

**TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018  
TOWN OF SAWMILLS SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
6:00 PM**

**COUNCIL PRESENT**

Mayor Johnnie Greene  
Clay Wilson  
Keith Warren  
Jeff Wilson  
Rebecca Johnson  
Joe Norman

**STAFF PRESENT**

Christopher Todd  
Julie A Good  
Karen Clontz  
Ronnie Coffey  
Steve Coonse

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Johnnie Greene called the meeting to order.

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Johnnie Greene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADOPT AGENDA:** Mayor Johnnie Greene asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Keith Warren made a motion, and Joe Norman seconded, to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Reba Helms had questions regarding condemn in property if owners would not sign easements and if the owners did sign easements would they get compensated.

Brad Haas asked that the Council consider the public's opinion on this project. Mr. Haas stated that he lives in Virginia Acres and the sewer line would cross his property. Mr. Haas also stated that he has talked to his neighbors and the majority of his neighbors do not want the sewer project.

Stephanie Tramble stated that it is hard for people to give up their property, which in some cases have been in their families for generations, for a project that some cannot hook up to. Mrs. Tramble stated that it is hard to take memories from people just to benefit a select few.

**VIRGINIA ACRES SANITARY SEWER:** Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that Council had already voted to keep the Virginia Acres Sanitary Sewer project out of the budget. Mayor Johnnie Greene also stated that the purpose of this meeting was for Council to decide if they would like to completely cease all efforts and no longer pursue the Virginia Acres Sanitary Sewer project.

Clay Wilson made a motion, and Rebecca Johnson seconded, to cease all efforts and no longer pursue the Virginia Acres Sanitary Sewer project. Keith Warren was in favor. Joe Norman and Jeff Wilson were opposed.

**COUNCIL COMMENT:**

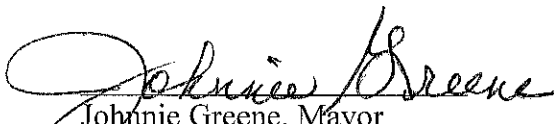
Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that he appreciated everyone that was in attendance. Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that everyone has the freedom to come out and be heard. Mayor Johnnie Greene also stated that he thought that Council was making a bad decision in walking away from the Virginia Acres Sanitary Sewer project and the interest free loan. Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that this opportunity would probably never come this way again. Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that this project should have been done twenty years (20) ago, but all the Councils before have set on their hands and not accomplished a lot pertaining to the sewer, that the past Councils were more worried about keeping taxes and utility rates low. Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that the Town is only about a third (1/3) covered with sewer and it should be one hundred percent (100%). Mayor Johnnie Greene stated that there is a mobile home park on Horseshoe Bend Road that is having septic problems and at least two (2) of the mobile homes septic systems can not be fixed. Mayor Johnnie Greene also stated that past Councils have not done what they should have and not helped the citizens of Sawmills.

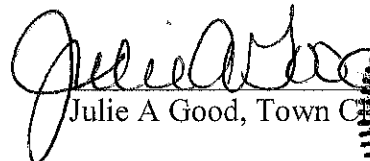
Clay Wilson wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Joe Norman stated that he agrees with what the Mayor stated and that the Mayor summed it up perfectly.

**ADJOURN:** Mayor Johnnie Greene stated no Council action was required and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

  
Johnnie Greene, Mayor

  
Julie A Good, Town Clerk

