

**ERWIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2007
REGULAR MEETING
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Pro tem W. N. Porter presiding, held its regular meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board members present were Commissioners W. N. Porter, Mark Whitman Norma Ennis, Brian Gurkin and Ricky Blackmon.

Mayor Patsy M Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker were absent.

Town Manager Alan Thornton, Town Clerk Pam Addison and Town Attorney Mac Hunter were present.

Mayor Pro tem W. N. Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Commissioner Brian Gurkin gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to add New Business Item 5.D. **Discussion and Consideration of Addendum to the Community Center Policy** and add Consent Item 3. B. **Tax Releases / Adjustments.** Commissioner Ennis seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve Item (A) Approval of Minutes for 12/07/2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting, Item (B). Tax Releases / Adjustments. Commissioner Whitman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FOR RETIRING OFFICER CECIL WADE

Officer Cecil Wade retired on December 31, 2006 with 15 years of Service to the Erwin Police Department. Officer Wade came to Erwin in 1992 and became the School Resource Officer in 1996. Police Chief Chandler said Officer Wade was an outstanding Officer and was admired by the schools he served. Officer Wade will be missed and hard to replace. Chief Chandler said it was customary to retire an Officers gun when they retire. Officer Wade received standing ovation upon receiving a plaque with his badge and retired gun attached.

Officer Wade said he will miss his job. Officer Wade said it was the very best job he has had in his life but he was looking forward to his retirement. Officer Wade expressed his appreciation to the Town and especially the Chief.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2007 CONTINUED**NEW BUSINESS****CONSIDERATION OF TOWN OF ERWIN ZONING VARIANCE REQUEST #V06-01**

The Board must rule with a favorable 4/5 of all the Board members and not just those present. Town Manager Alan Thornton made a recommendation to table the Zoning Variance #V06-01 due to the absent of two Board members.

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to table the Zoning Variance Request #V06-01 until the next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting on February 1, 2007. Commissioner Ennis seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR WALTS CROSSING III MAJOR SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to table the Consideration of Preliminary Plat for Walts Crossing III Major Subdivision until the next regular scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting on February 1, 2007 and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FIRE PREVENTION CODE ENFORCEMENT MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT RESOLUTION

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve the Fire Prevention Code Enforcement Municipal Agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF ADDENDUM TO THE ERWIN COMMUNITY CENTER POLICY

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve the following additions to the Policy for the Use of the Town of Erwin Community Center (13). The reservation of dates for use of the Town of Erwin Community Center shall not be made more than sixty (60) calendar days in advance. (14). All required deposits and fees are due at the time that a reservation is made. Commissioner Ennis seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

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OTHER BUSINESS

John E. Ganus, Consultant for the Code Enforcement Activities provided the Board with an updated report on the status and conditions of the dilapidated buildings.

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The Town of Erwin Board of Commissioner rescheduled the Retreat for Saturday, January 20th 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

A Community Meeting was scheduled on January 23rd 2007 at 7:00 P. M. for the Parks & Recreation Partf Grant Application.

Town Manager Alan Thornton said a Park & Recreation survey was mailed to all the citizens in Erwin to help with the process in determining what projects are most important to the Public and what renovations they would like to see at the Parks and Recreation Department.

Erwin's election will be held on October 9, 2007 and a runoff will be held on November 6, 2007 if necessary. The filing begins at noon on July 6, 2007 and ends at noon on July 20, 2007. The Board of Commissioners were in full agreement to keep the filing fees the same as in the past; Commissioners \$5.00 and Mayor \$15.00.

Police Chief Tom Chandler made mention of a grant the Town of Erwin will be included to receive a portion of funds to help with the drug and gang related issues. The grant is for \$80,000 over a two year period with a match of \$8,000 per year. All surrounding Towns are included and Dunn is operating as the Headquarters for the Task force in disbursing equipment and funds to areas in need. The match portion may be donated and will be not cost to the Town.

ADJOURNED

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Mayor Carson and Commissioner Randy Baker).

MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY PAMELA S. ADDISON, TOWN CLERK.

Town Clerk, Pamela S. Addison

Mayor Pro Tem, W. N. Porter