

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2007
REGULAR MEETING
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding, held its regular meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

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

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Commissioners Randy Baker and Ricky Blackmon were absent.

Commissioner Porter gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to add to Consent Items (C) Resolution Honoring Grace Upshaw with a presentation of Plaque to Miss Upshaw and add under New Business (5E) Consideration of Contract to Audit Town's Accounts. Commissioner Whitman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to approve Item (A). Approval of Minutes for 5/03/2007 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting; Item (B). Approval of Minutes of 5/16/2007 Budget Work Session; Item (C). Resolution Honoring Grace Upshaw and followed with a presentation of Plaque to Miss Upshaw. Commissioner Whitman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

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PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF ERWIN FY 2007-2008 ANNUAL BUDGET

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to open a Public Hearing at 7:05 P.M. for the Town of Erwin FY 2007-2008 Annual Budget and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

Mayor Carson asked if anyone would like to come forward and speak in favor of the FY 2007-2008 Proposed Budget. No-one came forward.

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Mayor Carson asked if anyone would like to come forward and speak against the FY 2007-2008 Proposed Budget. No-one came forward.

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion at 7:07 P.M. to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

NEW BUSINESS**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED FY 07-08 TOWN OF ERWIN BUDGET AND CIP**

Town Manager Alan Thornton reviewed with the Board of Commissioners the proposed FY 07-08 Town of Erwin Budget and (CIP) Capital Improvement Plan. The 2007-2008 tax rates will remain the same. The budget includes a small increase in the garbage collection service. No other rates or fees were increased.

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to approve the FY 07-08 Town of Erwin Budget and was seconded by Commissioner Porter. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

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BOARD REVIEW OF WALT'S CROSSING III MAJOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT

Walt's Crossing III is a Major Subdivision located off Red Hill Church Road. There are seven (7) proposed lots in Walt's Crossing III Subdivision. Walt's Crossing III is considered a major subdivision due to the inclusion of an access road that must be built. A security guarantee deposit of 125% of the entire cost for the construction of the road was paid to the Town of Erwin. A letter is on file from the County of Harnett Public Utilities Dept. stating the Subdivision will have septic systems and not public sewer.

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to approve the Final Plat for Walt's Crossing III Subdivision and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDED NC RESIDENTIAL BLDG. CODE ALTERNATIVES

Brian Lagana, Erwin Building Inspector requested the Board consider adopting the following Appendices in the NC Residential Code Book. By NC law, these are not legally enforceable until they are adopted by the municipality enforcing the code.

Appendix G: Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs

Appendix M: Wood Decks

Appendix N: Load Estimating

Appendix P: Cantilever Floor Sections

Appendix O: Recommended Construction Practice for Slab on Grade

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to adopt the recommended NC Residential Bldg. Code Alternatives and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent. (Baker, Blackmon).

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2007 CONTINUED**CONSIDERATION OF NC SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to adopt a Resolution to submit an application to the Small Town Main Street Program and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

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CONSIDERATION OF AUDIT CONTRACT

Commissioner Porter made a motion to accept Proposed Contract to Audit Town of Erwin Accounts submitted by Giles, Strickland, & Warren, PA Certified Public Accountants and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

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OTHER BUSINESS

Town Manager Alan Thornton presented the Board with a report of Departmental Budget Adjustments for FY 06-07.

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The Town's Engineer is reviewing the studies of storm water and drainage issues in East Erwin and will prepare a presentation of the findings for the Board's review at a later date.

July 17th is the date scheduled for demolition of dilapidated structures in Erwin.

Town Manager Alan Thornton said a request was made to allow additional time to make repairs on the property on Hwy 421 which is scheduled to be torn down on July 17th. Since the Boards actions to move forward and remove the structure, the property owner has a contract to sell the property and the potential buyers have said they wish to make extensive repairs and live in the structure. The potential purchasers request the Board to reconsider its action and permit them time to make repairs.

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to permit an additional 120 days to allow repairs to be made on the property located on Highway 421 and also allow an additional 120 days for property owners to make repairs to the property located on L Street. The extended time will expire on October 1, 2007. Commissioner Whitman seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon).

The Erwin Planning Board is requesting residents who live within Erwin's ETJ (up to one mile of the Town's limits) and wish to be considered to serve on the Planning Board/ Board of Adjustments to pick up an application at the Erwin Town Hall. The Board is seeking out of town members.

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2007 CONTINUED**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Laura S. McClettie with the US Department of Commerce and US Census Bureau said the Census is getting ready for a 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal. Mrs. McClettie encourages the Community leaders, organizations, businesses and citizens to participate and become a Census Partner to ensure a successful 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Ennis extended a thank you from her and residents for the work done to help clean up the area in her Ward and other areas in Erwin.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Baker, Blackmon)

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

Town Clerk, Pamela S. Addison

Mayor Patsy M. Carson