

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016
TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 PM**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Joe Wesson
Gerelene Blevins
Keith Warren
Reed Lingerfelt
Jeff Wilson
Joe Norman

STAFF PRESENT

Christopher Todd
Terry Taylor
Julie A Good

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Wesson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Keith Warren gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Joe Wesson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to adopt the November 15, 2016 Agenda.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to adopt the November 15, 2016 agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVE OCTOBER 18, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to approve the October 18, 2016 regular meeting minutes. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Joe Wesson asked if anyone had any questions or comments at this time.

Michael Mull, owner of Mull Haus Kennels, wanted to thank Council for paving Elmore Drive. Mr. Mull stated that the two (2) businesses and five (5) residents were all very pleased with the finished project and MidState did a great job.

Clarence Fare wanted to thank Council for a great Veterans Day Memorial Service. Mr. Fare also stated that he would like for Council to look at the minimum housing complaint policy. Mr. Fare stated that he saw no reason that more than one (1) person would need to sign a complaint to have the Town do something about a minimum housing problem. Sometimes there are not enough people who know a problem to get more than one (1)

signature. The house next to his is one that has a minimum housing problem and there is no one else that can sign the petition.

RECOGNITIONS:

RECYCLE REWARDS WINNER: Mayor Joe Wesson announced Mr. Gerald Huntley, as the November Recycle Rewards winner. A credit of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) will be added to his sanitation bill.

No Council action was required.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY PAY: Town Administrator Christopher Todd stated that the Town of Sawmills has an employee longevity pay plan that has been historically paid out during the first pay period in December.

Joe Norman made a motion, and Gerelene Blevins seconded, to issue longevity paychecks to Town employees paid out the first pay period in December. All were in favor.

CALDWELL COUNTY DONATION REQUEST: Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the Town had received a request from Caldwell County Schools for a donation in the amount of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to give a donation in the amount of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) to Caldwell County Schools. All were in favor.

CALDWELL COUNTY VETERANS HONOR GUARD: Mayor Joe Wesson stated that the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, Inc., requested a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Gerelene Blevins made a motion, and Reed Lingerfelt seconded, to give a donation in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard, Inc. All were in favor.

UPDATES:

NOVEMBER CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows stated that there are thirteen (13) code enforcement cases open:

- Caldwell Ready Mix Concrete is the owner of an abandoned mobile home and abandoned concrete factory. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows spoke with owner, Wes Triplett, on November 3, 2016. The sale of the property is still pending but owner has made arrangements to clean out and fill in the loading docks where the mosquito pits are;
- Teresa Annas Compton is the owner of a dilapidated house located at 4476 Sawmills School Road. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows has not received any response to correspondence sent to the owner and sent a final letter out on November 3, 2016;
- Charles Hagaman, owner of 1940 Leah Drive #4. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows spoke with MHP Manager Tim Hart and was informed that the removal of the mobile home requires special equipment and he will have the mobile home removed before December 20, 2016;
- Terry Rowe, owner of 4016 and 4017 Cloninger Way. Former owner, Pete Rowe, passed away. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows has spoken with the current owner who stated he is waiting on a second estimate for the demolition. Owner stated he hopes to have homes removed within the month;
- Randall Hamby at 3632 Coble Dairy Road. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows spoke with the landowner and his contractor, Mike Willis. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows visited the site on November 3, 2016, and work has begun to take out all existing trees and owner is installing a security fence and will plant new buffer trees inside fence;
- WNC Properties, LLC owner of 4209 Creekview Pl. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows is coordinating progress with Caldwell County Building Inspections and property owners;
- David Graham (Landlord) owner of 4176 US Highway 321A. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows is coordinating progress with Caldwell County Building Inspections and property owner;
- Casey Lynn Wallace, owner of 3950-1 Walters MHP Drive. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows is coordinating progress with Caldwell County Building Inspections and property owner;
- Tasco Properties owner of 2155 White Pine Dr #13. Minimum housing complaint. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows is coordinating progress with Caldwell County Building Inspections and property owners ;
- Carolyn Bray, owner of 2570 Baker Cir. Abandoned mobile home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows visited site on November 3, 2016. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows left message for property owner to contact Town Hall. Will send another letter;
- Andrew Dehart, owner 4036 US Highway 321A. High grass and junked vehicles. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows visited site on October 20, 2016. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows sent violation letter out on November 3, 2016;
- Mike and Katie Mast, owner 4347 and 4351 Sawmills School Road. Abandoned/dilapidated homes and solid waste. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows sent letter out November 3, 2016;

- Chenay Carter, owner 4361 Sawmills School Road. Abandoned/dilapidated home. Town Planner Leslie M. Meadows sent out letter on November 3, 2016.

No Council action was required.

COUNCIL COMMENT:

Mayor Joe Wesson asked if anyone on the Council had any questions or comments at this time.

Joe Norman stated that it was a short, sweet and to the point meeting. Joe Norman also stated that he wanted to thank everyone for coming out.

Keith Warren wanted to thank everyone for coming out. The meeting was short and sweet. Keith Warren also stated that he was looking forward to the tree lighting on December 1 and that they had a good time at the Veterans Ceremony. Keith Warren also stated that he appreciated everyone and for everyone to pray for rain.

Gerelene Blevins stated she was glad everyone came out. Gerelene Blevins also stated that she was sorry she missed the Veterans Ceremony but she hoped to see everyone at the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Reed Lingerfelt wanted to thank everyone for coming out. Reed Lingerfelt also stated that he thought the Veterans Ceremony went great and don't forget to come out for the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Parade. Reed Lingerfelt stated he hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Mayor Joe Wesson announced that the employee Christmas Party will be December 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Sims BBQ. Mayor Joe Wesson also announced that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be December 1, 2016 beginning at 6:30 pm and the Sawmills Christmas Parade will be December 3, 2016 beginning at 10:00 am.

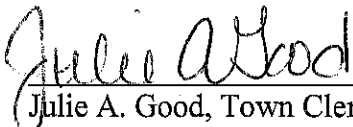
Mayor Joe Wesson wanted to thank everyone for coming out and Council gets their best ideas from the citizens. Mayor Joe Wesson continued by saying that he thought the Veterans Ceremony went good, that he hoped everyone would come out for the Christmas Tree Lighting, and Mayor Joe Wesson also stated that the Christmas Tree Lighting gets better every year. Mayor Joe Wesson commented that he hoped everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Mayor Joe Wesson stated that everyone needed to pray for rain and he wanted to remind everyone that there is a burning ban in effect.

COUNCIL ADJOURN: Mayor Joe Wesson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Reed Lingerfelt made a motion, and Keith Warren seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.



Joe Wesson, Mayor



Julie A. Good, Town Clerk

