

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Trena McRary Kirby
Donnie Potter
Joe Wesson
Jeff Wilson
Johnny Wilson

STAFF PRESENT

Seth Eckard
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor
Johnny Wear

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bob Gibbs called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Pastor Rick Crouse gave the invocation.

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

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE JULY 24, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the July 24, 2012 special meeting minutes.

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

APPROVE JULY 24, 2012 CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the July 24, 2012 closed session meeting minutes.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment.

Ava Bowman and Todd Bowman spoke in regards to discharging firearms in the town limits.

RECOGNITIONS:

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS: Mayor Bob Gibbs announced Debbie Murphy, from the 28630 zip code, and Byron and Pam Annas, from the 28638 zip code, as the August Yard of the Month winners. Mayor Gibbs stated that since the winners were not present, the certificates would be available at the Town Hall for them to pick up.

No Council action was required.

RECYCLE REWARDS PROGRAM WINNER: Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced Nicole and Scott Reuscher as the August Recycle Rewards winner. Administrator Eckard stated a twenty-eight dollar (\$28.00) credit will be added to their sanitation bill and their certificate would be available at the Town Hall for them to pick up.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

BID AWARD FOR BASKETBALL COURT AT BAIRD DRIVE PARK: The Town received the following three bids for the construction of a basketball court at Baird Drive Park:

	<u>Asphalt Court</u>	<u>Concrete Court</u>
Neill Grading & Construction Co., Inc.	\$33,103.00	\$41,190.00
Bell Construction Co.	\$35,815.00	\$48,430.00
Moss Marlow Building Co.	\$42,214.00	\$56,644.00

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to award the bid to Neil Grading & Construction Co., Inc., for an asphalt basketball court, in the amount of \$33,103.00 contingent on funds coming in from other resources. All were in favor.

PLANNING MATTERS:

ELECTRONIC GAMING/SWEEPSTAKES ORDINANCE: Town Planner Johnny Wear stated there is nothing in the Town's Ordinance pertaining to Electronic Gaming/Internet Sweepstakes businesses. The Planning Board discussed this matter and recommends Council call for a public hearing to adopt the enclosed proposed amendment using the Granite Falls Ordinance as a template.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Trena McRary Kirby seconded, to call for a public hearing on September 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Sawmills Town Hall to discuss an electronic gaming/sweepstakes ordinance. All were in favor.

RE-APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated the term of appointment for Planning Board members Steve Duncan, Buford Pennell, David Powell, and Thad Hall has expired. Each one has given consent to serve another term.

Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to re-appoint those members to the Planning Board for the term of two-years. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION:

ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A RURAL CENTER GRANT FOR THE HAYSTATION, LLC: Mayor Bob Gibbs stated the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc. requires adoption of the enclosed resolution in order to apply for funding assistance on behalf of The Haystation, LLC.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded to adopt the resolution in support of an application for a Rural Center Occupied Building Grant on behalf of The Haystation, LLC. All were in favor.

FARMERS MARKET: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated the Farmers Market Board has been given a lease agreement to discuss. The lease defines both the Town's role and the Farmers Market's role as well as protects the public. Once the Farmers Market Board reviews and adopts the lease, Council will receive a copy to also review for adoption.

The Council discussed the Mayor's role at the Farmers Market and decided that the Farmers Market Board does a good job and there is no need for the Mayor's, or the Town's, involvement.

REMOVAL OF OLD TREE ON SAWMILLS SCHOOL ROAD: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated on August 3rd a portion of an old tree in the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) right-of-way fell on Sawmills School Road striking a moving truck.

After much discussion, Donnie Potter made a motion, and Trena McRary Kirby seconded, to send a letter to NCDOT in Raleigh signed by the Mayor and Council along with a follow-up phone call a few days after asking them to remove the tree. Those in favor were Donnie Potter, Trena McRary Kirby, Jeff Wilson, and Johnny Wilson. Those opposed were Joe Wesson. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak during public comment.

Mr. William Eckard spoke regarding vehicles speeding on Water Works Road.

Mr. John Greene spoke regarding the basketball court at Baird Drive Park.

Kathy Drye spoke regarding a handicapped accessible playground.

UPDATES:

CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT: The enclosed report shows the updated progress made throughout the Town by Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Wear.

No Council action is required.


ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated the Festival Committee would meet on Wednesday, August 22nd at 2:30 pm.


COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone on the Council had anything to say.

Council discussed the earlier comments from Ava Bowman and Todd Bowman. Planner Johnny Wear will send the Bowman's neighbor a notice of violation.

ADJOURN: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.


Susan Nagle, Town Clerk


Bob Gibbs, Mayor