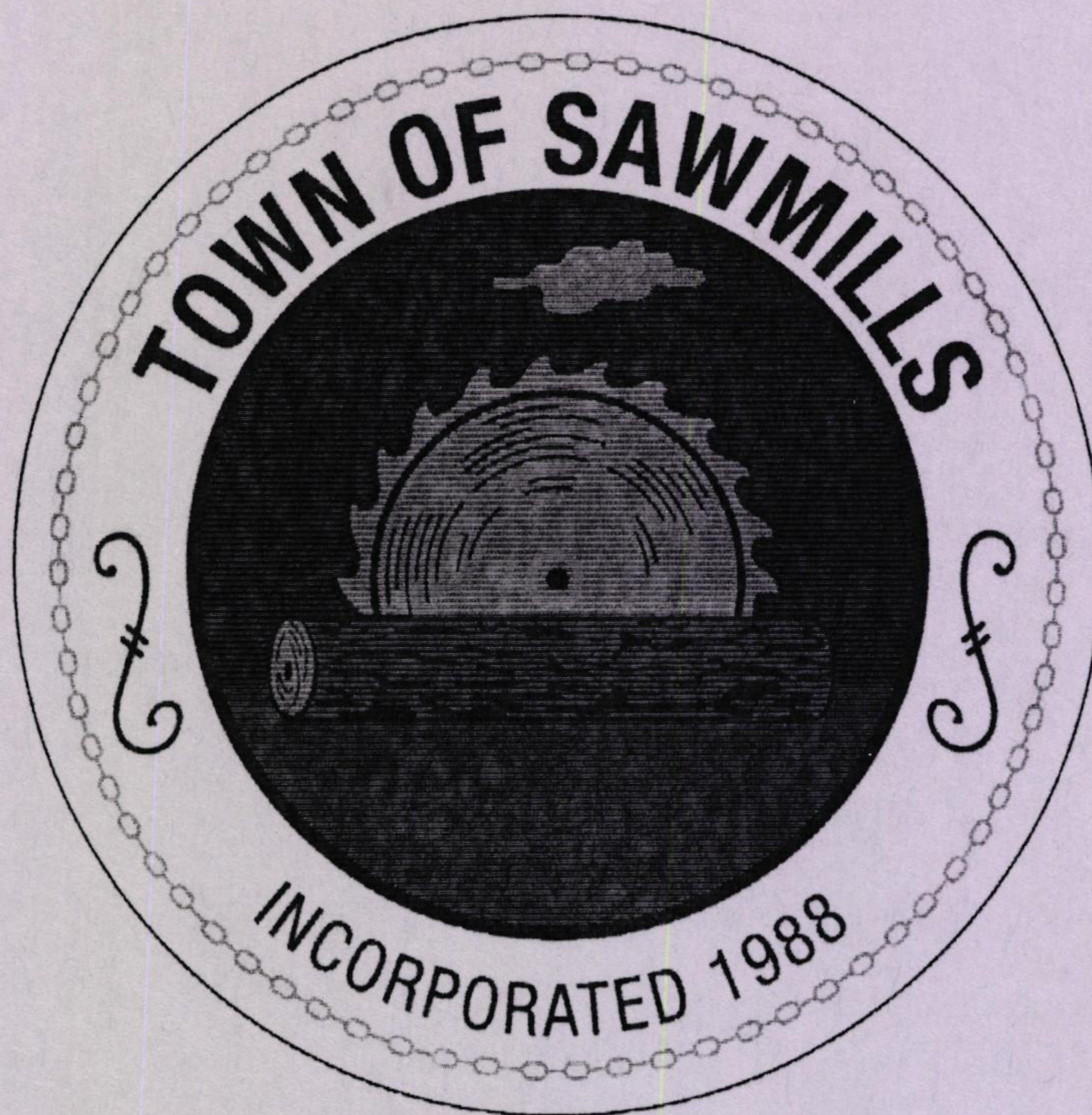




TOWN OF SAWMILLS

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2007

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Robert Frye
Susan Noll
Terry Taylor

MEMBERS PRESENT

Beverly Fry

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

INVOCATION: Mayor Austin gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 20TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to approve the November 20, 2007 minutes.

On a motion made by Bob Gibbs and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the regular minutes were approved. All were in favor.

OUTGOING COUNCIL COMMENTS: Joe Wesson stated that it was an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Sawmills for the last 4 years, and that he appreciated Staff and Council.

ADJOURN: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to recess the meeting.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Eddie Bowman a recess was declared at 6:03 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS: Town Clerk Susan Noll administered the Oath of Office to new Councilwoman Beverly Fry, Councilwoman Gerelene Blevins, and Councilman Eddie Bowman.

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

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEMP: Mayor Austin asked the Council to elect a Mayor Pro-Temp.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman, Bob Gibbs was elected as Mayor Pro-Temp. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Mayor Austin made committee assignments. (See Attached).

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the following changes: Presentation White Pine Non-Conforming Manufactured Housing Park presentation as item 11 A.

On a motion made by Eddie Bowman and seconded by Joe Norman, the agenda was adopted with changes. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS: PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, former Councilman Joe Wesson was appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by new Councilwoman Beverly Fry due to her resignation from the Planning Commission.

PRESENTATION: NON-CONFORMING PARK ORDINANCE: Mr. Robert Goodson; Bank of Granite Vice President asked the Council for an extension of time for Carl Cook owner of White Pine Manufactured Housing Park. Mr. Goodson explained that Mr. Cook was currently under Chapter 13 bankruptcy protection and he assured the Council that if they decided to grant an extension to Mr. Cook that the Bank of Granite would make sure the park was brought up to standard. The Bank of Granite currently holds the mortgage on this property.

No Council action taken. Council will discuss this item in closed session.

UPCOMING COUNCIL RETREAT: The Council will meet before the start of the new budget year for a budget retreat.

Town Administrator Robert Frye suggested meeting on Thursday January 31, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the JE Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the retreat will be held January 31, 2008 from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Broyhill Civic Center. All were in favor.

HOLIDAY OPERATING SCHEDULE: The Town Offices and Public Works will be closed December 24th, 25th, and 26th for the Christmas Holiday, and closed January 1st for the New Year's Holiday.

Town Administrator Robert Frye stated that Council has in past year's allowed the Town employee's to leave at noon on the day before the Christmas Holiday begins.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Eddie Bowman, the Council has been gracious enough to allow the staff to leave at noon on Friday December 21, 2007. All were in favor.

TOWN HALL MEETING: There was no one wishing to speak at the Town Hall meeting.

CLOSED SESSION: CLIENT ATTORNEY PRIVILEGE: At 6:24 p.m., Bob Gibbs made a motion to go into closed session with Gerelene Blevins seconding. All were in favor.

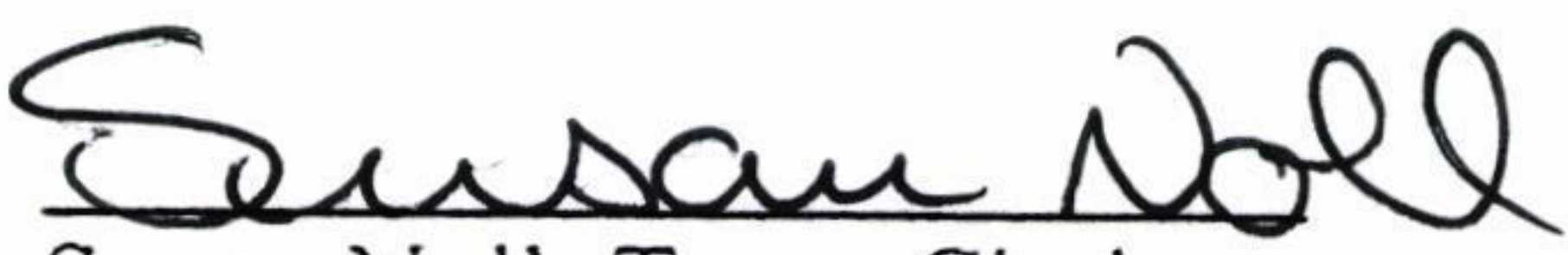
OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: At 6:43 p.m., Joe Norman made the motion to go out of closed session with Eddie Bowman seconding. All were in favor.

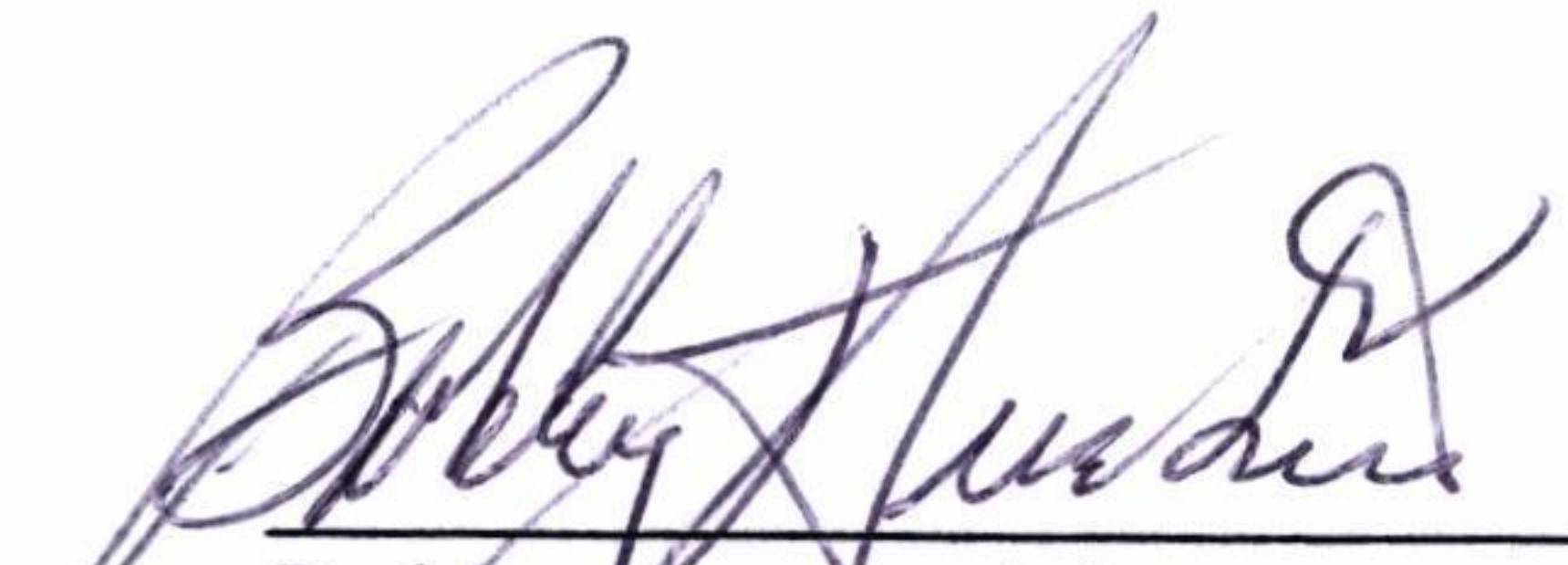
ACTION TAKEN: On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Eddie Bowman, Carl Cook owner of White Pine Manufactured Home Park was given an extension after the Bankruptcy Court approves funds to bring White Pine Manufactured Housing Park into compliance.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs, Sheila Vasquez will have an extension until the end of May to have Alexander Estates in compliance. All were in favor.

ADJOURN: Mayor Austin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Bob Gibbs., the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor.


Susan Noll, Town Clerk


Bobby Austin, Mayor