

December 18, 2001
MINUTES OF MEETING

COUNCIL PRESENT

David Stamey
Joe Norman
Gerelene Blevins
Pat Harrison
Joe Helton
Bill Ramsey

STAFF PRESENT

Terry Taylor
Robert Frye
Wanda Reid

CALL TO ORDER—Mayor David Stamey called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

INVOCATION—Pastor Russell Austin gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—Tyler Cannon, grandson of Council Woman Pat Harrison led the audience in the saying the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA—Joe Helton made the motion to adopt the agenda. Gerelene Blevins seconded, with all in favor.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—Gerelene Blevins made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, with Joe Norman seconding. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS:

- A. **Maxine Stamey: Minor Subdivision Plat Approval.** Mayor David Stamey asked to be excused on the grounds of a possible conflict of interest and asked Mayor Pro-tem Joe Norman to preside. Joe Norman made the motion to excuse Mr. Stamey. Joe Helton seconded. All were in favor. The Planning Board had reviewed the submitted plat and recommended that Council approve this minor subdivision request. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to approve the subdivision. Mayor Pro-tem Joe Norman then returned control of the meeting back to Mayor Stamey.
- B. **Daniel and Margaret Russ: Family Subdivision Plat Approval.** The Planning Board had reviewed the submitted plat and recommended that Council approve the family subdivision request. Joe Norman made the motion to approve the family subdivision request with Joe Helton seconding. All were in favor.
- C. **Fay McGee: Minor Subdivision Plat Approval:** Town Administrator Robert Frye informed Council the subdivision involves splitting the existing parcel into two pieces. The two existing duplexes shown on the submitted plat predates the town's zoning ordinance do not meet the minimum requirement of a forty-foot (40') setback from the road. This makes the structures a non-

conforming use and such, if destroyed; they would not be allowed to be rebuilt as shown on the submitted plat. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to approve the request of the Fay McGee Minor Subdivision Plat.

- D. ***Planning Board Recommendation: Off Premise Signs (billboards) on Highway 321***-The Planning Board recommends the development of a special use district along the Highway 321 Corridor that would allow limited off premise advertising. On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins, seconded by Joe Helton, Council voted to instruct the Planning Board to begin work on the necessary ordinance amendments to allow off premise advertising on 321.
- E. ***Planning Board Appointments***- Floyd Annas (Planning Board Chairman) and Jack Hendrix have completed their terms as Planning Board members. They have agreed to serve another term. James Duffy has submitted his resignation from the Planning Board. Mr. Duffy has agreed to serve until a replacement member is appointed. Staff recommend that current Planning Board Alternate Hoke Clark be appointed to fill James Duffy's term and that a new alternate be appointed. Bill Ramsey made the motion to appoint Hoke Clark as Planning Board member. Joe Helton seconded, with all in favor. Gerelene Blevins made the motion to reappoint Floyd Annas and Jack Hendrix to serve on the Planning Board. Bill Ramsey seconded. All were in favor. Council Woman Gerelene Blevins request a list of candidates be brought to the next meeting.

HOLIDAY OPERATING/MEEING SCHEDULE-Council has allowed Town Employees to leave at noon on the day before the Christmas Holiday starts. The day in question is Friday, the 21st. Pat Harrison made the motion to continue this tradition. Bill Ramsey seconded, with all in favor.

In an additional holiday related matter, the next Council meeting falls on January 1st, 2002. This is New Years day and a holiday. On a motion made by Bill Ramsey, seconded by Gerelene Blevins, Council voted to cancel the January 1st, 2002 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS-

- Bain Wilson resident of the Town related to Council he appreciated what the town was doing and plans to attend more meetings in the future. Council Woman Gerelene Blevins made the motion that the Finance Director be allowed to attend the school, and all persons planning to attend the School for New Mayors & Council Members go to the session scheduled for Boone instead

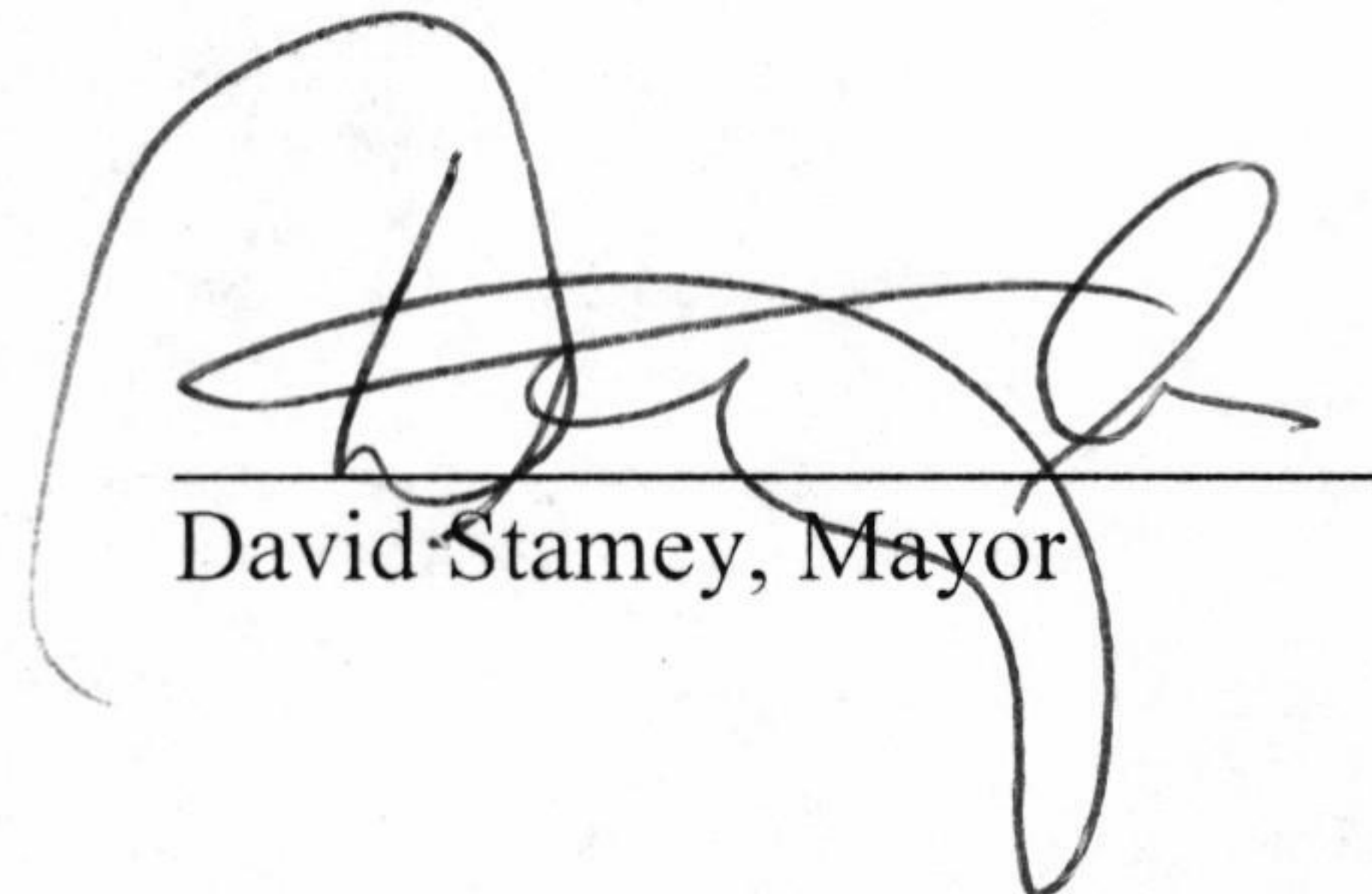
of Asheville. Bill Ramsey seconded. Voting for: Gerelene Blevins, Joe Helton and Bill Ramsey. Voting against: Pat Harrison and Joe Norman.

- Council Woman Pat Harrison related there was a blind spot on Helton Road at the curve of J & D Trucking and requested contacting the Department of Transportation to place a warning sign to correct this matter.
- Council Woman Pat Harrison also stated that Ms. Holman, a resident of Sigmon Drive needed some gravel put on the road to keep the street from washing out where the state had installed a culvert.
- Mayor Stamey related that contractors working in the Town do not give respect to the residents of the Town and requested that the Administrator develop guide lines for the contractors to follow.
- Mayor Stamey informed the public he would like to hold informal meetings on the second meeting of the month for questions from the public. These meetings will be held after the regular meeting and no board action will be taken.

ADJOURNMENT- motion made by Joe Helton, seconded by Bill Ramsey, Council voted to adjourn at 6:40.



Wanda Reid, Town Clerk



David Stamey, Mayor