

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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

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

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Buford Pennell 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.

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

**APPROVE NOVEMBER 20, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the November 20, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

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

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

No one wished to speak.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS:** Mayor Bob Gibbs announced Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cannon, from the 28630 zip code, and Mark Nelson, from the 28638 zip code, as the December 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 pick up.

No Council action was required.

**RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER:** Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced Joseph Keith as the December Recycle Rewards winner. Administrator Eckard stated a credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) would be added to Mr. Keith's sanitation bill and his certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

**PUBLIC HEARING: FOR A CDBG FUNDING APPLICATION:**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to open the public hearing.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to open the public hearing. All were in favor.

**STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:** Mayor Gibbs introduced Lisa Helton with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG).

Lisa stated this is the first of two public hearings required by the North Carolina Department of Commerce in order for the Town to submit an application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak on the application for CDBG funding.

No one wished to speak.

**CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to close the public hearing. All were in favor.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** No Council action was required.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**FY 2011-2012 AUDIT PRESENTATION:** Rick Hammer and Jim Lowdermilk with Lowdermilk Church & Co., LLP, presented to Council the 2011-2012 Town audit.

Mr. Hammer stated that the Town received a clean audit and commended staff and Council on their efforts to maintain a strong fund balance.

No Council action was required.

**ADOPT PROPOSED COUNCIL BUDGET RETREAT/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the enclosed FY 2013-2014 budget retreat/workshop schedules.

After discussion, Jeff Wilson made a motion, and Trena McRary Kirby seconded, to change the time of the budget workshops from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm to 5:00 pm-7:00 pm leaving the retreat and all dates the same. All were in favor.

**PLANNING MATTERS: REMOVAL OF TRACTOR-TRAILERS FOR STORAGE:** Town Planner Johnny Wear stated the Town's current zoning ordinance does not allow tractor-trailers for use as storage in residential districts and does not include the ones already in existence before the ordinance was amended. The Planning Board discussed this matter and recommends Council does not make any changes to the current ordinance.

Mike Sparks spoke regarding a tractor-trailer in his neighborhood that is used for storage in which the owner complied with the Town's zoning ordinance and the case was closed.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Jeff Wilson seconded, to leave the current ordinance as written. Those in favor were Joe Wesson, Johnny Wilson and Jeff Wilson. Those opposed were Trena McRary Kirby and Donnie Potter. Motion carries by a 3-2 vote.

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

No one wished to speak.

**UPDATES:**

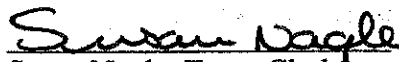
**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Town Administrator Seth Eckard made the following announcements:

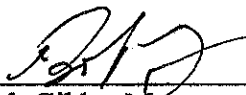
- The dates the Office and Public Works Department will be closed for Christmas and the trash pick-up schedule may be found online on the Town's website or you may pick-up a schedule at the Town Hall.
- The dates the Office and Public Works Department will be closed for New Year's and the trash pick-up schedule may be found online on the Town's website or you may pick-up a schedule at the Town Hall.
- To the credit of the Public Works Department, the first nine holes of the new disc golf course are open three weeks ahead of schedule. We should have a completion date scheduled for early April. Everyone is invited to come out and play.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:** Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone on the Council wished to speak.

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

  
Susan Nagle, Town Clerk

  
Bob Gibbs, Mayor