

November 20, 2001
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-The invocation was given by Bufford Pennell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-The pledge of allegiance was led by Benjamin Wilson.

ADOPT AGENDA-With no additions added Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-David Stamey noted that it was Kensway Drive instead of Kendal Drive as stated in the November 5 minutes. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the minutes with the above changes.

PUBLIC HEARING: DUKE POWER RECREATION AREA LEASE-Mayor Max Andrews opened the public hearing at 6:05 PM. Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that the proposed lease with Duke Power would be for 30 years and the Town would be obligated to provide the amenities listed in the accompanying lease application document. As there was no comment for or against the lease agreement, Mayor Max Andrews closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING: VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION, CONLEY CREEK ACCESS AREA-Mayor Max Andrews opened the public hearing on the voluntary annexation of Conley Creek access area at 6:15 PM. As there was no one speaking for or against the voluntary annexation, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:20 PM.

RELATED PUBLIC HEARING ACTION-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the lease contingent on the annexation and lease being effective July 1, 2002. David Stamey made the motion to accept the voluntary annexation, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to conduct a second reading on the voluntary annexation on January 8, 2002.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

A. Cleaning Service bids-Listed below are the four bids for cleaning the office.

Mike Austin Cleaning Service	\$200.00 per month
Richard Blankenship Cleaning Service	\$250.00 per month
Knights' Cleaning Service	\$150.00 per month
Watt's Cleaning Service	\$150.00 per month

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to award the bid to Watt's Cleaning Service for \$150.00 a month.

A. Sawmills School Road Waterline Project Purchase Order Request-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that in upgrading the waterline, staff felt that rather than use existing obsolete setter and check valves, it will be better to upgrade the valves and setters. Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the purchase order request in the amount of \$1,740.00 with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

B. New Computer's Purchase Order Request-Mr. Frye informed Council that \$3,000.00 was in the budget to purchase a computer for the finance office. He stated that the front office computers needed replacing also. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to approve the purchase of the three computers not to exceed the budgeted \$3,000.00.

PLANNING MATTERS:

A. Mamie Denton: Minor Subdivision Plat Review-The Planning Board has reviewed the submitted plat and recommends approval of this request conditional upon the surveyor providing staff with a recordable completed plat, and Mrs. Denton providing a road maintenance and access agreement concerning the subdivision in question to staff. Joe Helton made the motion to approve the minor subdivision with the above stipulations. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

B. Jack Warren: Minor Subdivision Plat Review-Mr. Warren has submitted a request for a minor subdivision of his property off Helena Street. This will involve splitting the parcel into two pieces. David Stamey made the motion to approve the minor subdivision. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

C. Oliver Smith Estate: Family Subdivision Plat Review-Council man Bill Ramsey stated he needed to be excused, as this was a conflict of interest. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to excuse Mr. Ramsey,

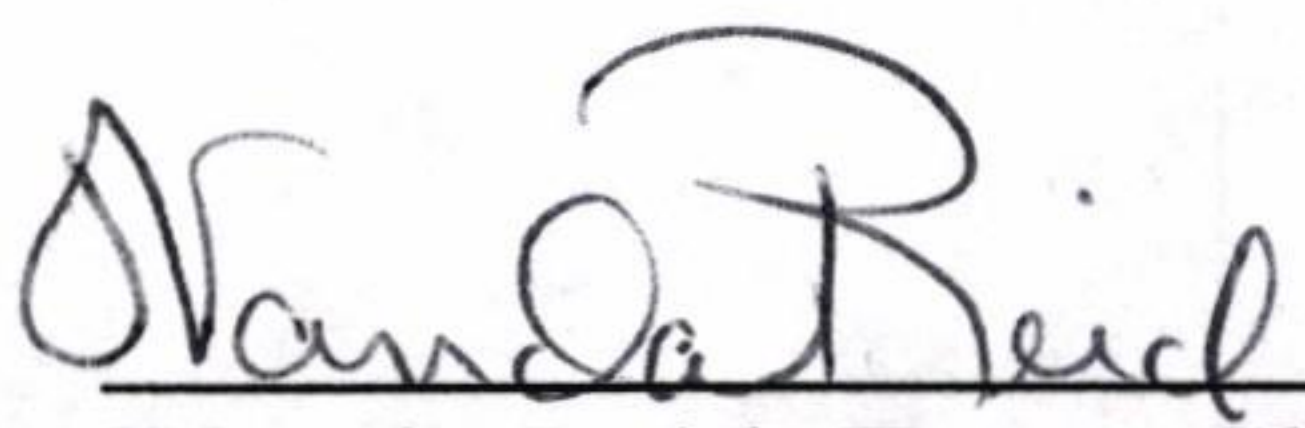
with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor. The subdivision in question involves splitting the parcel into three pieces. The Planning Board has reviewed the submitted plat and recommends approval of his request. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the minor subdivision request contingent upon the plat showing a "T" turn around.

C. ***Bryson Enforcement Action-*** Mr. Frye informed Council the Brysons were complying with the zoning ordinance and no action was needed from Council.

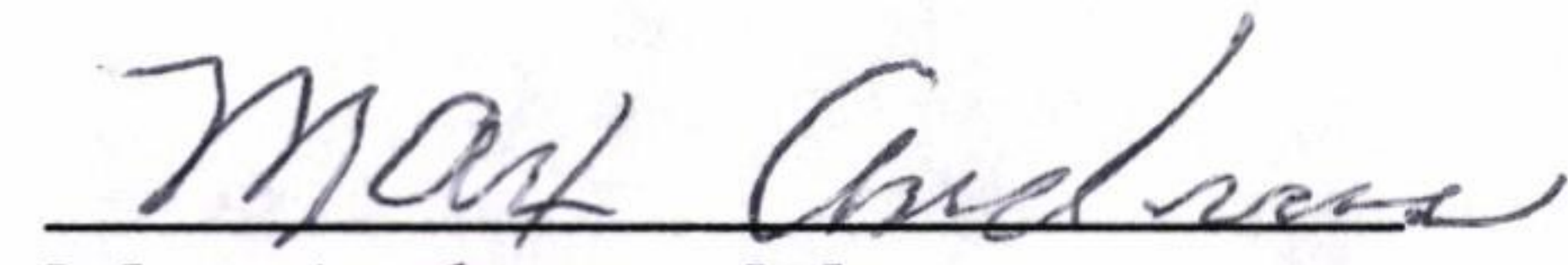
OTHER BUSINESS:

- ◆ Mr. Frye reminded Council the Christmas Parade would be Saturday, December 1, 2001 line up starting at 9:30 AM.
- ◆ Mr Frye also stated the Town Office and the Public Works department would be closed for Thanksgiving on November 22, and 23, 2001.
- ◆ David Stamey asked if the contractors would be putting a shoulder back on Harold Bowman's property when the waterline is completed. Mr. Frye replied that a final clean up would be completed before the last payment will be made.
- ◆ Mr. Stamey also stated that the residence across the road had deep indentions from the heavy equipment being parked there and asked if it would be taken care of. Mr. Frye replied it would all be fixed.
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins inquired if the Department of Transportation could cut back the bushes on Baker Circle so persons can see around the steep curve because there have been several accidents at that location. Mr. Frye stated he would check into the situation
- ◆ David Stamey asked about the past due water bills and was told there was still 15 to 20 cut-offs each month.

ADJOURNMENT-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to adjourn at 6:40 PM.



Wanda Reid, Town Clerk



Max Andrews, Mayor

RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS
REQUESTING RELEASE OF STATE FUNDS FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, Lead Regional Organizations have established productive voluntary working relationships with municipalities and counties across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognized this relationship through the appropriation of \$935,000 to help Lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, and to support local industrial development activities and other activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a request is not made by Sawmills for release of these funds to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments, the available funds will revert to the State's general fund; and

WHEREAS, in Region E, funds in the amount of \$55,000 will be used to continue the provision of grants assistance to member local governments (especially related to Community Development Block Grants and other economic grants); to continue the provision of certain technical and planning assistance activities to member governments; to continue the development and maintenance of a data base for the entire region and be able to provide member governments with detailed information on population, employment, growth trends, and other information as needs are identified; to provide assistance as needed to the four county economic development or industrial development efforts; and to continue development of and maintain a Geographic Information System (GIS).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Sawmills requests the release of its share of these funds, \$570.16, to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments at the earliest possible time, in accordance with the provisions of State law.

Adopted this the 4TH day of DECEMBER, 2001, by:

Robert A. Fuge
Town Manager

[Signature]
Mayor
Town of Sawmills

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November 5, 2001
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- Max Andrews led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA-With no additions added Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 16, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2000-01 AUDIT-Roger Bowman with the auditing firm, Bowman, Pegg, Herman and Starr, Certified Public Accountants reviewed the town's FY 2000-2001 audit with Council and related to Council that the Town was in good financial shape. No Council action was required.

321 WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council of a situation along the guardrail area of the right of way on the 321-waterline extension project that made it impossible to place the new waterline without damaging the existing Sprint phone line. The only option available was to relocate the phone cable. This will be an additional project cost of \$4,430.00. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to approve the change order in the amount of \$4,430.00.

PROJECT UPDATES-

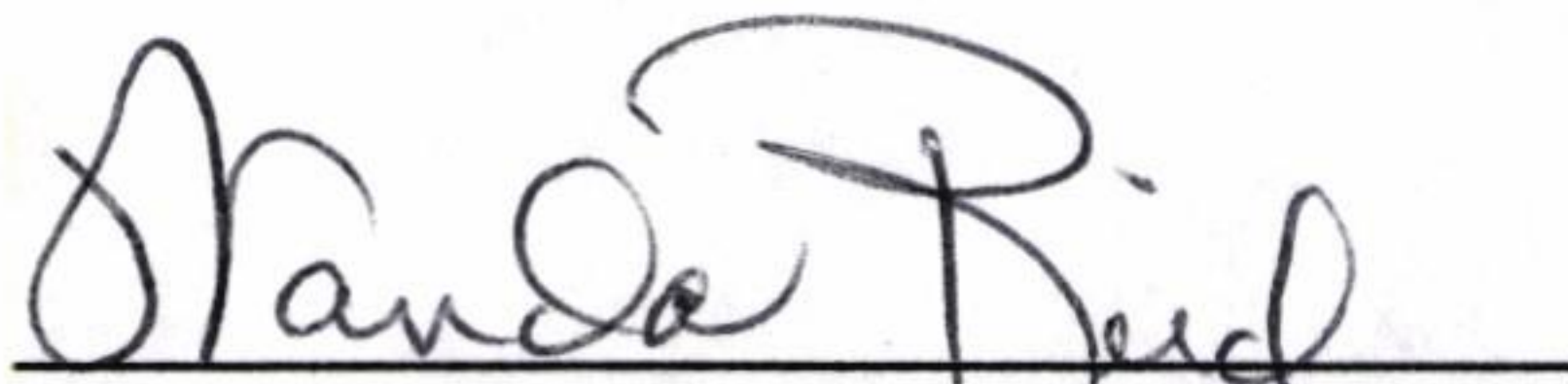
- A. Street Paving-Mr. Frye informed council the street paving was almost completed and once it is completed, the painting and striping work would be done.

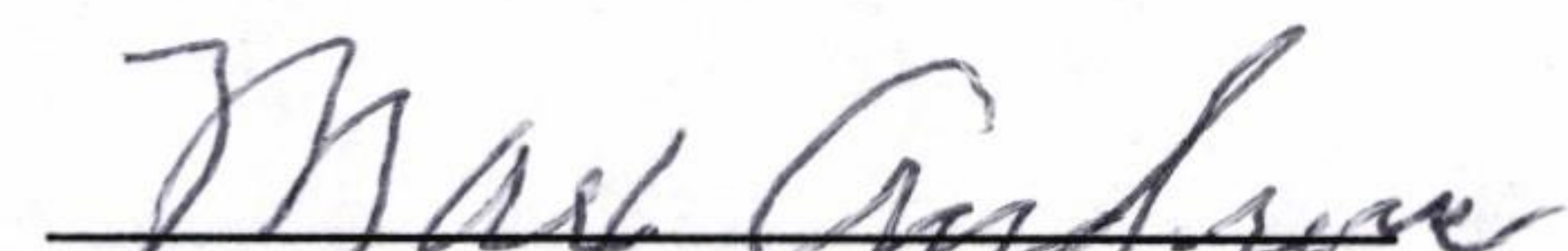
- B. 321 Waterline Installation- the 321 Waterline Installation is proceeding and outside of the change order there have not been any problems with the project and it is expected be completed within two weeks.
- C. Project Update: Sawmills School Road Waterline Replacement-The contractor has begun work and anticipates having the new line installed by around the end of November.

OTHER BUSINESS: -

- ◆ Councilman David Stamey inquired if the state reimbursement money will be used on the Sawmills School Road Waterline project to offset the cost. Mr. Frye replied yes.
- ◆ Mr. Stamey also asked about the status of the streetlights to be placed on Kendall Drive and Roger McCall Road. Mr. Frye stated they were waiting on Bremco to do the installation..
- ◆ James Bryson, a resident on Cajah Mt. Road, asked why he could not operate a gift shop in that area when there were several business on that road. Mr. Frye informed him that the trailer he was renting was not zoned for business and that he would have to comply with the Town's requirements for a customary Home Business in order to remain in operation at its current location.

ADJOURNMENT-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adjourn at 6:35 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

October 16, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

Max Andrews
Joe Helton
Bobby Austin
Gerelene Blevins
Bill Ramsey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid
COUNCIL ABSENT
David Stamey

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

INVOCATION- Rick Crouse, pastor of Dry Ponds Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- The pledge of allegiance was led by Max Andrews.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA- Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES- On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING ON DUKE POWER LEASE AGREEMENT AND VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION HEARING- Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that Duke Power would not have the required information ready to transmit to the town before the end of the month. Mr. Frye suggested the public hearings on the voluntary annexation and the public hearing on the lease be postponed until the November 20th, 2001 meeting. Bobby Austin made the motion to postpone the public hearings on the lease agreement and voluntary annexation until the November 20th, 2001 meeting. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN ENDORSEMENT- Mr. Frye recommended that Council support and endorse the Caldwell Council Intermodal Committee's TIP priority list. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to support and endorse the Caldwell County Intermodal Committee's TIP priorities list.

RESCHEDULING OF THE NOVEMBER 6TH, 2001 COUNCIL MEETING- Mr. Frye reminded Council that the regular scheduled meeting for November 6th was also Election Day and the council chambers would be in use as a voting precinct. He suggested scheduling the meeting for Monday, November 5th, 2001. Gerelene Blevins made the

motion to move the November 6th meeting to November 5th, with Bobby Austin seconding. All were in favor.

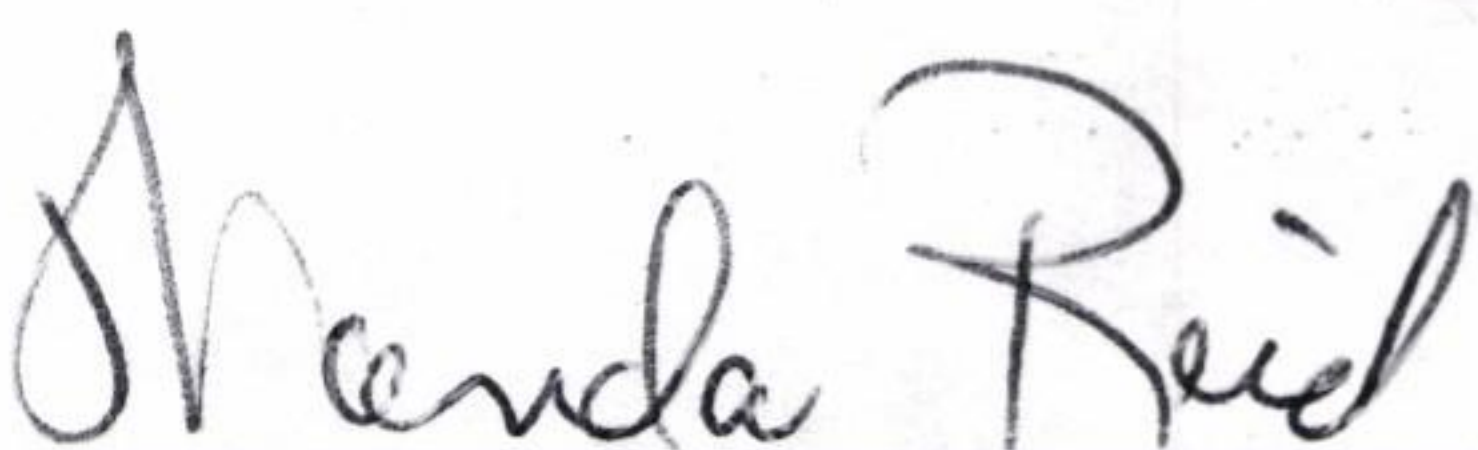
PAUL DRIVE EROSION CONTROL SITUATION-Mr Frye informed Council the Paul Drive erosion control situation was halted because the town did not have a right-of-way on this street. Councilman Joe Helton related that Council had voted last meeting to put a erosion control on Paul Drive and in his opinion a \$50.00 job had turned into a \$300.00 or \$400.00 job by bringing in an attorney and an engineer. Joe Helton made the motion to table this until it could be determined if the town had a right-of-way. Motion died for lack of a second. Bobby Austin made the motion that if the owner of the road signed an easement, to go ahead and do the work. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

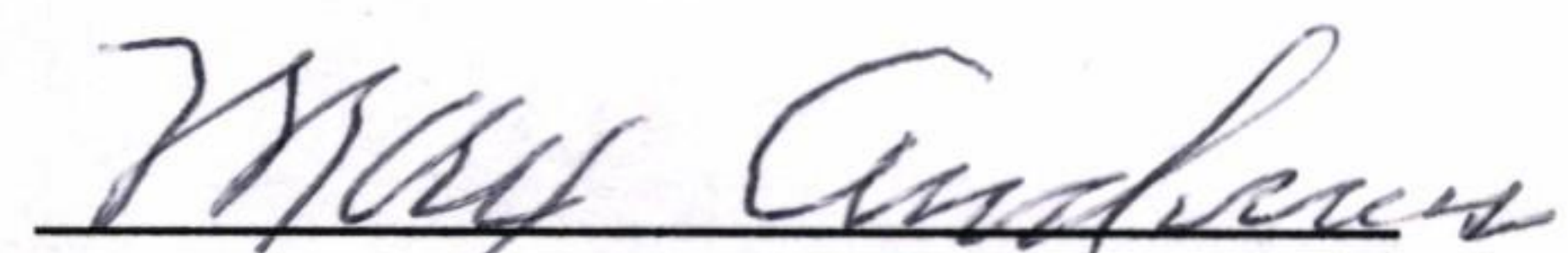
- ◆ Council Woman Gerelene Blevins stated that the present persons cleaning Town Hall were not doing a good job and suggested putting bids out. Bobby Austin made the motion to put out for bids the cleaning of Town Hall when the present contract ran out. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.
- ◆ Ms. Blevins related that it had been brought to her attention that some citizen's did not understand the duties of the Mayor and Council positions and suggested that the reporter run the duties of these offices in the newspaper.
- ◆ Joe Helton asked about the status of the paving of the roads. Mr. Frye related they were in the process of paving now.

Mr. Smith Moore, resident of Jay Street questioned the easement right-of-way that Western Piedmont Council of Governments had asked him to sign concerning the sewer lines that will be constructed at his property. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to grant a free sewer tap in exchange for his signature on the easement.

ADJOURNMENT-Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 6:40 PM. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.



Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

OCTOBER 2, 2001
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-Teya Williams, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in the saying of the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye added under Item 9A, Sawmills School Road Water line bids. Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the agenda with changes. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the regular minutes with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2001 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES-Mr. Frye related it was Bobby Austin, not Bill Austin as stated in the closed session minutes. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the minutes of the closed session with changes.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION TO MAYOR ANDREWS-Councilman Bobby Austin presented a plaque of appreciation to Mayor Max Andrews, for his 26 years of service to the Sawmills Sanitary District and the Town of Sawmills..

APPROVAL OF WATER DEPARTMENT MATERIALS PURCHASE ORDER-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to purchase the needed materials that will be used in the Water Department at the cost of \$3,673.32.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON DUKE POWER RECREATION AREA LEASE-Mr. Frye informed council that the property Council is considering putting a park on is outside of the city limits and would need to be annexed. This would be a voluntary annexation from Duke Power. Mr. Frye also suggested holding a public hearing to discuss the lease agreement.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to hold a public hearing on October 16, 2001 for discussion of the lease agreement. David Stamey made the motion to hold a public hearing concerning the voluntary annexation of Duke Power Property for October 16, 2001. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS-Mr. Frye informed Council the low bid on the Sawmills School Road water line was Ronnie Turner Construction in the amount of \$165,768.00, and recommended Council award the bid to them. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to award Ronnie Turner Construction's bid to construct the waterline on Sawmills School road. *See minutes 9-4-2001*

AMEND BUDGET-Mr Frye also informed Council that an amendment to the budget would be needed, as the Sawmill School Road waterline was not in the budget. Bobby Austin made the motion to appropriate \$165,768.00 out of the General Fund to the Water Utility Fund. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

David Stamey asked the following:

- ◆ Where was the city limit sign on Highway 321. Mr. Frye related it was on order.
- ◆ Where were the streetlights on Kensway Drive and Roger McCall Drive. Mr. Frye said the appropriate Power Company would be contacted.
- ◆ Why were Keith Drive and Helena Street not stripped. Mr. Frye stated they would be stripped when Remont Drive and Eli Lane were paved.

Mr. Stamey gave each Council member a copy of "Conflict of Interest" document compiled by Town Attorney Terry Taylor, and asked that it be included in the minutes. (See attached)

CONSTRUCTION SCREEN-David Stamey made the motion that town employees place a construction screen on Paul Drive so the ditch would not get filled in. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to adjourn at 6:25 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Joe Helton
Bobby Austin
Gerlene Blevins
Bill Ramsey
David Stamey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Bonnie Mann

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Pro-Tem Joe Helton in lieu of Mayor Max Andrew's absence called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests

INVOCATION-Joe Helton gave the invocation with a special mention of the victims in last week's tragedy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-The pledge was led by Joe Helton.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Administrator Robert Frye added two items under Agenda Item 8 Other Business. ITEM 8A - Donating \$500 dollars to the Red Cross Relief Fund for the victims in the New York tragedy. ITEM 8B - Max Andrews day on October 2. Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes, with Gerlene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6- PAST DUE DOOR HANGERS-Mr. Frye related to council that he had discussed with staff the question of hanging past due door hangers. He informed Council that it was estimated that it would cost between \$1,000-\$1500 to have the door hangers printed. Mr Frye reminded Council that the reason second notices had been discontinued was due to the expense and the fact that citizens were ignoring them. Mr. Frye recommended no change to current policy be made. He then suggested waiting 1-2 months before making a final decision on this matter. David Stamey felt that the public works staff should tell the customer that they were going to cut off the water and expressed concerns about elderly and disabled persons who had their water cut off. Mr. Frye's response was that the public works staff could not tell everyone personally that they were cutting off the water and that most of the people who had their water cut off were habitually late. Bill Ramsey made a motion to wait 2 months, with Gerlene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

AGENDA ITEM 7A- BOARD OF ELECTION ANNEXATION SITUATION-Problem has been resolved. A second information package was delivered to the Board of Elections as well as a full list of residents at the Horseshoe Acres subdivision.

AGENDA ITEM 7B-COBLE DAIRY TRAFFIC SITUATION-Administrator Robert Frye reported to Council that he had discussed the Coble Dairy citizens

request to block off access to this road on the lower Cedar Valley end of the road with both the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department. Neither the Fire Department or the Sheriff's Department were in favor of this. As a result, Mr Frye suggested that Council take no action on this request.

AGENDA ITEM 7C-DUKE POWER/CRESENT RESOURCES LEASE-On the Cresent Resources Recreation Area Lease, Mr. Frye informed Council that he and attorney Terry Taylor would be meeting with Duke Power next week and he hoped to bring a recommendation back to council at the October 2 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8A-DONATION TO THE RED CROSS-Mr. Frye suggested donating \$500 to the Red Cross Relief Fund. Bobby Austin made a motion, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

AGENDA ITEM 8B-PROCLAMATION OF OCTOBER 2 AS MAYOR MAX ANDREWS DAY-Mr. Frye suggested October 2 as Max Andrews Day. Bobby Austin made a motion with Gerlene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

At 6:35 PM, David Stamey then made a motion to go into closed session with Gerlene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

At 7:00 PM, Bobby Austin then made a motion to go into open session with Gerlene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

The following motions were then made:

A 3% merit raise for Michael Brown. David Stamey made a motion, with Gerlene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

An offer of employment to Don Turnmire for the Utility Workers position at a starting rate of \$7.50. Gerlene Blevins made the motion, with Bill Ramsey seconding. All were in favor.

An offer of employment to Marrion Bales for the Office Assistant position at a starting rate of \$8.50. David Stamey made the motion, with Bobby Austin seconding. All were in favor.

ADJOURMENT-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.


Bonnie Mann
Finance Director


Max Andrews
Mayor

NORTH CAROLINA

CLERKS CERTIFICATE

CALDWELL COUNTY

TO THE HONARABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS:

The Town Clerk has examined the annexation petition submitted by Duke Power, A Duke Energy Company, for property being briefly described as a sixty eight acre tract of land located on Lake Rhodhiss and commonly referred to as the Conley Creek Access area and has determined that the annexation petition meets the requirements set forth by N.C.G.S. Section 160A-31.

This the 16 day of OCTOBER, 2001

Manda Reich
Town Clerk

**SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2001
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-Joe Helton gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Nicholas Herman, a Student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Administrator Robert Frye added under item 10-Other Business: Citizens comments. Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21ST, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

COMMERCIAL/AGRICULTURAL WATER RATE PROPOSAL-Mr. Frye presented the modified water rates Council had directed staff to come up with. Several citizens in the audience spoke against the reduced rates for the dairy. David Stamey made the motion to send the reduced rates back to the drawing board. Motion died for lack of a second. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to accept the lower rates. Bill Ramsey seconded. Gerelene Blevins and Bill Ramsey voted for the motion. Joe Helton, and Bobby Austin, did not vote, which meant an affirmative vote. David Stamey voted against.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

A: 321 Waterline Extension Project Bids: The following bids were received for this project.

Hickory Construction Co.	\$56,557.00
Ronny Turner Construction Co	\$74,105.00
Max Prestwood Water & Sewer	\$75,000.00
Iron Mountain Construction, Inc	\$92,319.30
Sanders Construction Co.	\$123,116.60

Bill Ramsey made the motion to award Hickory Construction Co. for the sum of \$56,557.00. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

B: Remount Drive and Eli Lane Paving Bids. Bids for paving Remount Drive and Eli Lane are as follows.

Burke Grading & Paving	\$34,985.00
APAC-Carolinas, Inc	\$57,462.50
Carolina Asphalt Paving	\$67,280.00

On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to award the paving of Remount Drive and Eli Lane to Burke Grading & Paving, Inc.

UPDATE: SAWMILLS SCHOOL SIDEWALK PROJECT-Mr. Frye also related that the Department of Transportation has requested the town to delay the sidewalk project until spring, 2002. Bobby Austin made the motion to delay construction of the sidewalk until spring. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE SUGGESTION-Mr. Frye informed Council the parents of the children leading in the saying of the pledge of allegiance during the board meetings are having a hard time bringing the children, due to all the activities after school. He suggested inviting the students only on special occasions. No motion was needed for this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

David Stamey made the following suggestions:

- ◆ Asked for a list of motions made week by week with the action taken.
- ◆ Related ditches needed to be cleaned out and that someone should check the streets that needed to be cleaned out
- ◆ Trimming trees out of right-of-ways.
- ◆ Check with Board of Elections on people in Sawmills that are not listed with the Board of Elections as being in Sawmills

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- ◆ Joe and Jane Wesson requested that the water rates be changed back to what they were. They also wanted the water meter moved and changed.
- ◆ Pat Holden and Charles Allison live on Coble Dairy Road. They related persons were using their road for a cut off instead of using the stoplight. They requested that the Town install asphalt humps to slow traffic down.

- ◆ Dennis Faar spoke against lowering the commercial/agricultural water rates.

David Stamey made the motion to have the public works employees place door hangers to remind persons that have water bills past due. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

David Stamey made the motion to discontinue the new water rates and to go back to the old water rates. Motion died for lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM. Bobby Austin seconded with all in favor.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

TOWN OF SAWMILLS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2001- 2

AMENDMENT TO WATER RATE STRUCTURE

THAT WHEREAS, State law provides that a Town can acquire, construct, operate a water supply distribution, election, and disposal system as is authorized by North Carolina General Statute 160A-312.

THAT WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 160A-314 provides the authority for a Town to fix and enforce rates, fees, charges and penalties for the use of or services furnished by any public enterprise. The statute further provides that schedules of rents, rates, fee, charges and penalties may vary according to the classes of services, and different schedules may be adopted for services provided.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills that the water rate structures attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which is incorporated herein by reference, shall be and is from this day forward the current rate structure for water services in the Town of Sawmills.

This the 4TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2001.



TOWN OF SAWMILLS

By: May Andrews
Mayor

ATTEST:

Shanda Reed
Clerk

AUGUST 21ST, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

Max Andrews
Gerelene Blevins
Bobby Austin
Bill Ramsey
David Stamey

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

COUNCIL ABSENT

Joe Helton

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

INVOCATION-The invocation was given by Max Andrews.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-All persons in attendance stood for the saying of the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye added item 8A: Fund Balance Transfer Prestwood Sewer Bill to the agenda.

ADOPT AGENDA-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 7TH, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- A. **Steven Hamby: Minor Subdivision Plat Review-**Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council the Planning Board has reviewed the submitted plat and recommends approval of this request. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to approve the minor subdivision plat with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.
- B. **Doe Run: Major Subdivision Final Plat Review (North Bay Section)-**Mr Frye related the plat in question meets all town major subdivision requirements and was reviewed by the Planning Board, with recommendations to approve the plat. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey Council voted to approve the final plat.
- C. **Doe Run: (Hunters Path) Major Subdivision Final Plat Review-**Mr. Frye also stated that this plat had been reviewed by the Planning Board and met all town major subdivision requirements. David Stamey made the motion to approve the major subdivision plat. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

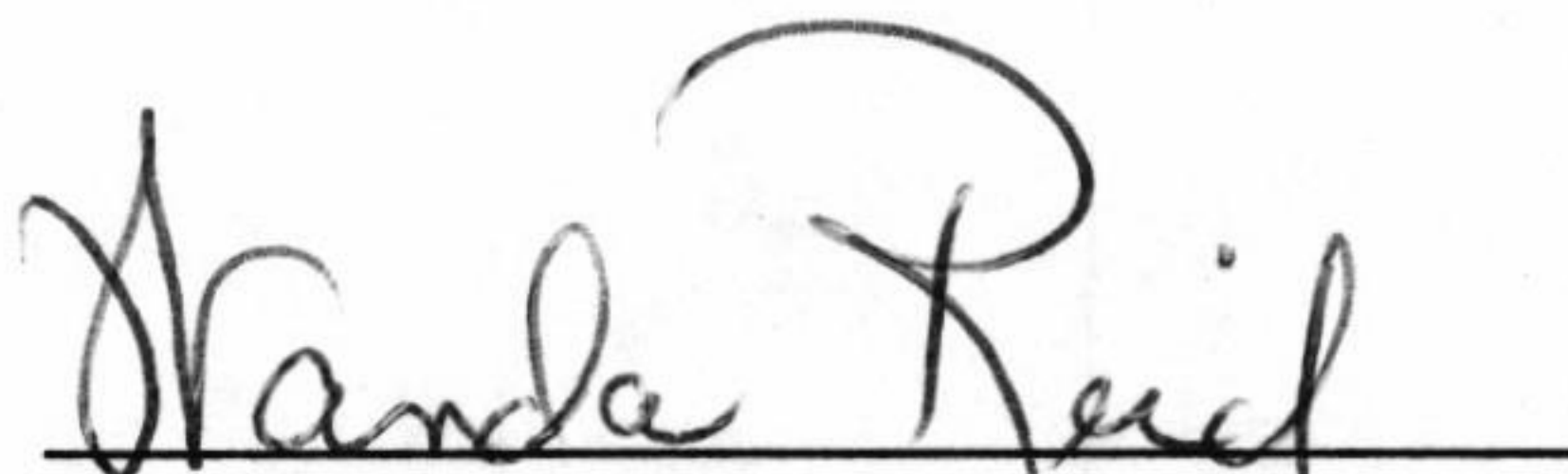
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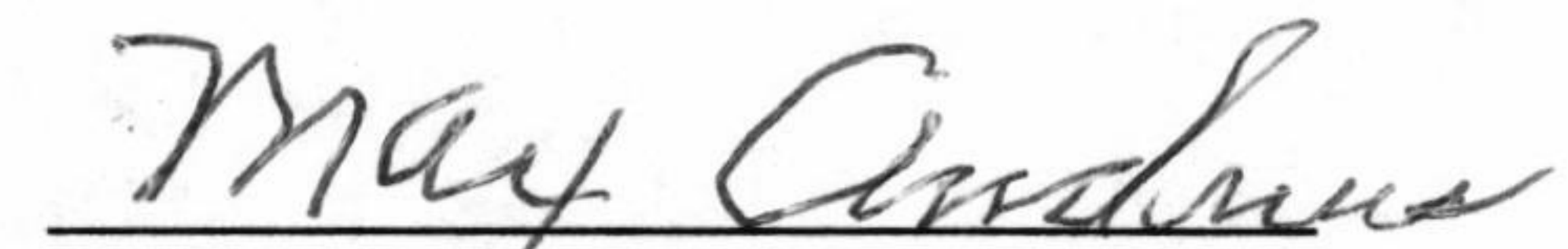
- A. **Commercial/Agricultural Water Rate Proposal**-Mr. Frye also stated that staff has been working on this and still had some work to do before the new draft rate schedule is complete. The information should be available for Council's consideration at the September 4th meeting. No Council action is required.
- B. **321 Waterline Extension Project**-Mr. Frye related that only two bids had been received on the Waterline Extension. Three bids are needed. He told Council that the bids had been re-advertised and the new bid opening would be ready for approving at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- ♦ **FUND BALANCE TRANSFER PRESTWOOD SEWER** Mr. Frye explained to Council the bill had been approved to be paid during last years budget, but somehow did not get paid. He requested Council appropriate \$23,945.15 from General Fund Balance so that the bill could be paid. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to appropriate the money.
- ♦ Bobby Austin related that some persons had asked him about putting a drive-through window for paying water bills.

ADJOURN-Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM. David Stamey seconded with all in favor.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

JULY 17TH, 2001
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

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

INVOCATION-The invocation was given by Joe Helton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-All persons in attendance stood for the saying of the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Administrator Frye related to Council the change of item 9C from Town Street paving update to street paving bid award. Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 19, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 28, 2001 SPECIAL MINUTES-David Stamey made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT: SAWMILLS SCHOOL ROAD-Town Engineer Chester West informed Council that there had been four major line breaks on this line within the past two months. Mr. West recommended replacing the existing 40-year-old 6" line with an 8" line. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to replace the 6' with an 8" waterline on Sawmills School Road and use any reimbursement funds received from the state to off set the cost of this project.

PLAT APPROVAL: GLAZEBROOK SUBDIVISION REQUEST-Mr and Mrs. Glazebrook has submitted a request for a minor subdivision that involves splitting the parcel of property into three pieces of property. Town Attorney Terry Taylor recommended that the plat show where the Town Street abuts the Glazebrook property

David Stamey made the motion to approve the minor subdivision plat conditional with Mrs. Taylor's suggestion. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

DISCUSSION: TOWN/COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLANNING EFFORTS-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council of the mutual benefit of working with county planning issues that effect both jurisdictions. Mr. Frye said cooperation between the two governments could result in the development of compatible land use documents, zoning classifications, unified planning and zoning ordinances and a "one stop" permitting process. Bobby Austin made the motion that staff investigate this possibility. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL REQUEST-A change order was required in order to finish up the Sawmills Accelerated School pump station project. This change order was required in order to make access to the station easier during bad weather and to make the station safer to use. David Stamey made the motion to approve the change order request at the price of \$7,385.15. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Vote unanimous.

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL REQUEST-Mr. Frye informed the board that there are sufficient funds within the Public Works budget to cover the purchase of two pumps to be used in case of pump failure at one or both of the pump stations. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Bobby Austin. Council voted to approve this request.

DARE SPONSORSHIP-Gerelene Blevins made the motion to approve a donation to DARE. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

UPDATES

- ◆ Mr. Frye gave a report on the status of the CDBG grant.
- ◆ All required signatures have been obtained and sent to DOT concerning the Sawmills School Road Sidewalk Project
- ◆ Bids for the paving of town streets are as follows:

Midstate	\$33,791.00
Burke	\$34,347.85
Sigmon	\$38,100.00
Hoffman	\$28,705.00

Councilman David Stamey asked to be excused as there was a conflicting matter. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to excuse Mr. Stamey. Joe Helton made the motion to award the bid to Hoffman Paving at the cost of \$ 28,705.00. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Mayor Max Andrews informed the audience he would not be running for Mayor in the coming election. He stated he was going to retire after 26 years of serving the people of Sawmills.
- ◆ David Stamey made the motion that staff to write persons responsible for the railroad tracks going across the Sawmills School Road and asking that they be repaired. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.
- ◆ David Stamey made the motion to install a Town limit sign for Sawmill on 321 Highway. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor.
- ◆ David Stamey made the motion to place flags down to Story's One Stop. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor.
- ◆ On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to have the trees trimmed on Baker Circle.
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins made the motion to place "Children at Play" signs on Woodlawn street.

CLOSED SESSION-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to go into closed session at 6:35 PM, for discussion of Personal matters.

ADJOURNMENT-David Stamey made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

AUGUST 7, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

COUNCIL ABSENT

Max Andrews

CALL TO ORDER-In the absence of Mayor Max Andrews, Mayor Pro-tem Joe Helton called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION- the invocation was given by Joe Helton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-All persons in attendance stood for the saying of the pledge of allegiance.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye added that item 10A-Jerry Anderson request to address Council and Closed Session-personnel matters are added to the agenda.

ADOPT AGENDA-David Stamey made the motion to adopt the agenda with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to approve the regular minutes.

APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2001 SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES-Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the special session minutes. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

DUKE POWER CRESCENT RESOURCES RECREATION AREA LEASE—

Concerning a possible park being created at the Waterworks Road, Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that Crescent was willing to sign a 30 year lease and the town would have up to 2008 to provide amenities to the park. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted that staff discusses with Crescent about a thirty year lease. Gerelene Blevins stated she would like to see more work done on the Town's existing park. Bill Ramsey made the motion to continue pursuing the park on Waterworks Road. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT- Bobby Austin made the motion that the Town of Sawmills enter into an agreement with Western Piedmont Council of Government to join the newly created Rural Transportation Planning Organization. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL REQUEST-

Administrator Frye informed Council of the need to purchase two new electronic water

meter-reading devices. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to purchase the needed electronic meter reading devices.

UPDATE SAWMILLS SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEM-Mr Frye informed the board that the Department of Transportation had investigated the Sawmills School problem and they did not feel that any changes to the school parking area is justified at this time.

UPDATE: STATE BUDGET SITUATION-Mr. Frye related that things do not look promising for next years budget and that the county was thinking of distributing the sales tax money by ad valorem taxes instead of population.

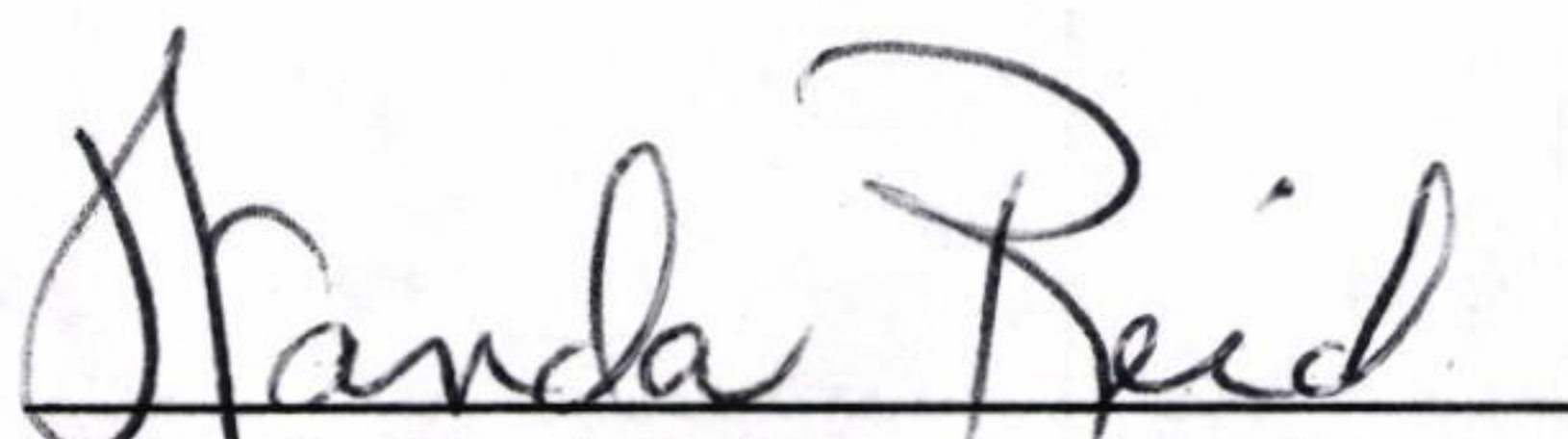
COMMERCIAL RATES-Jerry Anderson informed Council the new water rates had doubled his water expenses and requested that Council look into creating a commercial rates for large water users. David Stamey made the motion that staff investigates the possibility of changing the ordinance to include commercial rates. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

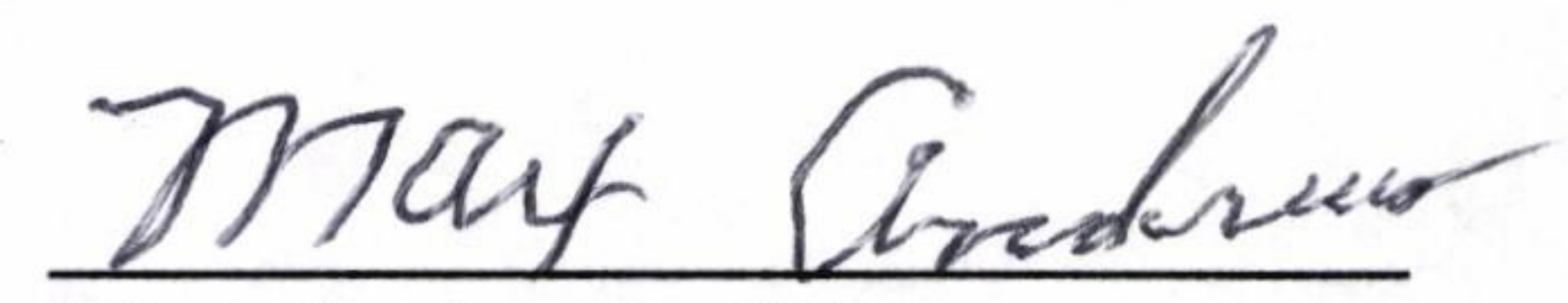
OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Bobby Austin made a motion for the Town to declare a "Max Andrews Day to honor his twenty-six years of service to the Town. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins related that the Jess Drive residents had signed a petition requesting that their street be paved. She then made a motion requesting a survey be done so that it could be added to the town's paving list. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

CLOSED SESSION-Bill Ramsey made the motion to go into closed session at 6:35 PM. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT- On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adjourn at 6:45 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor



June 28th, 2001
Special Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bob Frye
Wanda Reid

CALL TO ORDER-Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-All persons in attendance stood for saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT THE AGENDA-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adopt the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING-DOE RUN ANNEXATION REQUEST-Joe Helton made the motion to open the public hearing, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-DOE RUN ANNEXATION REQUEST-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to close the public hearing.

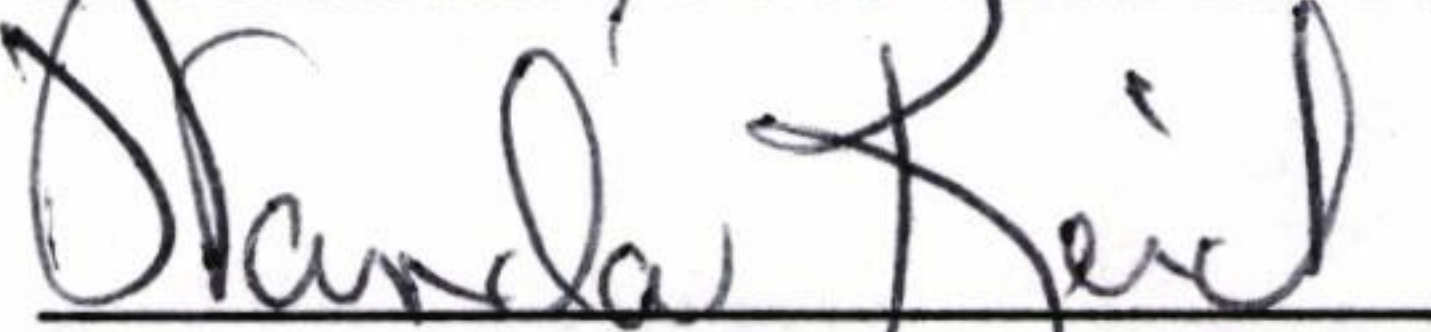
PUBLIC HEARING-AUBREY CHAMPION ANNEXATION REQUEST-David Stamey made the motion to open the public hearing. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

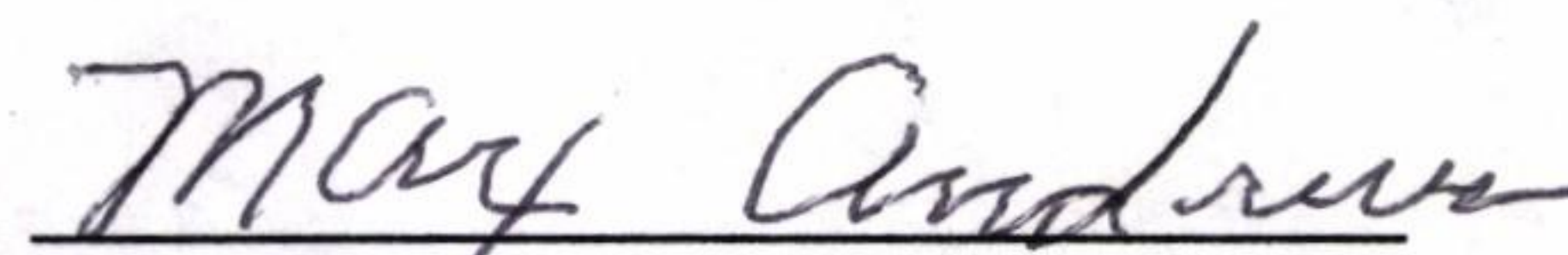
CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-AUBREY CHAMPION ANNEXATION REQUEST-Bill Ramsey made the motion to close the public hearing. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

ADOPTION OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to accept both the Doe Run and Aubrey champion voluntary annexation requests, effective June 30, 2001.

CALLED SPECIAL MEETING-Mayor Max Andrews called a special meeting for July 9th, 2001, for the purpose of discussing resumes for the position of Finance Director.

ADJOURN-Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 6:04 PM. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

June 19th, 2001
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-Invocation was given by Pastor Russell Austin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-All persons in attendance stood for saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADD TO AGENDA-Under other business, Town Administrator Robert Frye added July 3rd Council meeting to the agenda.

ADOPT AGENDA-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adopt the agenda.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5TH, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the regular minutes. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 5TH, 2001 CLOSED SESSION-David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of the closed session. Gerelene Blevins seconded with all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: WATER/SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUP- On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to open the public hearing on water/sewer mandatory hookup. Mr. Frye informed this was the second hearing.

COMMENTS AGAINST MANDATORY HOOKUPS-Several residents spoke against the mandatory hookups. Those speaking against mandatory hookups were, Don Fare, Pat Duggins, Bill Deans, and Eugene Duggins. Comments against.

- ◆ Fought in 3 wars to prevent stuff like this
- ◆ Keep trying to shove down the residents throat
- ◆ Unfair, discriminatory and not in favor of it

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING-Bill Ramsey made the motion to close the public hearing. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted not to have mandatory hookups.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2001-2002 TOWN BUDGET-Administrator Frye informed Council that this year's budget is approximately twenty-two percent (22%) less than the FY 2000-2001 budget. He advised that water rates be increased from \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.60 per 1,000. Sewer rates are proposed to increase from 43.50 per 1,000 to \$400 per 1,000 gallons. Minimum usage rates are proposed to increase from \$8.00 to \$9.00 for water and from \$7.00 to \$9.00 for sewer. Bill Ramsey made the motion to come out of the Public Hearing. Bobby Austin seconded. Vote unanimous.

David Stamey made the motion to approve the budget but not to increase the water and sewer rates. Motion died for lack of a second.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the budget, with Joe Helton seconding. Voting for, Bill Ramsey, Joe Helton, Bobby Austin and Gerelene Blevins. Voting against, David Stamey. Motion passed.

PLAT APPROVAL: CARL HELTON MINOR SUBDIVISION REQUEST-Mr Helton has submitted a request for a minor subdivision of his property off of Helton Road. The subdivision involves splitting the parcel into two plots. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve this request.

PLAT APPROVAL: KEW ENTERPRISES PROPERTY RECOMBINATION REQUEST-Mr. Frye informed Council that KEW Enterprises is interested in buying the Blowing Rock Chair Company building. This piece of property is a non-conforming use as the lot is too small to accommodate the property line set backs. KEW Enterprises has made the purchase of this property conditional upon receiving enough property to allow this building to be rebuilt if it was destroyed. The addition of pieces of parcels#2-5 to this piece of property will achieve this. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve this request.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUESTS-Mr. Frye informed council that due to delays caused in assembling the required Doe Run property owners annexation request forms, it was not possible to meet the 10 day notification rule for the required public hearing in time for the June 19th Council meeting. He requested Council call a special meeting for the purpose of carrying out the annexations. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, council voted to call a special meeting on June 28th, 2001 at 6:00 o'clock PM.

COUNCIL APPROVES CLERK'S CERTIFICATE-David Stamey made the motion to

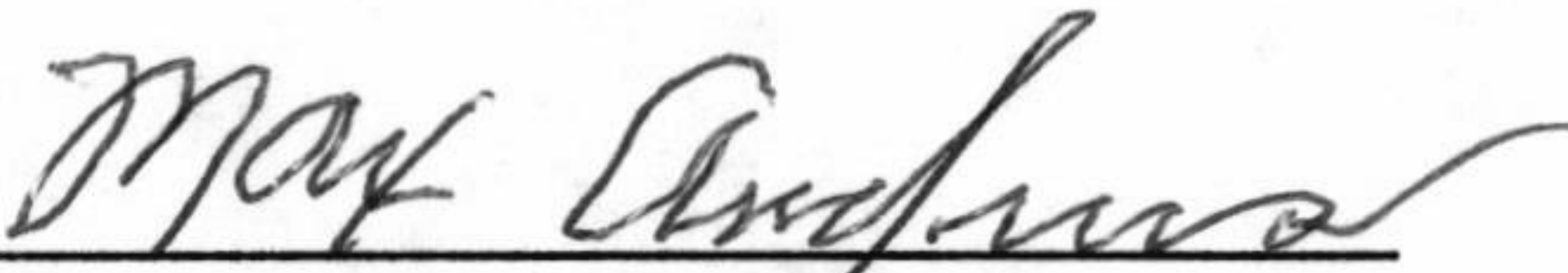
accept the Clerk's Certificate on the Doe Run property and the Aubrey Champion property. Gerelene Blevins seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Mr. Frye informed Council there was not much on the agenda for the July 3rd, 2001 and suggested Council to cancel the meeting. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to cancel the July 3rd, 2001.
- ◆ David Stamey related he sounded like a broken record but he had asked in the past to have the flags and Christmas decorations be put out up to Cornett's Mobile Home Supply instead of stopping at Discount Tires. David Stamey made the motion to place flags and the Christmas decorations up to Cornett's Mobile Home Supply, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.
- ◆ David Stamey mentioned that it would be good if staff put information on what kind of garbage cans, or how bring grips to council, etc. in a booklet for the citizens convenience.

ADJOURNMENT-On a motion made by Joe Helton, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to adjourn at 6:30 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

COMMENTS AGAINST MANDATORY HOOKUPS-Several residents spoke against the mandatory hookups. Those speaking against mandatory hookups were, Sid Barlow, Eugene Duggins, Pat Duggins, Bill Deans, June Stevenson and Frank Cook. Comments against:

- ◆ Has a well and the well water tastes better than town water
- ◆ Can't afford it
- ◆ Not price effective for senior citizens
- ◆ Against anything mandatory

COMMENTS FOR MANDATORY HOOKUPS-There was no one speaking for mandatory hookups.

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

CALLED SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WATER/SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUPS-Gerelene Blevins made the motion to call a public hearing for June 19th, 2001 to have the second reading on water/sewer mandatory hookup. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2001-02 TOWN BUDGET-Mr. Frye informed Council the budget is balanced and recommends Council schedule a public hearing on the proposed FY 2001-02 budget for the next Council meeting on June 19th. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to call a public hearing for the June 19th meeting.

UPDATES from Robert Frye, Town Administrator

- A. Town Water Quality- Lake Rhodhiss turned over recently causing the musty smell and taste. Town staff has been in contact with Lenoir and with state inspectors. The water is safe to drink.
- B. Brush Grinding Pilot Project- The Public Works Department has started grinding brush on site instead of hauling the brush off. Staff will dedicating Thursdays to grinding brush.
- C. According to the 2000 Census Figures Sawmills has a population of 4,921

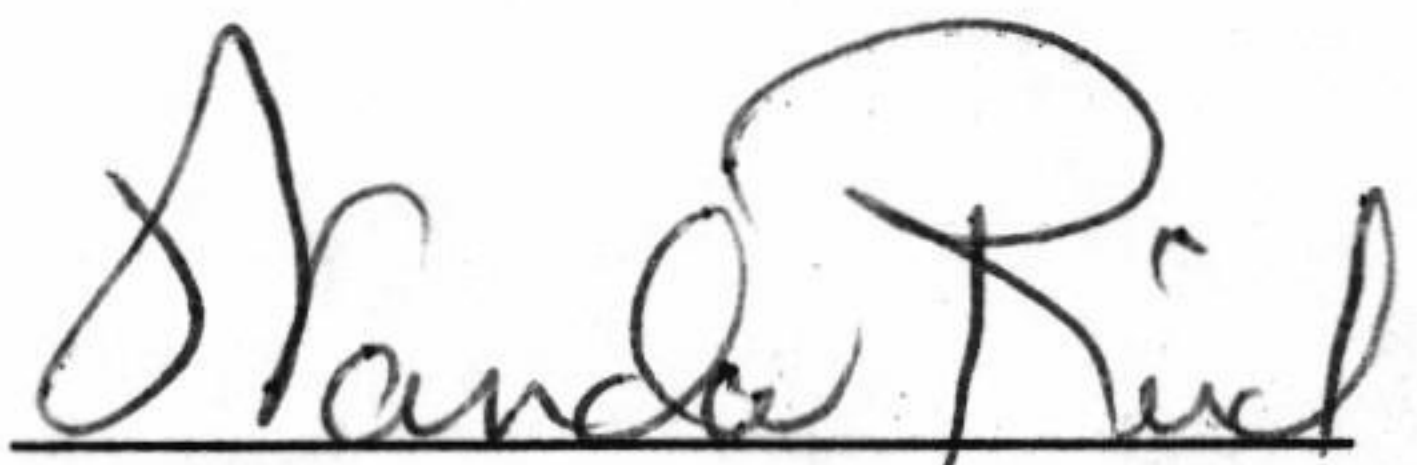
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OTHER BUSINESS-

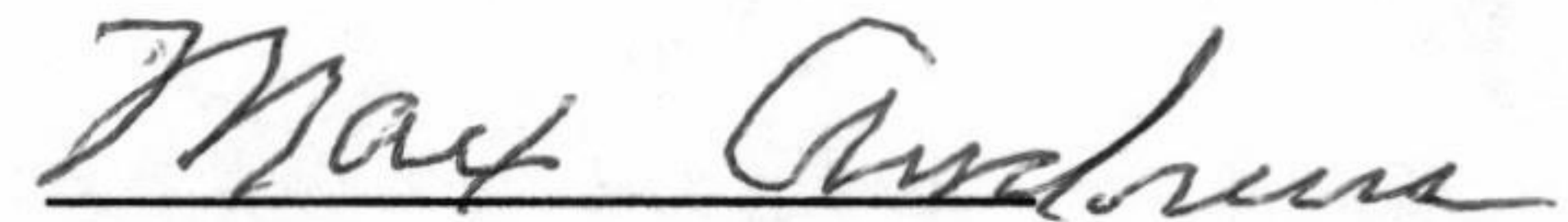
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins related that a "Children at Play" and speed signs needed to be placed on Remont Drive. Also that she would like to see more letters written to the board.
- 1. Administrator Frye informed Council the contractors were out looking at streets that needed to be paved
- ◆ David Stamey related he thought the veterans needed an apology that the flags were not out during Memorial Day. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins Council voted to apologize to the veterans in the Lenoir News.
- ◆ Gerelene Blevins suggested a notice be put on the doors at the beginning of each month telling of changes during the month
- ◆ David Stamey suggested an article be put in the newsletter informing citizens of the touch read meters that are being used in the town.

CLOSED SESSION-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to go into closed session for Personnel Matters at 6:50 PM.

ADJOURN-Bobby Austin made the motion to come out of closed session and to adjourn at 7:00 PM. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.



Wanda Reid, Town Clerk



Max Andrews, Mayor

JUNE 5, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Culpepper
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

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

INVOCATION-The invocation was given by Pastor Russell Austin.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-All persons in attendance stood for saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADD TO AGENDA-Under other business, Town Administrator Robert Frye added Closed Session Personnel Matters. David Stamey added apology to veterans and electronically read meters. Gerelene Blevins added "Children at Play" signs for Remont Drive.

ADOPT THE AGENDA-David Stamey made the motion to adopt the agenda, with Joe Helton seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MAY 15th, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MAY 15th, CLOSED SESSION MINUTES-David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of the closed session held on May 15th, 2001. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: WATER/SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUPS-Administrator Robert Frye informed the audience that Council had decided to make connecting to the Town water/sewer system mandatory for all Town residents within 200 feet of a water/sewer line. He stated the existing water use ordinance needed to be modified to reflect the change. Mr. Frye recommended that Council approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance change concerning the Water/Sewer Mandatory Hookups and schedule the second public hearing for the next Council meeting June 19th.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: WATER/SEWER MANDATORY HOOKUPS-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to open the public hearing.

May 15, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Bob Frye
Terry Taylor
Deanna Rios

CALL TO ORDER-The meeting was called to order by Mayor Max Andrews. Mr. Andrews welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION-The invocation was given by the Rev. Bufford Pennell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Christopher Austin, a student at Sawmills Accelerated School, led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT THE AGENDA-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVE REGULAR MINUTES, MAY 1ST, 2001-On a motion made by David Stamey and seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1st, 2001.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed the council that a Public Hearing was needed to change the Town's water and sewer ordinance concerning mandatory hookups to the Town's water and sewer system. The new ordinance would require citizens to hook onto the Town's water and/or sewer systems if they are within 200 feet of a water and/or sewer line. Properly capped wells would not allow a resident to be excused from this ordinance after the change. Councilman David Stamey called for a Public Hearing to be set for June 5, 2001 at 6:00 pm. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

PROPOSED STREET PAVING PRIORITY LIST FOR 2001-Mr. Frye gave Council a list of streets identified by the Town's employees as needing to be paved or re-paved in the upcoming fiscal year. Councilman Bill

Ramsey asked why Remont Drive was not on the list. Mr. Frye told Council that this would be checked into and the street would be added to the list, if possible. He then informed Council that the Town would spend approximately \$300,000 of its Powell Bill monies doing these projects in the upcoming year. Joe Helton made the motion to get bids on the repaving list, with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

PROJECT UPDATES:

CDBG SEWER PROJECT-Town Administrator Bob Frye gave Council the first quarterly report on the CDBG project, and reported that the project is on schedule to begin construction early in 2002.

SAWMILLS SCHOOL ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT-

Administrator Bob Frye told Council that NCDOT had informed the Town last week that, in fact, it does not have the necessary easements required for the project. The Town will be responsible to obtain the easements. Mr. Frye informed Council that he does not expect any problems in obtaining the easements.

OTHER BUSINESS-Councilman Stamey asked Mr. Frye to check into repairing a pothole on Sawmills School Road in front of JB's store. Mr. Frye said that DOT would be contacted concerning the problem.

Councilman Stamey also inquired about the status of the Mission Road realignment project. Administrator Frye informed Council that he had recently received the environmental scope report, and that the project was still set to begin construction sometime in 2003.

Buford Pennell asked if he was actually an alternate on the Town's Board of Adjustment. He said that the Town's most recent newsletter did not include his name, and he asked if he was needed to serve in that capacity. Rev. Pennell was assured that he was an alternate, and that the newsletter would be corrected before the next issue.

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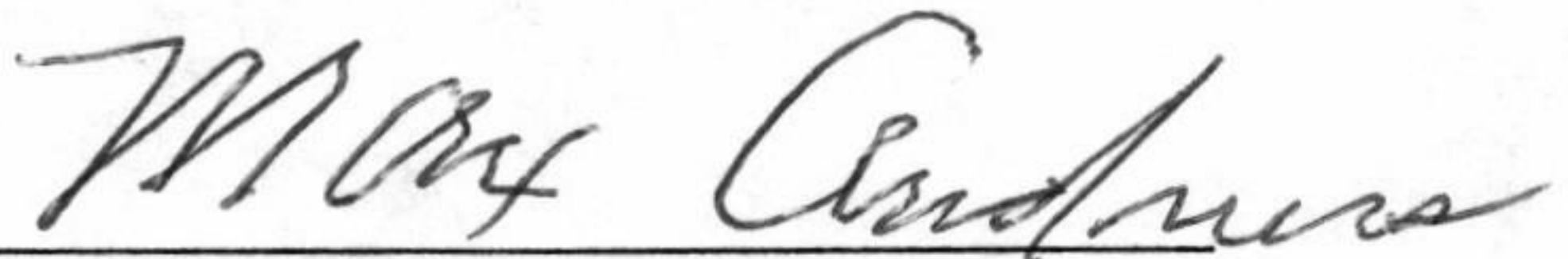
Mr. Carl Helton requested permission to move a mobile home from George Harris Park #2 to 4886 Helton Road. He was informed that his plat and request were on the agenda for the next planning board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION-David Stamey made the motion to go into closed session at 6:30 pm for personnel matters. Bobby Austin seconded.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to come out of closed session at 6:45 pm, with Gerelene Blevins seconding.

ADJOURN-David Stamey made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

Deanna Rios, Finance Director


Max Andrews, Mayor

TOWN OF SAWMILLS

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING MAY 10, 2001

Council Present:

Max Andrews, Mayor

Joe Helton

Gerelene Blevins

David Stamey

Bobby Austin

Bill Ramsey

Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Councilman Joe Helton gave the invocation.

Town Administrator Bob Frye gave the Council the resignation of Finance Director Deanna Rios. Mrs. Rios' last day working for the Town will be May 25, 2001.

Town Administrator Bob Frye then informed the council of what is included in this year's budget: Taxes and Fees, Personnel, Operations, and Capital Outlay. He relayed information concerning the tax rate, the increase in the water and sewer fees projected for the next fiscal year, and the capital projects that could be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Deanna Rios

Deanna Rios, Finance Director

Max Andrews

Max Andrews, Mayor

May 1, 2001
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- Pastor Rick Crouse gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Carly Phipps, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADD TO AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye added item 9a: Sales Tax update and item 9b: Update: 321 Waterline

ADOPT AGENDA-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, council voted to adopt the agenda.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-Town Attorney Terry Taylor related the sum of \$105,650.00 needed to be included as the amount mentioned in the Letter of Credit received from Hayes Mill Landing. Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER-Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the resolution declaring Thursday, May 3rd, 2001 as National Prayer Day. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE THE MAILING OF WATER/SEWER BILL SECOND NOTICES-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that mailing second notices on the water/sewer bills are not really fulfilling a function and suggested that Council consider discontinuing them. The Town currently spends \$1,800 a year on second notices. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to discontinue mailing second notices as of July 1 2001. A newsletter informing the public will be mailed to the residents.

UPDATE: SAWMILLS SCHOOL TRAFFIC CONGESTION PROBLEM-Mr. Frye related the Town had received a letter from the Department of Transportation saying they would investigate the congestion problem at Sawmills Accelerated School.

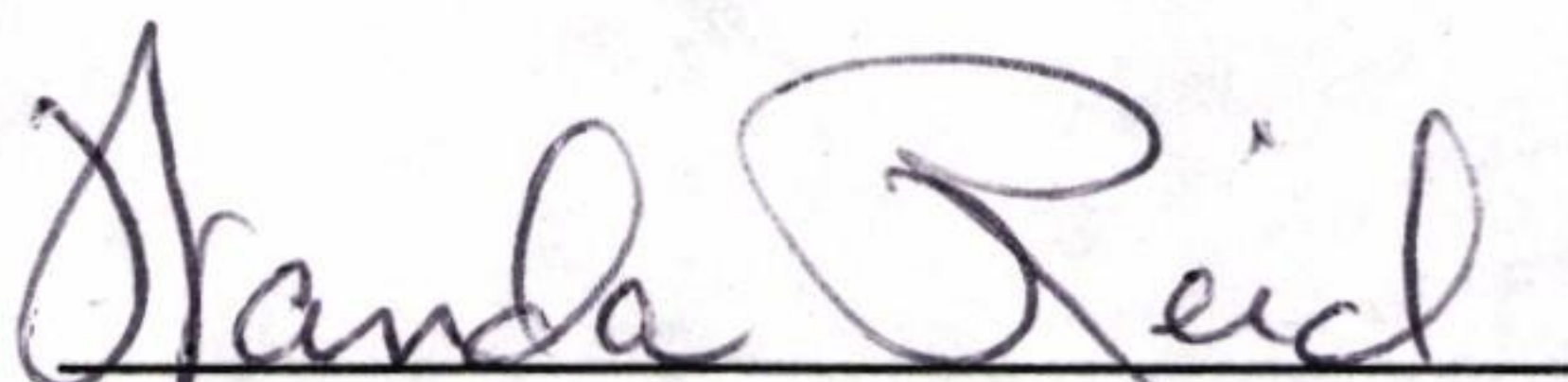
OTHER BUSINESS-

- ◆ **9a. UPDATE SALES TAX**-Mr. Frye informed Council that Caldwell County Commissioners have begun discussing changing the method of sales tax distribution from the current per capita method to the ad valorem method. This change is expected to take place next year.
- ◆ **9b. UPDATE: 321 WATERLINE**-Mr. Frye related that the permits for this project have been sent to Raleigh. The project is scheduled to start July 1 of this year.
- ◆ Councilman David Stamey related he had gone as far as he could with getting easements signed for Eli Lane and suggested the Town paving the road down to the apartments. Bill Ramsey made the motion to pave Eli Lane down to the apartment and stop. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Budget Meeting Scheduled for May 10th 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Town Hall
- ◆ NCLM Town Hall Day is May 23rd in Raleigh 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adjourn at 6:25 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

April 17, 2001
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Max Andrews
Joe Helton
Bobby Austin
Gerelene Blevins
Bill Ramsey

MEMBER ABSENT

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- The pledge of allegiance was led by Brittany Hines, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School.

ADOPT AGENDA-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda with Joe Helton seconding. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2001 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES-Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the closed session minutes with Gerelene Blevins seconding. Vote unanimous.

PROJECT GRADUATION REQUEST-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council there are sufficient funds in the budget to fund this request. Staff recommends approval of a donation for this project. Bill Ramsey made the motion to give a donation to the Caldwell County Project to be used for job related training. Bobby Austin seconded with all in favor.

REQUESTS FOR TOWN TAKE OVER OF PRIVATE WATER LINES-The town has received a request from the owners of two Mobile Home Parks for the town to take over the water lines within their parks. Staff recommends Council agree to assume responsibility for the water systems provided all the required system upgrades are completed at the owner's expense prior to a formal takeover. Bill Ramsey made the

motion to takeover the parks water lines on the condition the water lines were brought up to state and town standards. Bobby Austin seconded. Voting for: Bill Ramsey, Bobby Austin and Gerelene Blevins. Voting against: Joe Helton.

PLAT APPROVAL: David Beech Minor Subdivision. The Planning Board has reviewed the submitted plat and recommends approval of this minor subdivision request. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the minor subdivision plat.

PLAT APPROVAL: Hayes Mill Landing Major Subdivision-Mr. Frye related to Council that the Town has not received a letter of Credit from the owners. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the Hayes Mill Landing Major Subdivision on the condition of a letter of credit in the amount of \$105,650.00 being sent to the Town.

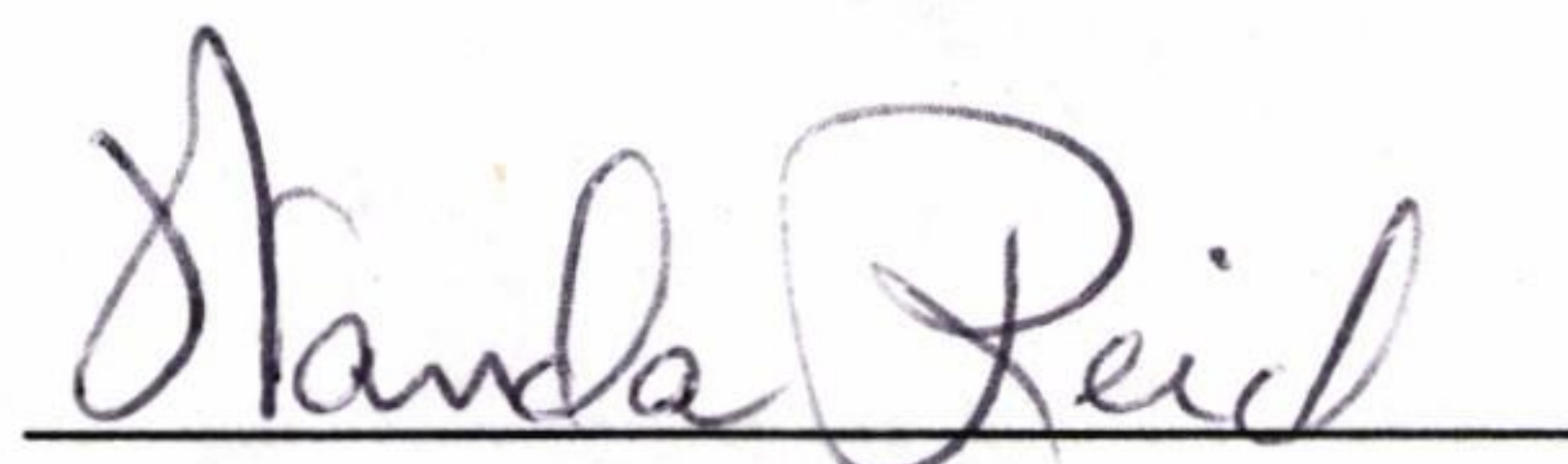
EDC SPECIAL ADVISOR NOMINATION-Caldwell County EDC has asked the Town to provide them with the name of an individual willing to serve as a special advisor to the EDC Board of Directors. Bobby Austin made the motion with Gerelene Blevins seconding to appoint Robert Frye to serve as the Town 's representative. All were in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET AMENDMENT-Mr. Frye related to Council that in order to get started on the CDBG project, the Town needs to transfer some local commitment funds from their existing location within the Town Budget to the CDBG project fund. These funds are currently in the budget for use by this grant and the amount to be transferred is \$10,000.00. Staff recommends transferring \$10,000.00 in local commitment funds from their existing budget locations into the CDBG project fund. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to transfer the funds.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- ◆ Bill Ramsey requested that the Town Administrator follow up with obtaining property from Crescent Land, Inc. concerning a second park being constructed by the Town at the Waterworks Road.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adjourn at 6:20 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

TOWN OF SAWMILLS

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING APRIL 12, 2001

Council Present:

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

Staff Present:

Bob Frye
Deanna Rios

Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and gave the invocation.

Town Administrator Bob Frye gave the council several budget projections for the upcoming fiscal year. After much discussion, Joe Helton made the motion to reduce the Town's ad valorem tax rate to \$0.10 per \$100 valuation, increase the water and sewer minimum bills to \$9.00 each, increase the water rate from \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons, and increase the sewer rate from \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. David Stamey seconded.

Voting for: Joe Helton, David Stamey, Gerelene Blevins

Voting against: Bobby Austin, Bill Ramsey

David Stamey made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor.

Deanna Rios

Deanna Rios, Finance Director

Max Andrews

Max Andrews, Mayor

April 3rd, 2001
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-The invocation was given by Pastor Rick Crouse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-The pledge of allegiance was led by Caleb Edwards, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School.

ADOPT AGENDA-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adopt the agenda. Joe Helton seconded with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 20TH, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-It was noted that in the minutes of March 20th that all were in favor of the Manufactured housing standards. David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes with change. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

SAWMILLS OPTIMIST CLUB/SOUTH CALDWELL LITTLE LEAGUE SIGN RENTAL-Sawmills Optimist Club has requested payment for continued use of a town sign at the park. David Stamey made the motion to donate \$100.00 to the Sawmills Athletic Club. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor.

SAWMILLS SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUE-Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that Mayor Andrews has been in contact with NCDOT board member Sam Erby concerning the traffic safety issues at Sawmills School. Mr. Erby has informed Mayor Andrews that he should be able to make some funds available to alleviate the situation. Staff recommends that Council authorize staff to send Mr. Erby a letter requesting DOT'S help in alleviating whatever traffic problems might be occurring at the Sawmills Accelerated School. On a motion made by Joe Helton, seconded by Gerlene Blevins, Council voted that staff write DOT a letter requesting assistance.

APPOINTMENT COUNTY PLANNING BOARD-Caldwell County has asked the Town to provide the county with the names of two individuals willing to serve on the County's Planning Board. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to appoint Leonard Hall and Clyde

Miller. Motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Max Andrews suggested David Stamey and Tommy Crouse. Mr. Stamey asked to be excused. Joe Helton made the motion to excuse David Stamey with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

Bill Ramsey made the motion to appoint David Stamey to serve on the Caldwell County Planning Board. Joe Helton seconded. Vote unanimous.

David Stamey made the motion to appoint Tommy Crouse to serve on the Caldwell County Planning Board, with Bill Ramsey seconding. All were in favor.

COUNTY INTERMODAL GROUP APPOINTMENT-Mr Frye related that Caldwell County has asked the Town to provide them with the name of an individual willing to serve on the county's newly established Intermodal Group. Councilman Bill Ramsey served on this committee the last time it was active and has agreed to serve again.

On a motion made by David Stamey seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to reappoint Bill Ramsey.

COUNTY PATHWAYS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT-Caldwell County has asked the Town to provide them with the name of an individual willing to serve on the county's newly established pathway's committee. This committee will be looking at ways the County can enhance recreation in the county by including hiking and bicycle paths throughout the county. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to appoint Dare Duncan to serve on this committee.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- ◆ League of Municipalities meeting April 25, Boone.
- ◆ Town Hall day in Raleigh next month
- ◆ 2nd budget meeting at 5:00 PM April 12

CLOSED SESSION-David Stamey made the motion to go into Closed Session for discussion of Attorney/Client Privilege at 6:15 PM.

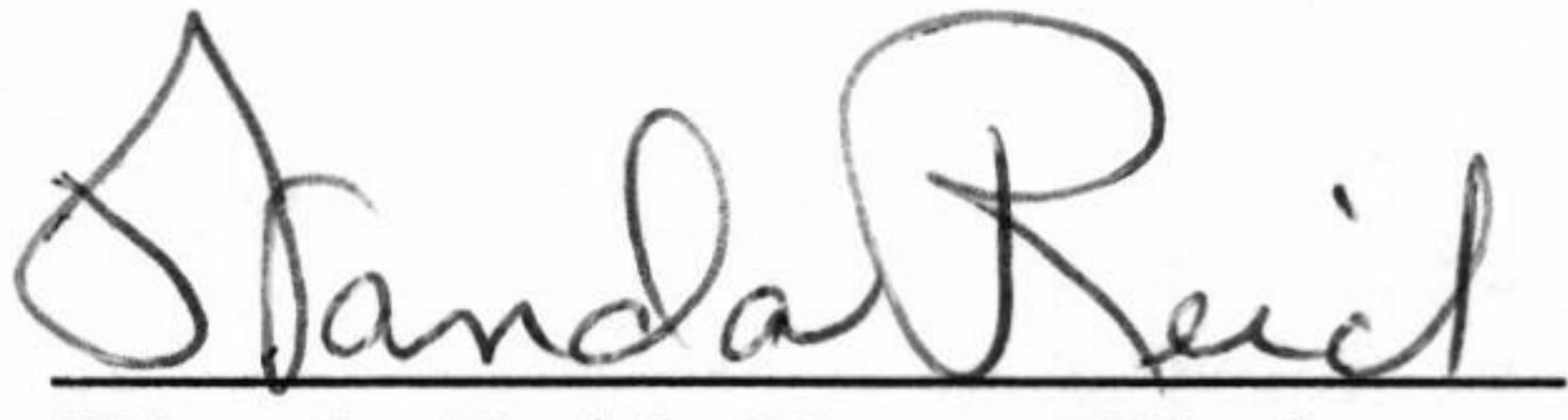
OUT OF CLOSED SESSION-Bobby Austin made the motion to come out of closed session at 6:45 PM. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

BUYING CALDWELL COUNTY WATERLINES-Bobby Austin made the motion for staff to check into the Town buying a portion of Caldwell County water lines in order to provide water to the Stinnet family. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

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EASEMENTS-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted that staff check into obtaining an easement from Innovated Auto in exchange for a free water tap for the purpose of providing water down Prosperity Lane.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to adjourn at 6:50PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

TOWN OF SAWMILLS

MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING MARCH 15, 2001

Council Present:

Max Andrews, Mayor

Joe Helton

Gerelene Blevins

David Stamey

Bobby Austin

Bill Ramsey

Mayor Max Andrews called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and gave the invocation.

Town Administrator Bob Frye informed the council with an update of the current fiscal year status, the fund balance status, and the differences in balances from the current and previous year's balances.

Mr. Frye then gave the revenue projections, and an update on the State's anticipated seizing of state-shared revenues.

David Stamey made the motion that the Town's ad valorem tax rate be changed to \$0.125 per \$100 valuation, and that both the water minimum bill and the sewer minimum bill be increased to \$9 each. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor.

Bobby Austin made the motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

Deanna Rios

Deanna Rios, Finance Director

Max Andrews

Max Andrews, Mayor

March 6, 2001
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Deanna Rios
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- Stacie Garland, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to adopt the agenda.

ARROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20TH, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-David Stamey made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING-NON CONFORMING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK PROVISIONS-David Stamey made the motion to open the public hearing on Non Conforming Manufactured Home Park Provisions, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

The following people spoke in favor of the amendment Harvy Clark, Pat Duggins, Eugene Duggins, Sue Hall, Brian Young, and Clyde Miller.

Persons speaking against the amendment-Roger McGee, Jim Burgin, Linda Mashburn and Wanda Drum.

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

APPROVAL NON CONFORMING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK PROVISIONS-Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the amendment to the Manufactured Home park Provisions. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Voting for: Bobby

Austin, Gerelene Blevins, and Joe Helton. Voting against: Bill Ramsey and David Stamey.

SAWMILLS OPTIMIST CLUB PROPOSAL-Town Administrator Robert Frye recommended that Council approve the Optimist Club proposal with the following modifications: consideration of the purchase of a batting cage when budgetary circumstances permit, and no change in our current practices in regards to the upkeep of the of the park, On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve Mr. Fryes suggestions.

VEHICLE FUEL PURCHASING PROPOSAL-Staff recommended the town change to a new fuel vendor so as to not be charged the federal excise tax for gasoline or diesel. Bill Ramsey made the motion to change the fuel vendor for the Town's vehicles with David Stamey seconding. All were in favor.

WATER DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY MATERIALS PURCHASE-Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the quarterly Water Department material list in the amount of \$2,329.12. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- ◆ Councilman David Stamey inquired as to the status of the proposed road to be connected between Oxford Drive and Gatewood Drive and was informed by Administrator Frye that Powell Bill funds would not pay for a surveyor.
- ◆ Mr. Stamey also asked about the status of easements being signed for Eli Lane and was informed that several easements still remain to be signed.
- ◆ Rebecca Stinnett inquired about the progress of the 321 Waterline Project. Staff informed her that due to the excessive cost, other options were currently being explored.

CLOSED SESSION-Joe Helton made the motion to go into closed session at 7:05 PM for contractual matters. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

David Stamey made the motion to come out of closed session at 7:20 PM. Bobby Austin seconded with all in favor.

RESOLUTION-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to adopt a resolution with the Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for fire protection services within the Town of Sawmills.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Appreciation dinner for the Planning Board, Board of Adjustments and Sawmills Town Board for March 15th, at Captains Galley
- ◆ Budget Workshop is scheduled for March 15th 5:30-7:30 at Town Hall

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ADJOURNMENT-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by Gerelene Blevins,
Council voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

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RESOLUTION

**TOWN OF SAWMILLS
RESOLUTION NO.1, 2001**

THAT WHEREAS, on August 9, 1998 the Town of Sawmills, a municipal corporation entered into a contract with the Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. whereby the Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. agreed to provide fire protection services within the town limits of the Town of Sawmills.

THAT WHEREAS, the Sawmills Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. has requested and the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills has agreed that the Town of Sawmills for and on behalf of all those now living and in the future being annexed to the incorporated town limits of the Town of Sawmills to be so joined and become a part of the Pearland Fire District.

THAT WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 69-25.11(5) the area of any fire protection district may be increased by including within the boundaries of the district any adjoining territory lying within the corporate limits of the city or town if the territory is not already included within a fire protection district, provided both the city or town governing body and the county commissioners of the county in which the fire protection district is located all agree by resolution such inclusion.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Sawmills pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 69.25.11 (5) does here agree by this resolution and does hereby request the County Commissioners of Caldwell County to concur with their request that the incorporated town limits of the Town of Sawmills become a part of the Pearland Fire District effective June 30, 2001 and that thereafter, the Town of Sawmills has no further responsibility for fire protection services within the Town of Sawmills.

This the 6th day of March, 2001.

Town of Sawmills

By: Mary Anderson
Mayor

Attest:

Shanda Reich

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February 20th 2001
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Deanna Rios
Wanda Reid

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

INVOCATION-The invocation was given by Rev. Mike Ramsey.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Hunter Jacobs, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye requested that item #7 Fire Department Tax Separation be deleted from the agenda.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye requested an additional item; 321 Waterline Extension be added to the agenda as item 9F.

APPROVE AGENDA-David Stamey made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 6, 2001 REGULAR MINUTES-Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.

SECOND VOTE ON CABLE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE-Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the second reading on the Cable Franchise Ordinance. Gerelene Blevins seconded with all in favor. Councilman David Stamey expressed some dissatisfaction in the way Charter Communications had handled the situation and stated that he would like for Council to really take a hard look at the situation next time the cable franchise comes up for renewal.

PLAT APPROVAL: DEXTER BRYANT MINOR SUBDIVISION-Mr. Frye informed Council that the Planning Board had reviewed the Dexter Bryant Minor Subdivision Plat and recommended approval of this request. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the minor subdivision plat.

PLAT APPROVAL: LARRY CHURCH MINOR SUBDIVISION -The Planning Board also recommended approval of this minor subdivision. After some discussion, David Stamey made the motion to approve the subdivision, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor. Councilman David Stamey suggested that staff send an enforcement letter to Mr. Church about cleaning up the property in question.

MANUFACTURED HOUSING STANDARDS-Mr. Frye informed Council that the Planning Board had reviewed the proposed changes to the Manufactured Housing Standards Ordinance and was recommending Council set a Public Hearing on this amendment. David Stamey made the motion to conduct such a Public Hearing on March 6th. Gerelene Blevins seconded with all in favor.

ETJ UPDATE; Administrator Frye related to Council that the Planning Board is studying the ETJ abandonment situation and hopes to make a recommendation to Council within a few months.

CDBG ENGINEERING CONTRACT - On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the contract with West and Associates for engineering services on the CDBG project at a cost of \$69,100.00.

AUDIT CONTRACT: On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins Council voted to approve the FY 02-03 audit contract with Bowman, Pegg, Herman and Starr in the amount of \$7,000.00.

SAWMILLS SCHOOL ROAD SIDEWALK AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: The Department of Transportation has requested an amendment to the current agreement between the Town and NCDOT. Under the new amendment, NCDOT will handle all aspects of the sidewalk project with the exception of right-of-way acquisition. Staff recommends that Council approve this amendment. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to amend the Sidewalk Agreement with NCDOT.

EXPENDITURE REPORT-Town Finance Director Deanna Rios gave the expenditure report for the fiscal year through January 31, 2001. She related that Capital Outlay in Administration had gone over-budget due to the paving of the Town Hall parking lot and the Capital Outlay in the Water Department had gone over-budget due to the installation of waterlines in various areas of the Town. She then stated that the overall administration and water department line items had sufficient funds to cover these overages and that she did not anticipate having to do a budget amendment.

UPDATE: RECONNECT POLICY-After some discussion on a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to leave the water reconnect policy

as is. Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins expressed concern over the current policy and abstained from voting.

321 UPDATE-Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that several easements still needed to be signed before the 321 Highway Waterline Project could start. He then stated that this project would cost approximately \$80,000.00. After some discussion, Council decided to discuss the purchase of the waterlines in Councilman Helton's mobile home park. This was felt to be a more cost-effective solution to the situation. Due to a potential conflict of interest, Council Helton asked to be excused from the discussion and any voting on the subject. David Stamey made the motion to excuse Mr. Helton, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor. After some discussion, Bobby Austin then made a motion directing staff to discuss with Mr. Helton the possibility of the Town's purchasing the waterlines within Mr. Helton's South Caldwell Mobile Home Park. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

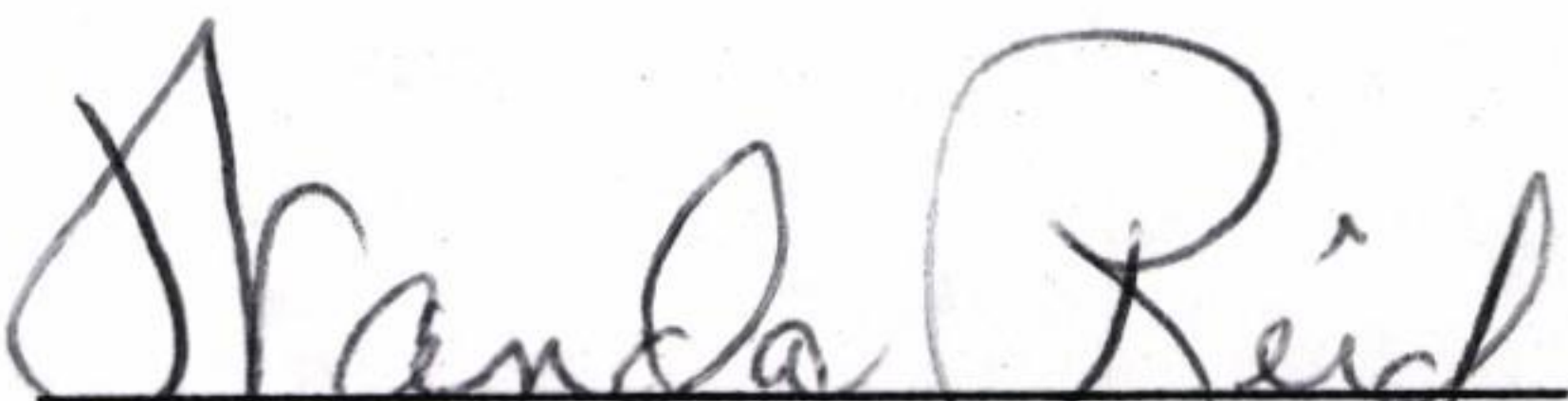
BUDGET DISCUSSION-After some discussion Council decided not to purchase Christmas Lights or the Water Tank Maintenance contract for next year's budget.

UPDATE: ROADSIDE TRASH PICKUP-Administrator Frye informed Council the Department of Corrections had been contacted about cleaning up trash along town roadsides. He stated that the town's public work staff would fax a form to DOC requesting road clean up on each street as needed, and DOC would then schedule a clean up day

OTHER BUSINESS-

- ◆ Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins stated that JC Annas had not moved a trailer the Town had requested of him to move. Gerelene Blevins made the motion that Administrator Frye send another letter to Mr. Annas about moving his trailer. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.
- ◆ David Stamey requested Mr. Frye write to Mr. Stinnett telling him the Town will not turn his water off.

ADJOURN-On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to adjourn at 7:05 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor



FEBRUARY 6th, 2001
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-Rev. Mike Ramsey gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Courtney Williams, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School, led the audience in saying the pledge of allegiance.

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

APPROVE THE MINUTES- Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the regular minutes of January 16th, 2001. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous. On a motion made by Bobby Austin, seconded by David Stamey, Council voted to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on January 29th, 2001.

FINANCIAL MATTERS-PRUCHASE ORDERS- In order to alleviate the need for staff to continually come before Council to request approval of the same items over and over Town Administrator Robert Frye suggested that Council raise the purchase order limit from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. David Stamey made the motion to approve the purchase order request with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor. In a related matter Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins requested that anything over \$500.00 be included in the agenda packet. No motion was required, but all were in favor

POWELL BILL FUNDS-Mr. Frye recommended that \$225,000.00 be taken from the Powell Bill funds and put into three (\$75,000.00 each) one-year certificates of deposit in order to take advantage of the current interest rates. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to approve the certificates of deposit.

GDS CARDBOARD DUMPSTER CONTRACT- The Public Works Department recently contacted GDS about providing an 8 yard dumpster to collect card board for residents of the Town. The term of agreement is for three years at \$456.00 each year to contract with GDS. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Bobby Austin Council voted to contract with GDS.

TENTATIVE FY 2001-02 BUDGET SCHEDULE- The tentative FY 2001-02 budget schedule was presented to Council for approval. Joe Helton made the motion to approve the FY 2001-02 budget schedule. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.

CALLED MEETINGS- Joe Helton made the motion to call special meetings for March 15th, and April 17th for preparing the budget. David Stamey seconded with all in favor.

CABLE TV FRANCHISE DISCUSSION- Administrator Robert Frye informed Council that he was of the opinion that the present contract with Charter Communications would be the best deal the town was likely to get, and recommended to Council that they approve the contract. He then mentioned that since this was an amendment to an existing ordinance that two readings would be required. Bobby Austin made the motion to approve the first reading on the contract. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor. A second reading is scheduled for February 20th, 2001.

UPDATE: FIRE DEPARTMENT TAX SEPARATION- Mr. Frye informed Council the Sawmills residents would be receiving a separate item for fire protection in this year's property tax bills. A resolution will be ready for consideration at the February 20th Council meeting. No motion was needed.

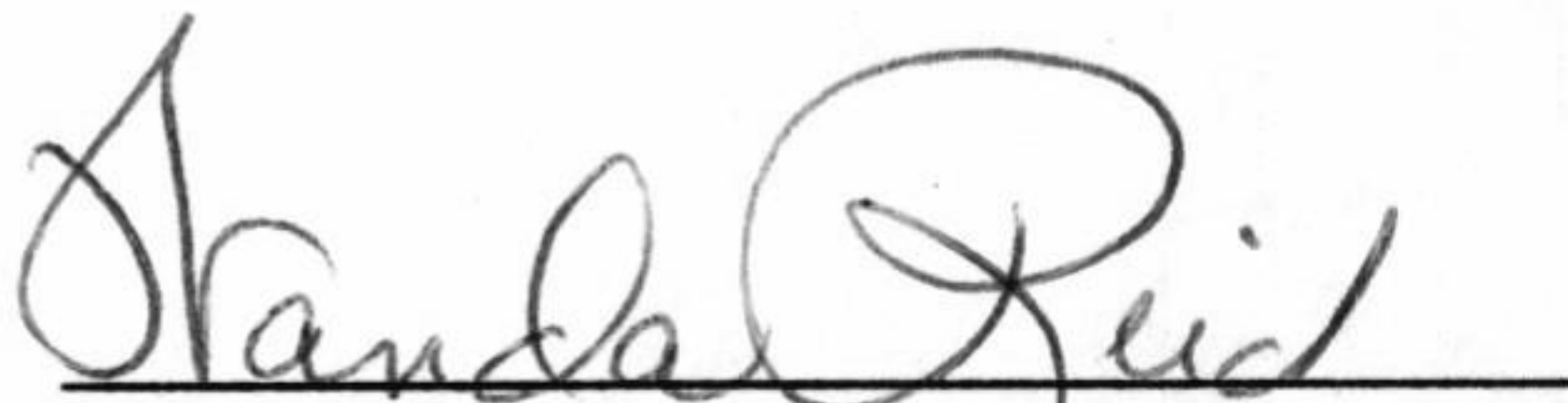
UPDATE ETJ SITUATION-Mr. Frye recommended that the Planning Board review the ETJ situation and make a recommendation to Council before proceeding with relinquishing control over any part of the current ETJ area. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to send it to the Planning Board for reviewing.

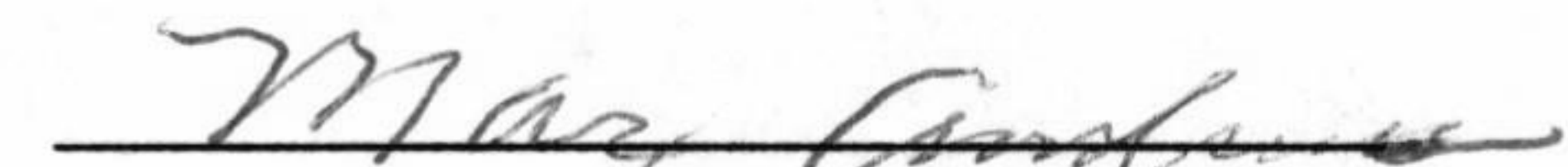
OTHER BUSINESS

- ◆ Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins related to Council that she had understood the first time a water bill was not paid; a warning would be issued to delinquent customer. Then a \$25.00 reconnect fee would be charged on the second offense, if the water bill has not been paid. Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that in order to keep up with the delinquent bills new software would be needed. Gerelene Blevins made the motion that staff check into purchasing new utility software and report back to Council. David Stamey seconded. All were in favor.
- ◆ David Stamey commented that he would like to see more streets cleaned up in the Town of Sawmills. Mr. Frye informed Council that the State Correctional Center could take care of that request.

- ♦ James Burgen of Virginia Acres informed Council he had picked up 36 empty wine bottles that someone had thrown out. He asked if a "No Littering" sign could be placed at that intersection.

MEETING ADJOURNED-On a motion made by Bobby Austin seconded by David Samey, Council voted to adjourn at 6:50 PM.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

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January 29th, 2001
Special Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

SPECIAL MEETING: The Town of Sawmills Council Members, the Commissioners of Caldwell County, the Board Members of the Town of Hudson, and the City of Lenoir Board Members met with persons from Charter Communications for discussion of the cable TV franchise agreement between Sawmills, Hudson, Lenoir, Caldwell County and Charter Communications. The agreement between Charter and the County and Towns expired on December 31st, 1999. The meeting was held in the Caldwell County Commissioners room.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Max Andrews called the joint meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

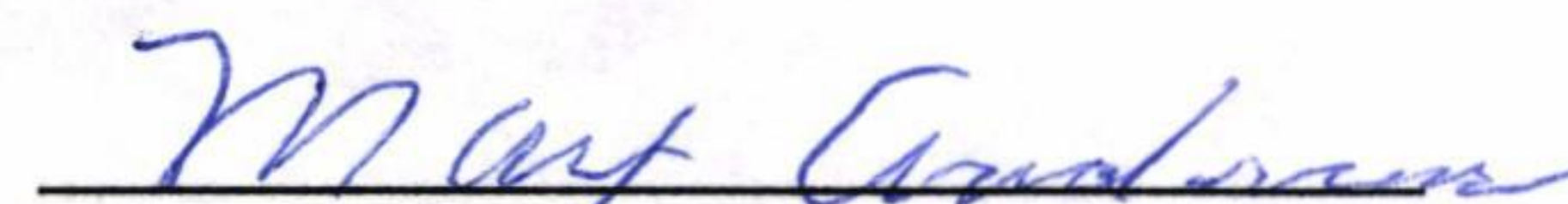
The following items were discussed.

- ◆ Length of the agreement
- ◆ Channel diversity (Too many Charlotte stations)
- ◆ Need for programming survey to be conducted
- ◆ Wanted more variety of stations to choose from

COMMITTEE FORMED: After some discussion, it was decided that one member from each community is appointed to meet and decide how to proceed.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion made by Joe Helton, seconded by Bobby Austin, Council voted to adjourn at 8:30 PM


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor

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January 16, 2001
Minutes of Meeting

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Deanna Rios
Terry Taylor
Chester West
Laurie Huffman

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

INVOCATION-Mayor Max Andrews gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-Caitlin Dotson, a student of Sawmills Accelerated School, led in saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADD TO AGENDA-David Stamey announced that he had a matter to add to the agenda under "Other Business".

ADOPT AGENDA-Joe Helton made the motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

APPROVE MINUTES-On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the January 2nd minutes.

CDBG GRANT PROJECT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES APPROVAL-Administrator Bob Frye related to Council that the new CDBG Grant Project Policies and Procedures were the same as the previous CDBG grant that the Town had been awarded, and that there was no conflict with the Town's Policies. He also related that a Project Ordinance must be adopted prior to beginning work on the project. Bill Ramsey made the motion to approve the CDBG grant project Policies and Procedures and Project Ordinance. Gerelene Blevins seconded. Vote unanimous.

CDBG EASEMENT PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES-Mr. Frye recommended that council appoint Bill Ramsey and Joe Helton to an Easement Committee for the Grant project, as they are on the Public Works Committee. Mr. Frye also suggested that Billie Hanson and Laurie Huffman, Grant Project Administrators, be authorized to negotiate for easements with citizens. They would be authorized to negotiate up to \$500 or a free

sewer tap in exchange for an easement. Any amount over \$1,000 would be referred to the Easement Committee. In so doing, this should speed up the grant project. David Stamey made the motion to approve Joe Helton and Bill Ramsey as the Easement Committee, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. Bobby Austin made the motion to allow Mrs. Hanson and Huffman to negotiate easements up to \$500 or a free sewer tap. David Stamey seconded, with all in favor.

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL-Mr. Frye informed Council that the primary garbage truck needed a new radio, as the current radio was not functioning and was unable to be repaired. He related that the Town had received a quote from Western Electronics for \$534.77, including tax, to replace the radio. The new radio is compatible with current Town radios and would not need to be tuned to any different frequencies. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to purchase the radio from Western Electronics, with Bill Ramsey seconding. All were in favor.

Mr. Frye also related that the Town had received bids from three different vendors to provide speed limit signs for the Virginia Acres area. The three bids were:

Welch Signs	\$674.40 (DOT spec sign) \$572.40 (Non DOT spec sign)
1 Stop Sign and Safety	\$588.00 (Non DOT spec sign)
Interstate Sign Products	\$1,375.00 (Non DOT spec sign)

Mr. Frye recommended awarding the bid to Welch Signs for their DOT spec sign. While they were not the low bid, their signs were to DOT specifications, were made with heavier gauge metal, and would last longer. Bill Ramsey made the motion to purchase the DOT spec signs from Welch Signs, with Gerelene Blevins seconding. Vote unanimous.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS-Administrator Bob Frye informed Council that the terms had expired for three Planning Board members: Wilson Annas, Aubrey Champion and Howard Cannon. Mr. Frye said that all three were willing to serve another term. Bill Ramsey made the motion to reappoint Wilson Annas, Aubrey Champion and Howard Cannon to the Planning Board. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.

UPDATE: TOWN-WIDE SEWER COSTS-Town Engineer Chester West informed Council that he had broken down the areas of the Town into thirteen different sections. Mr. West informed Council that the sequencing of construction was shown in the information provided and was based on the need to complete some areas before others due to the need for pump stations. David Stamey asked Mr. West if he could provide the

number of households in each area, which Mr. West said that he would obtain. No action was taken.

UPDATE: MANUFACTURED HOUSING STANDARDS-Administrator Bob Frye told Council that the Planning Board was going to review comments to the proposed new standards for manufactured housing within mobile home parks. They will present a finished copy to the Town Council at the February 20, 2001 meeting. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS-David Stamey brought forth a petition for sewer from residents of Rual Drive, Carr Drive and Freedom Lane. These streets are adjacent to the CDBG project area, according to Councilman Stamey, and should have been included in the original grant area. No action was taken.

Councilman Stamey then introduced a petition from 180 out of 240 families in the Sawmills ETJ, that are requesting the Town to release them back to the County. Administrator Bob Frye informed the Council that they have the authority to release the ETJ, but that there were procedures that needed to be followed. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENT: SPECIAL MEETING-Mayor Andrews called a special meeting for January 29, 2001. It is a Joint Meeting of the County Commissioners and Involved Town Councils for the purpose of discussing the Cable TV Franchise situation. The meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the County Commissioners Meeting Chambers in Lenoir. Bobby Austin, with David Stamey seconding, called for the special meeting. All were in favor.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION-David Stamey made the motion to go into closed session for personnel matters, with Bill Ramsey seconding. Vote unanimous.

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION-Gerelene Blevins made the motion to come out of closed session. Bobby Austin seconded. All were in favor.

PERSONNEL MATTERS-Gerelene Blevins made the motion to remove David Watson from his probationary status, and to make him a regular employee. No pay raise was recommended. Bobby Austin seconded, with all in favor.

Bobby Austin made the motion to remove Administrator Bob Frye from his probationary status and to increase his salary to \$45,000 per year. David Stamey seconded. Vote unanimous.

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ADJOURN-David Stamey made the motion to adjourn at 6:35, with Bobby Austin seconding. All were in favor.

Deanna Rios
Deanna Rios, Finance Director

Max Andrews, Mayor

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JANUARY 2, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Billie Hanson
Laura Huffman
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-Brittany Peidl, student of Sawmills Accelerated School led the audience in the saying of the pledge of allegiance

ADD TO AGENDA-Town Administrator Robert Frye added 10-A, Update, DOT signs, to the agenda.

APPROVE AGENDA-David Stamey made the motion to adopt the agenda with changes. Gerelene Blevins seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18TH, 2000 REGULAR MINUTES-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the regular minutes of the previous meeting.

CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT-Town Administrator Robert Frye recommended that Council approve the presented CDBG Agreement and he suggested that himself, and Director of Finance Deanna Rios, Councilman Bill Ramsey and the Mayor Max Andrews, be authorized by Council to sign checks on the Town's behalf concerning the CDBG Grant. On a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to authorize the above persons to sign and to adopt the agreement with the Department of Transportation, concerning the CDBG Grant.

CDBG ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT-On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to approve the contract between the Town of Sawmills and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments in the amount of \$75,000.00 for administering the CDGG Grant.

PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL-Mr. Frye presented Council with a purchase order for \$552.24 for repairing the S-10 pick-up used by the Public Works Department.

Since anything over \$500.00 needs Council approval, on a motion made by David Stamey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the purchase order.

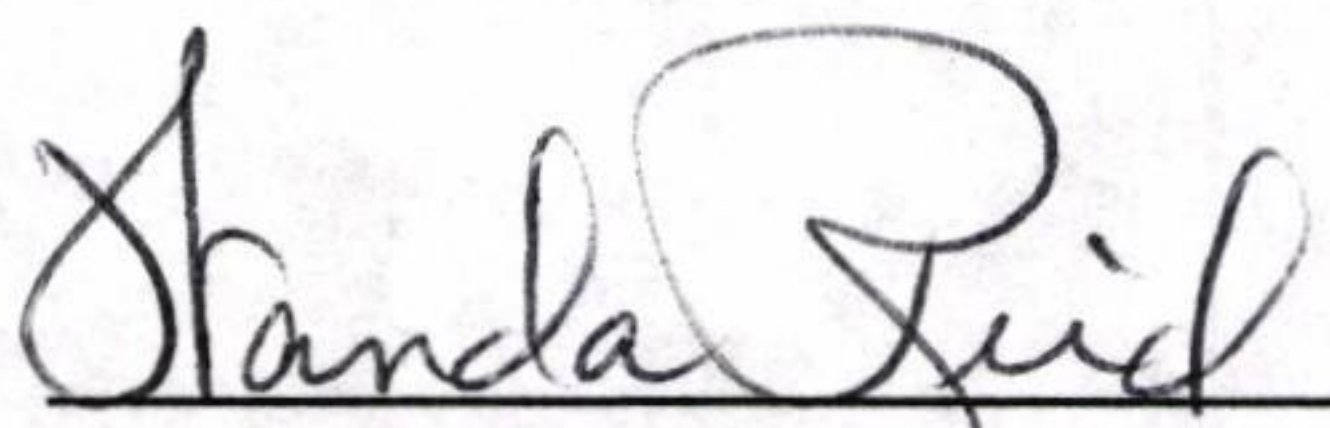
FY2001-02 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS-Mr. Frye gave council several items to consider for the upcoming budget. They Included:

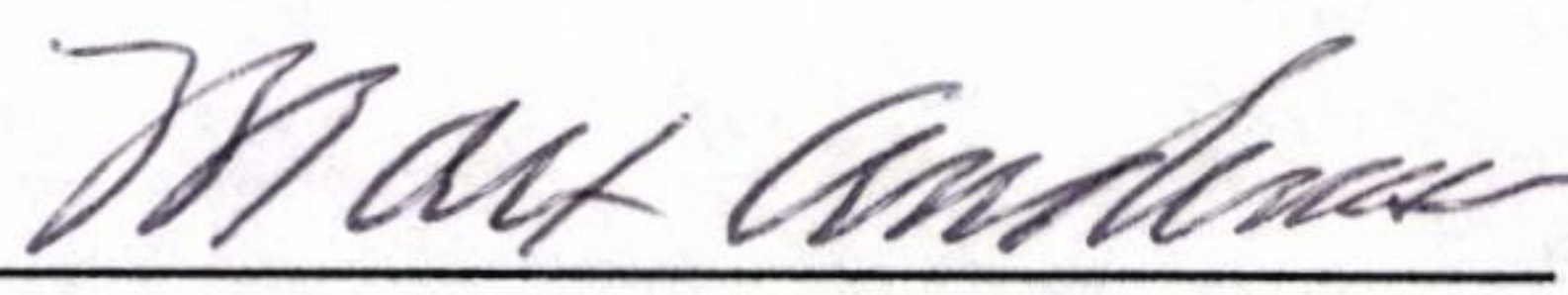
- ◆ Volunteer Fire Department Tax Separation
- ◆ Sanitation Department Enterprise Fund
- ◆ Personnel R review During the Budget Cycle
- ◆ Capital Equipment Replacement Line Item
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OTHER BUSINESS-

- ◆ Administrator Frye related to Council that the Department of Transportation had stated the 35-MPH speed signs in town are not state-regulated signs. Mr. Frye then informed Council that the correct signs were being ordered. He then informed Council that he had written to DOT requesting the citywide 35MPH signs that Council had voted to put up.
- ◆ After some discussion, on a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to give a free water tap to persons living off 321 in exchange for their signing an easement to run a waterline down 321.

ADJOURN-Bill Ramsey made the motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor.


Wanda Reid, Town Clerk


Max Andrews, Mayor