week paid vacation after working a minimum of six (6) months. Thereafter, all Town employees shall have two (2) weeks paid vacation after working a minimum of twelve (12) months. When possible, vacation time shall be arranged at least two (2) weeks in advance.

All other provisions of Chapter 23 are hereby affirmed and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth verbatim.

This the 17th day of November, 1992.

  
Wanda Reid, Town clerk

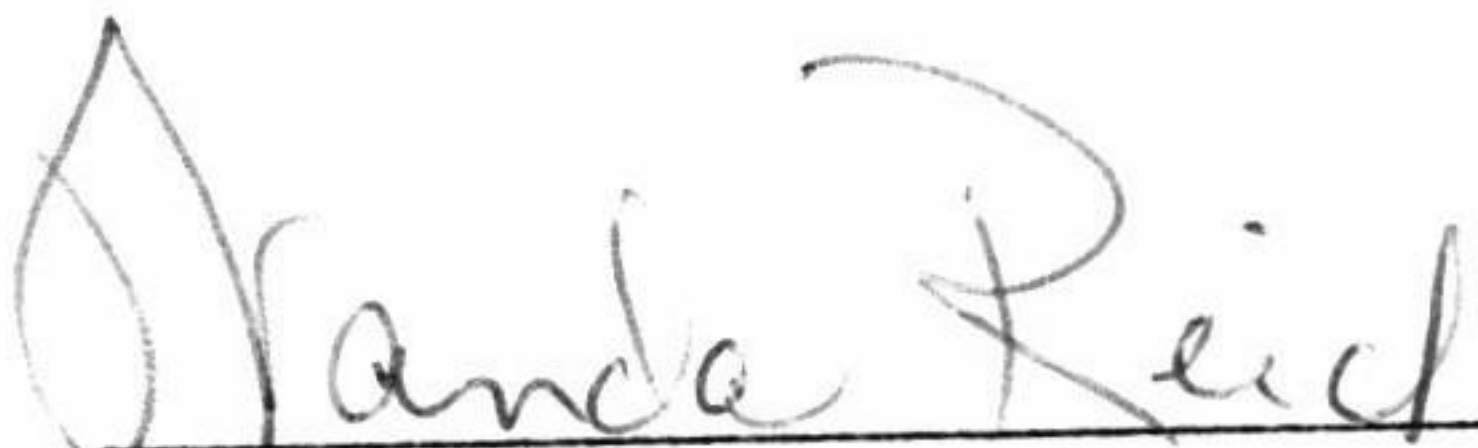
  
William H. Ramsey, Mayor

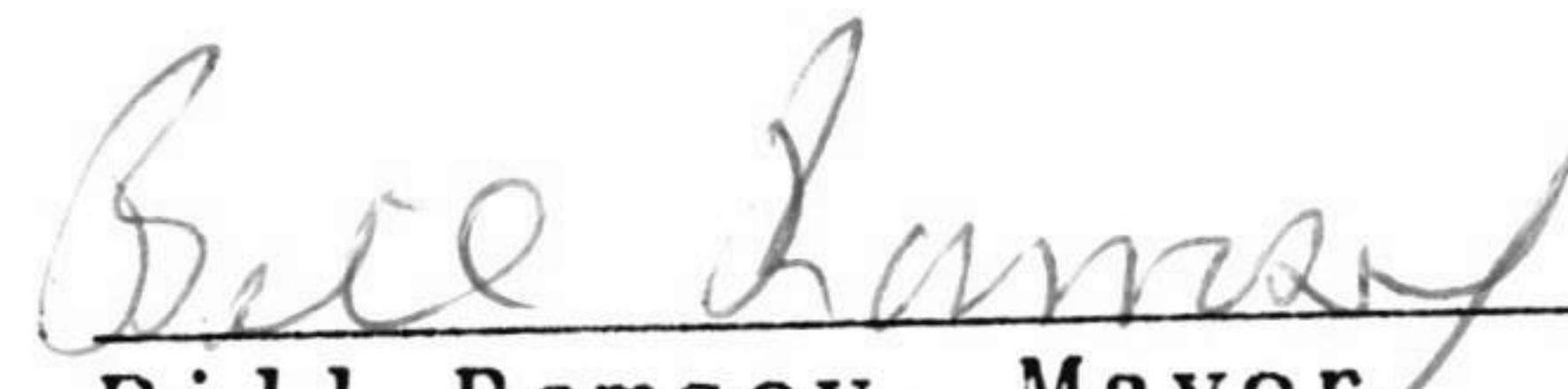
Motion was seconded by Larry Prestwood. All were in favor.

The council decided to interview Steve Coonse on a performance appraisal review, and discuss a pay raise for him at the next board meeting.

Paul Pope made a motion to hire Billy Jo McRary for general labor work, part time, at \$5.50 an hour. Max Andrews seconded. All were in favor.

At 6:20 pm, Tim Sanders made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Larry Prestwood. All were in favor.

  
Wanda Reid, Town Clerk

  
Bill Ramsey, Mayor