

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015**  
**TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Trena McRary Kirby  
Joe Wesson  
Jeff Wilson  
Johnny Wilson  
Gerelene Blevins

**STAFF PRESENT**

Karen Clontz  
Julie Good  
Terry Taylor

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby called the meeting to order.

**INVOCATION:** Keith Warren gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Agenda Item 5C: July 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, Agenda Item 5D: July 15, 2015 Closed Session Minutes and Agenda Item 9B: Interlocal Agreement with Granite Falls regarding SBEA Grant.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to adopt the agenda with the addition of Agenda Item 5C: July 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, Agenda Item 5D: July 15, 2015 Closed Session Minutes and Agenda Item 9B: Interlocal Agreement with Granite Falls regarding SBEA Grant. All were in favor.

**APPROVE JUNE 16, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the June 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**APPROVE JUNE 16, 2015 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the June 16, 2015 closed session minutes.

Johnny Wilson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**APPROVE JULY 15, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2015 special meeting minutes.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**APPROVE JULY 15, 2015 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to approve the July 15, 2015 closed session minutes.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve the minutes. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby announced Frances Benfield as the July Recycle Rewards winners. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to her sanitation bill. Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that her certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

**YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby announced Jody Deal, from the 28630 zip code, and Laureene Carver, from the 28638 zip code, as the July Yard of the Month winners. Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that both certificates would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

**FINANCIAL:**

**DONATION TO CALDWELL COUNTY DARE:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that the Caldwell County Dare Program has requested a donation in the amount of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

Joe Wesson made a motion, Gerelene Blevins seconded, to give a donation in the amount of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to the Caldwell County Dare Program. All were in favor.

**DONATION TO SOUTH CALDWELL BAND BOOSTERS:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that the South Caldwell Band Boosters has requested a donation in the amount of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to give a donation in the amount of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to the South Caldwell Band Boosters. All were in favor.

**STORM WATER DISCHARGE PROGRAM AGREEMENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that the current agreement between the City of Lenoir and the Town of Sawmills for the Storm Water Discharge Program needs to be renewed. The renewal Agreement will cover the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The cost the Town will pay the City of Lenoir to continue responsibility of the plan is \$13,104.93 (thirteen thousand one hundred four dollars and ninety-three cents).

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the renewal Agreement with the City of Lenoir in the amount of \$13,104.93 (thirteen thousand, one hundred four dollars and ninety-three cents). All were in favor.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**GREATER HICKORY MPO AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that on May 27, 2015 the Greater Hickory MPO Technical Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the amended MPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Several changes were made to the MOU with the most important involving the MPO officially accepting the Unifour RPO into the MPO's planning boundary (all four counties).

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve the Resolution for the adoption of the amended memorandum of understanding regarding the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Organization for Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties. All were in favor.

**SBEA GRANT FOR A. MCGEE WOOD PRODUCTS DoC PROGRAM AMENDMENT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that on June 1, 2015 the Department of Commerce sent a letter accepting the Program Amendment and Extension Approval for the SBEA Grant with A. McGee Wood Products as the recipient of the grant funds. An Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Sawmills and the Town of Granite Falls was adopted and signed by the Granite Falls Town Council on July 20, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby also stated that an amended capital project ordinance reflecting the change from The Haystation LLC to A. McGee Wood Products would need to be approved.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to approve the Interlocal

Agreement between the Town of Sawmills and the Town of Granite Falls for a SBEA Grant for A. McGee Wood Products DoC Program. All were in favor.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to approve the amended capital project ordinance reflecting the change from The Haystation LLC to A. McGee Wood Products. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

No one wished to speak.

**UPDATES:**

**SBEA JULY PROGRESS REPORT:** Mayor Pro Tem Trena McRary Kirby stated that Sherry Long from the Western Piedmont Council of Governments has enclosed a progress report for the SBEA project 12-C-2443.

No Council action was required.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** Interim Town Administrator Karen Clontz made the following announcements:

- The Town's recycling numbers went up to 71% from 54% this time last year;
- The Town of Sawmills Kick Ball season started this week;
- The Church Wood Bat league also started this week.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked if anyone on the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming.

Johnny Wilson thanked Keith Warren for giving the invocation.

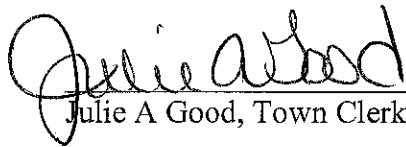
**CLOSED SESSION: ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to go into closed session.

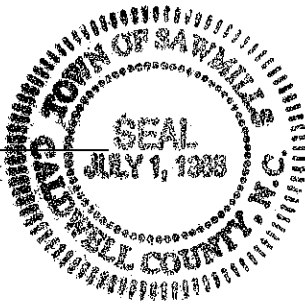
Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to go into closed session at 6:15 pm.

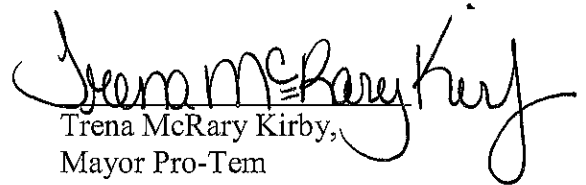
Joe Wesson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to come out of closed session at 6:50 pm.

**COUNCIL ADJOURN:** Mayor Pro-Tem Trena McRary Kirby asked for a motion to adjourn.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

  
Julie A Good, Town Clerk



  
Trena McRary Kirby,  
Mayor Pro-Tem