

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PART-F GRANT
5:30 P.M.**

**TOWN OF SAWMILLS REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
6:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT

Bob Gibbs
Gerelene Blevins
Beverly Fry
Joe Norman
Donnie Potter
Joe Wesson

STAFF PRESENT

Karen Clontz
Susan Nagle
Terry Taylor

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Gibbs called to open the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone had signed up to speak.

Eight people had signed up to speak. Those signed up to speak against were:

Johnny Wilson
Olivia Wilson
Clay Wilson
Dean Wilson
Johnny Perry
Mike Harris
Adam Johnson
John Rothrock

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m.

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

INVOCATION: Dwight Price gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Gibbs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 21ST REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2010 regular meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Donnie Potter, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 29th SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the December 29, 2010 special called meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Beverly Fry, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 29th CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the December 29, 2010 closed session meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Joe Wesson, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4th SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the January 4, 2011 special called meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Beverly Fry and seconded by Joe Wesson, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4th CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to approve the January 4, 2011 closed session meeting minutes.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Wesson, the minutes were approved. All were in favor.

ADOPT AGENDA: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to adopt the agenda.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the agenda was adopted. All were in favor.

TOWN HALL MEETING: Mayor Gibbs asked if anyone signed up to speak at the Town Hall meeting.

Johnny Wilson asked Council if the ball fields at the Veteran's Park were going to be used this summer.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Beverly Fry, the Town Hall meeting was closed. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF VACANT COUNCIL SEAT: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to allow Joe Norman to take Eddie Bowman's seat on the Council until the term ends November 2011.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Gerelene Blevins, the Council voted unanimously for Joe Norman to take the Bowman seat on the Sawmills Town Council.

Town Attorney Terry Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Joe Norman.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to elect a Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term. Joe Wesson recommended Gerelene Blevins and Beverly Fry recommended Donnie Potter.

On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Joe Norman, Gerelene Blevins was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year term. Those in favor for Gerelene Blevins were Joe Norman, Joe Wesson, Donnie Potter, and Gerelene Blevins. Those opposed were Beverly Fry. The vote passed 4-1.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS FOR SAWMILLS FIRE/RESCUE (FIREFIGHTER/FIRST RESPONDER/OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2010): Mayor Gibbs on behalf of the Town Council presented plaques of appreciation to the following:

Officer of the Year: Keith Gibbins
Firefighter of the Year: Vic Misenheimer
First Responder of the Year: Kyle Clontz

No Council action was required.

UPDATED TOWN OF SAWMILLS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2011: Mayor Gibbs appointed the new standing Town Council committees. (See attached)

No Council action required.

RESOLUTION TO PEPSI COLA FOR MONETARY DONATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS: Mayor Gibbs stated the enclosed resolution was adopted at the December 21, 2010 regular Town Council meeting.

No Council action is required.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED AND HOMELESS ANIMALS IN THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS IN THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS AND CALDWELL COUNTY: Mayor Gibbs stated that Sawmills along with other Municipalities in the County have been asked to adopt the enclosed resolution in support of actions that will help reduce the number of unwanted and homeless animals in the County. The Town has also been asked to appoint someone to serve on this committee.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter and seconded by Joe Norman, the enclosed Resolution was adopted. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Gerelene Blevins and seconded by Donnie Potter, Joe Wesson was appointed to serve on this committee. All were in favor.

UPDATE FROM BENCHMARK: Mayor Gibbs stated Code Officer Tony Cline is at the Town Hall every Wednesday and has enclosed the updated report on the progress made throughout the Town (See attached).

No Council action is required.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2011 FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.: Mayor Gibbs stated the Council Budget Retreat will be held on February 3, 2011 at the Hudson Optimist Club. The fee charged to the Town for use of the Optimist club is \$50.00 and each Councilmember will be responsible for their own lunch.

CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS: Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Joe Wesson made a motion and Donnie Potter seconded, to go into closed session at 6:35 p.m. All were in favor.

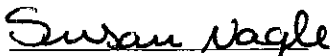
Mayor Gibbs asked for a motion to go back into the regular session meeting.

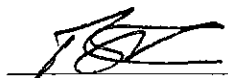
Donnie Potter made a motion and Beverly Fry seconded, with all in favor to go back into the regular session meeting at 6:56 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TAKEN: On a motion made by Joe Wesson and seconded by Beverly Fry, all were unanimous to offer Seth Eckard the position of Town Administrator with a salary of \$45,000.00.

On a motion made by Donnie Potter it was requested that the Park Rental fee be raised to \$150.00 the motion was seconded by Joe Wesson, the park rental fee will be \$150.00. All were in favor.

ADJOURN: On a motion made by Joe Norman and seconded by Donnie Potter, the meeting was adjourned. All were in favor.


Susan Nagle, Town Clerk


Bob Gibbs, Mayor

TOWN OF SAWMILLS STANDING TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEES FOR 2010

(Updated as of January 12, 2011)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Roadways and Streets
Water Resources
Wastewater
Drainage
Right-of-ways
Solid Waste

Chair- Donnie Potter
Member- Joe Norman

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parades, Festivals and Special Events
Civic Organizations

Chair- Donnie Potter
Member- Joe Wesson

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Land Use Regulations
Zoning
E.T.J.

Chair- Gerelene Blevins
Member- Joe Wesson

LAW AND FINANCE

Administration
Budget Appropriations
Audit Performance
Public Health & Safety

Chair- Donnie Potter
Member- Gerelene Blevins

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

W.P.C.O.G.
N.C.L.M.
Community Colleges
Chamber of Commerce
Institute of Government
Intergovernmental (County/State)

Chair- Donnie Potter
Member- Joe Norman

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

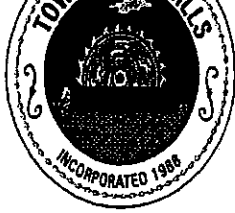
Joe Norman
Beverly Fry

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Gerelene Blevins
Donnie Potter

TOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Gerelene Blevins
Beverly Fry



Mayor

Bob Gibbs

Town Council

Gerelene Blevins
Beverly Fry
Joe Norman
Donnie Potter
Joe Wesson

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY
OF HICKORY, NORTH CAROLINA, Inc.**


ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATION FROM PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF HICKORY,
NORTH CAROLINA, Inc. FOR THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS

WHEREAS, the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Hickory, North Carolina, Inc. has agreed to make a significant contribution to assist in providing recreational opportunities for the citizens of the Sawmills Community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council Desires to recognize this contribution and extend a heartfelt appreciation for this action on the part of Pepsi-Cola bottling Company of Hickory, North Carolina, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Sawmills would like to adopt this resolution and present the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Hickory, North Carolina, Inc. with a Certificate of Appreciation in honor of the donation made to further the goals of the Town of Sawmills in providing recreational opportunities for all citizens..

This the 18th day of JANUARY 2011

Signature: 

Bob Gibbs, Mayor

Town of Sawmills

Attest: 

Town Clerk

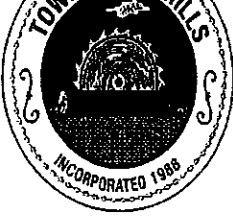


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Mayor

Town Council

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED AND HOMELESS ANIMALS IN THE TOWN OF SAWMILLS AND CALDWELL COUNTY

WHEREAS, the number of dogs and cats has increased to over 100,000 in Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, the number of homeless dogs and cats in Caldwell County has increased to the point that some 5,000 animals are euthanized in the Caldwell County Animal Shelter annually;

WHEREAS, the increased numbers of homeless dogs and cats within Caldwell County have created the potential for the spread of rabies and other animal-borne diseases; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement officers receive numerous calls for assistance from citizens who are dealing with problems created by homeless dogs and cats;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT, the Sawmills Town council of the Town of Sawmills supports the following actions to reduce the number of unwanted and homeless animals in the Town of Sawmills and Caldwell County:

- 1) The appointment of a representative to serve on a County-Wide Advisory Group to develop strategies for reducing the numbers of unwanted and homeless animals.
- 2) Utilization of the public relations resources of the Town of Sawmills to encourage citizens to do the following:
 - a) To spay or neuter their pet dogs and/or cats with special emphasis on the importance of spay/neuter on controlling animal overpopulation during National Spay & Neuter Month in February 2011.
 - b) To consider animal adoptions from Caldwell Animal Control or other animal shelter groups when choosing a pet dog or cat.

Adopted this the 16TH day of January, 2011.

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Bob Gibbs, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Nagle, Town Clerk



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Code Enforcement Monthly Report

Opened	Case Number	Property Address	Owner or Occupant	Status or Comments
10/28/2010	PN11-03	4455 Rual Drive	William Miller	Owner has begun burning brush and making some progress in light of recent snowy weather. Monitor
11/1/2010	MVO11-01	4228 US Hwy 321A	Arnold Wilson	Owner has agreed to clean the property but progress not yet determined due to recent snow. Monitor
11/1/2010	PN11-02	Unaddressed property along Helton	Jimmy Hollifield	Owner has shown some progress in chipping wood debris. Monitor
11/1/2010	HC11-03	4476 Sawmills Sch. Rd.	Acie Spade	Recent inspection held with owner and former owner present. General contractor to price repair cost to determine feasibility of repair. Monitor.
11/1/2010	PN11-05	4385 Chantilly Drive	Hester Bunton and Nancy Fry	Deadline to remove severely fire damaged house and cut overgrowth set for late January. Monitor
11/1/2010	HC11-01	2553 Baker Circle	Ralph and Ether Miller	Deadline to remove dilapidated, non-permitted mobile home set for late January. Owner claims to be working toward removal. Monitor.
11/1/2010	HC11-02	4396 Duncan Drive	Roger and Cynthia Lentz	Owner has responded and claims to be preparing to remove over growth and work toward selling the property. Substandard housing conditions to be addressed soon. Monitor.
11/1/2010	Z11-02	1625 Cajah Mtn. Rd.	Ray and Betty Philyaw	This case regarding a mobile home used as an out-building on the property has not yet been addressed. Hearing with all parties of interest to be held in late January. Building Inspector to have power turned off to occupied, dilapidated house. Monitor.
11/1/2010	HC11-05	2275 Crystal Drive	Martha Philyaw Heirs	Owner has burned brush on the property. Full compliance not yet determined due to snow on the ground. Monitor.
11/1/2010	HC11-04	1677 Lafayette Ave.	Arnold Wilson	Owner has verbally agreed to allow town contractor to clean the property and pay the bill. Contractor to clean property when the snow has melted.
11/1/2010	PN11-01	4497 Diamond St.	Troy Wilson Jr.	

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11/8/2010	PN11-08	4476 Villa Lane	John Greene	Owner has made some progress in removing overgrowth. Owner agrees to do more clean-up when the snow melts. Monitor
11/8/2010	PN11-07	2720 Villa Woods	Debs and Lynn Holden	Some wood debris removed. More brush and debris to be burned when the snow melts. Permit obtained. Monitor.
11/1/2010	Z11-01	4141 Duff Drive	Clarks Auto	Owner has agreed to remove salvage vehicles and trash from the property. Monitor.
1-Dec	PN11-09	Crotts Mobile Home	Charles and Pansey Crotts	Responsible person of the property has come forward and agrees to remove dilapidated mobile homes and trash from the property. Monitor
12/8/2010	MVO11-02	1747 Cahjah Mtn. Rd.	Donald Street	Owner has called and agreed to demonstrate vehicle's are operational. Meeting to occur soon.
12/8/2010	MVO11-04	4347 US HWY 321-A	Jeffrey and Trena Wilson	No recorded response from owner after friendly letter sent. To visit the property owner soon.
1/5/2011	PN11-11	1529 Lafayette	Dorman Little	Friendly letter sent due to possible junk vehicle and wood debris on the property. Letter has been returned and will be hand delivered soon.
1/12/2011	HC11-06	2499 Meadow Park	Meadow Park LLC	Inspection conducted. Owners to be notified of violations
1/12/2011	HC11-07	2495 Meadow Park	Meadow Park LLC	Inspection conducted. Owners to be notified of violations
1/12/2011	HC11-08	2492 Meadow Park	Meadow Park LLC	Inspection conducted. Owners to be notified of violations
1/12/2011	HC11-09	2493 Meadow Park	Meadow Park LLC	Inspection conducted. Owners to be notified of violations