

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 Bob 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 Johnny Wilson seconded, to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

**APPROVE OCTOBER 16, 2012 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:** Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the October 16, 2012 regular meeting minutes.

Trena McRary Kirby 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.

JD Phillips spoke in regards to a tractor-trailer in a residential area currently used for storage.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS:** Mayor Bob Gibbs announced Neil and LouAnne Annas, from the 28630 zip code, and Merlin Steiner, from the 28638 zip code, as the November Yard of the Month winners. Mayor Gibbs presented Mr. and Mrs. Annas with a certificate and stated that since Mr. Steiner was not present, his certificate would be available at the Town Hall for pick up.

No Council action was required.

**RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER:** Mayor Bob Gibbs announced Neil and LouAnne Annas as the November Recycle Rewards winner presented them with a certificate, and stated a credit of twenty-eight dollar (\$28.00) would be added to their sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

**DISCUSSION:**

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:** Stormwater Management Technician Jared Wright with the City of Lenoir, gave a brief overview of the stormwater program. Mr. Wright stated that Congress wants more restrictions and expects there will be a phase III Stormwater Program by June 2013.

No Council action was required.

**EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Council discussed this year's Christmas party, which will be held on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at the pond located on the Wilson Farm beginning at 6:30 pm..

No Council action was required.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A CDBG FUNDING APPLICATION:** Town Administrator Eckard stated Federal Guidelines require all public hearing notices to include a Spanish translation; therefore, the public hearing that was held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, will have to be called again.

Donnie Potter made a motion, and Joe Wesson seconded, to call for a public hearing on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Sawmills Town Hall to discuss an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for a sewer project. All were in favor.

**EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY PAY:** The Town of Sawmills pays out an employee longevity pay the first pay period in December.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to approve disbursement of longevity pay for employees. All were in favor.

**ADMINISTRATOR CELL PHONE STIPEND:** Town Administrator Eckard stated that he uses his personal cell phone a lot for town business. Administrator Eckard asked Council to consider a monthly stipend of \$40.00, which is what the town pays for the Public Works cell phones, and a one-time only reimbursement of \$133.00 half of the cost to upgrade his cell phone.

Joe Wesson made a motion, and Donnie Potter seconded, to approve a monthly cell phone stipend of \$40.00 and a one-time reimbursement of \$133.00 for cell phone upgrade. All were in favor.

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

No one wished to speak.

**UPDATES:**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT:** The enclosed report shows an update of the progress made throughout the Town by Code Enforcement Officer Johnny Wear. Town Administrator Eckard stated there would be a Planning Board meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss tractor-trailers in residential areas used as storage.

No Council action was required.

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

- The Town will hold their first Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Sawmills Farmers Market field located on the corner of Sawmills School Rd. and Helena St. on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- Staff will be very busy this Spring working on various projects in the Town so we ask understanding from the Council.
- Coats for Kids and the can food drive are both going well.

- The dates the Office and Public Works will be closed for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years and the trash pick-up schedule may be found on-line on the Towns website or you may pick-up a schedule at the Town Hall.
- The Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. Line-up is on Helena St. and starts at 9:30 am.


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


Mayor Gibbs made the following announcement:

- Mt. Zion Baptist Church will be serving lunch on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public and will last until they run out of food.

**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

Code Enforcement Report  
November 2012

Property Owner	Property Address	Issue	Status
Kieyanna Carter	4361 Sawmills School Rd	High vegetation	Abated by Town of Sawmills in November after extension granted by Staff.
John and Nancy Greene	4446 Villa Woods	Cover off trailer	Staff will be taking to Planning Board for recommendation to Town Council on permanent remedy.

Johnny Wear  
Town Planner

List updated on November 13, 2012