

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 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: Mayor Gibbs 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 Donnie Potter seconded, to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE MAY 15, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the May 15, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

Donnie Potter 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.

No one wished to speak.

RECOGNITIONS:

YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS: Mayor Bob Gibbs announced Billy Gilliland, from the 28630 zip code, and Paul Miller, from the 28638 zip code, as the June 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 at their convenience.

No Council action was required.

RECYCLE REWARDS PROGRAM WINNER: Town Administrator Seth Eckard announced Henry Briones as the June Recycle Rewards winner. Administrator Eckard stated a twenty-eight dollar (\$28.00) credit will be added to Mr. Briones' sanitation bill and the certificate would be available at the Town Hall for him to pick up at his convenience.

No Council action was required.

PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPT PROPOSED FY 2012-2013 BUDGET:

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

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

STAFF COMMENTS: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget was enclosed and staff had no additional comments at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone wished to speak on the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget.

Edward Lineback, Mike Harris, and Johnny Perry all spoke in regards to the budget.

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

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

COUNCIL ACTION: Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to adopt the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION: PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE: Parks and Recreation Director Benny Townsend updated Council on the ball programs that took place this summer.

Parks and Recreation Director Townsend reported the following information:

- In the four to twelve (4-12) year old league, which consists of t-ball, softball and baseball, there were ten (10) teams and over one hundred and ten (110) children who participated. Out of these teams two (2) all-star teams were formed which will start playing July 5, 2012.
- In the thirteen to fifteen (13-15) year old leagues, there were eight (8) teams and over ninety (90) players. There will probably be two (2) all-star teams formed from these teams, which will start playing July 12, 2012.
- Church league softball has nineteen (19) teams with over 200 players.
- The Town will host a North Carolina State church league tournament the weekend of June 23 and 24, 2012.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: REQUESTS FOR DONATION:

CALDWELL COUNTY DARE PROGRAM: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the Caldwell County Dare program has requested a donation of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for its annual golf tournament.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to donate one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Caldwell County Dare Program. All were in favor.

FOOTHILLS SHRINERS CLUB: Town Administrator Seth Eckard stated that the Foothills Shrine Club has requested a donation of one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) for economic development.

Trena McRary Kirby made a motion, and Johnny Wilson seconded, to donate one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150.00) to the Foothills Shriners Club. All were in favor.

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

Edward Lineback spoke in regards to the Council.

UPDATES:

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

- The summer newsletter was mailed out on Monday, June 18, 2012.
- The Town has a new Calendar of Events on their website. Citizens may e-mail events to Town Clerk Susan Nagle or Town Administrator Seth Eckard for consideration. Clerk Nagle's e-mail address is : snagle@townofsawmills.com and Administrator Eckard's e-mail address is: seckard@townofsawmills.com
- The Town Hall will be closed on July 4, 2012 for Independence Day.
- The Town Beautification Committee will meet at 9:30 am on July 24, 2012 at the Town Hall.
- The new *Caldwell Book* has been published and Sawmills has a full-page ad.
- The North Carolina DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will recognize the Mayor at the local DAV Post on June 25, 2012 at 11:00 am.
- An Audit conducted by Blue Ridge Electric revealed 1,270 accounts coded incorrectly in Sawmills since 1988. After presenting this information to the Department of Revenue, the Town, will receive three (3) years of uncollected revenue in the amount of \$138,985.68 along with additional revenue each year.

Mayor Gibbs announced that he had been unable to travel to Raleigh to receive the award from the North Carolina DAV (Disabled American Veterans) recognizing him as Legislator of the Year for North Carolina. Administrator Seth Eckard accepted the award in Raleigh on behalf of the Mayor.

A representative from the North Carolina DAV (Disabled American Veterans) will present Mayor Gibbs with this award at the local DAV Post in Hudson on June 25, 2012.

The Mayor stated he could not do what he does for the veterans without the support of the Council and the community. He then asked everyone to join him at the presentation on the 25th to show support not only for him but also for the town as well, for what it does for local veterans.

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

Councilman Joe Wesson thanked everyone on the staff who worked on the budget this year, Councilman Johnny Wilson for what he did for the DARE program, and for the donation of the Christmas tree from Councilman Donnie Potter's company.


Councilman Potter thanked Administrator Eckard and staff on discovering the tax issue with Blue Ridge and the Council for working out their differences on the budget.

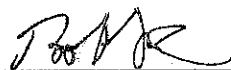
Councilman Johnny Wilson thanked the staff for all their hard work discovering the tax issue with Blue Ridge.

Councilwoman Trena McRary Kirby expressed appreciation for the \$138,985.68 discovery, which means more revenue into the savings account.

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