

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2008
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 5, 2008 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board members present were Commissioners Norma Ennis, Randy Baker, William Corbett, Michael West and Mark Whitman.

Interim Town Manager Pamela Addison, Deputy Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson and Town Attorney Mac Hunter were present.

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

Commissioner Norma Ennis gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to add Consent Agenda **Item E**. Budget Workshop Minutes May 12, 2008, under New Business move the listed items down and add **Item A**. Presentation for Jackson Blvd. Street Lighting—Tom Underhill, add **Item B**. Consideration of Rededication of Rotary Park to W.N. Porter Memorial Park, **Item C**. Consideration of Adoption of Town of Erwin FY 2008-2009 Annual Budget, and **Item H**. Rules and Regulations for Cape Fear River Park, and under **Other Business (A)** Closed Session—Purpose of Personnel Matter G.S.143.318-11 and was seconded by Commissioner Norma Ennis. The Board voted unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Norma Ennis made a motion to approve **Item (A)**. Approval of Minutes for 05/01/08 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting, **Item (B)**. Tax Releases & Adjustments. **Item (C)** FY2007-2008 Budget Amendment, **Item (D)** Town of Erwin resolution in Support of Sound, Fair, and Uniform Municipal Annexation Statutes, and **Item (E)** Budget Workshop Minutes May 12, 2008. Commissioner Randy Baker seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously.

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SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Preston M. Howell, Jr., and his wife Kim came forward. Mr. Howell took the oath as new Erwin Police Chief.

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MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2008 CONTINUED**PUBLIC HEARING****TOWN OF ERWIN FY 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Commissioner Mark Whitman made a motion to open a Public Hearing at 7:06 P.M. for Town of Erwin FY 2008-2009 Proposed Budget and was seconded by Commissioner Randy Baker. The Board voted unanimously.

Eugene Darling, 200 South 10th Street, came forward and spoke against the fee increase for garbage. He stated his concern was the garbage fee of \$8.50 going up to \$12. Mr. Darling felt like it was going to hurt the elderly that were on a fixed income. He asked the board to reconsider the fee increase.

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to close Public Hearing at 7:07 P.M. for Town of Erwin FY 2008-2009 Proposed Budget and was seconded by Mark Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**PRESENTATION FOR JACKSON BLVD. STREET LIGHTING**

Tom Underhill with Progress Energy came forward to speak. He was there to review a project that started almost 16 months ago. He stated that completion was near. The project starts at Lowe's Home Improvement Store and will continue West on Jackson Blvd. and loops around to the second phase and will come to the intersection at Masonic Road. Glover Sales had a question about the location of a couple of lights placed on their property. Mr. Underhill stated that there will be no lights placed directly in front of this location. There will be one on each corner of Glover Sales property.

From a financial stand point, Mr. Underhill stated that Progress Energy has agreed to waive the tamping and reseeding charge. The State requires this charge, however, Mr. Underhill feels like when Progress Energy completes the job, the Town of Erwin will go out and dress and reseed where ever is needed. That should meet the requirement from the State. Mr. Underhill also stated that the only fee the Town would have up front will be the Hand Dig Fee. Mr. Underhill stated there would be a lot of areas where Progress Energy would have to hand dig. After getting all of the final approvals and materials, Progress Energy is hoping to start work by the end of August and will be completed sometime in November.

MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2008 CONTINUED**CONSIDERATION OF REDEDICATION OF ROTARY PARK TO W.N. PORTER
MEMORIAL PARK**

After no discussion Commissioner Randy Baker made the motion to approve the Resolution for the W.N. Porter Memorial Park and was seconded by Commissioner Norma Ennis. The Board voted unanimously.

Mayor Patsy Carson presented a Resolution Plaque to W.N. Porter's family.
(Pages 7251 A)

MEETING RECESSED FOR UNVEILING OF W.N. PORTER MEMORIAL PARK

Mayor Patsy Carson stated that the Board was going into recess and will go down to the Rotary Park and unveil the W.N. Porter Memorial Park Sign.

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to recess at 7:16 P.M. and was seconded by William Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

RECONVENED

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to reconvene at 7:40 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Norma Ennis. The Board voted unanimously.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF TOWN OF ERWIN FY 2008-2009 ANNUAL
BUDGET**

Commissioner William Corbett made a motion to table the adoption of Town of Erwin FY 2008-2009 Annual Budget and schedule a **Budget Workshop** for Monday, June 16, 2008 at 10 A.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Mark Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF TOWN OF ERWIN VEHICLE IDLING POLICY

Commissioner Norma Ennis made a motion to approve the Town of Erwin Vehicle Idling Policy and was seconded by Mark Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.
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MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2008 CONTINUED**CONSIDERATION OF TOWN OF ERWIN MUNICIPAL PARK PARTF GRANT PROJECT ORDINANCE**

Calvin Dickenson, Park Director came forward to answer questions from the Board. Commissioner Randy Baker asked for any back ground information on how this ordinance will work and if any adjustments can be made to the line item the Town of Erwin currently has. Calvin Dickenson stated the main reason basically with our grant will have certain line items such as the new ball fields, walking trails, and redoing the tennis courts. Each of those with the grant accounting procedure will have their own line item so the Town of Erwin can easily see the expenditures the Town of Erwin spent. Commissioner Randy Baker asked if the Board has power to make or recommendations to the line item in this ordinance. Mr. Dickenson stated that yes, the Board will have the power to make recommendations but it must be approved by PARTF, that way the Town of Erwin will not be in risk of paying the whole grant funds and loose the matching funds. Commissioner Mark Whitman had a question, if the picnic area and gazebo area was included for painting. Mr. Dickenson stated that the park is ready to make those improvements, as for the picnic area; there was no money set aside for them at the future time, however, next fiscal year the park will be able to make the improvements necessary.

After no more discussion, Commissioner Norma Ennis made a motion to approve the Municipal Park PARKF Grant Project Ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Mark Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

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CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ACQUIRED SWIFT ASSETS

The Town of Erwin Attorney Mac Hunter spoke to the Board. He stated he did not see anything wrong with the agreement. His main concern was to get it done and the Town of Erwin will not have any liability. Commissioner Norma Ennis had a question on how much land will the Town of Erwin retain. Mr. Hunter stated 26 acres. He also stated his main concern would be for the Town of Erwin to invest with this property. Commissioner Randy Baker had a concern in Section 5, will the customers be responsible for the financial part of making the switch over. Mr. Hunter stated that yes the customers would be responsible.

After no more discussion, Commissioner Mark Whitman made a motion to transfer ownership by the acquire Swift Assets to Harnett County and was seconded by Norma Ennis. The Board voted unanimously.

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MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2008 CONTINUED**CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO TOWN OF ERWIN SCHEDULE OF FEES**

Commissioner William Corbett made a motion to Table the Revision of Town of Erwin Schedule of Fees until the Budget Workshop on June 16, 2008 at 10 A.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Randy Baker. The Board voted unanimously.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CAPE FEAR RIVER PARK

Mayor Patsy Carson stated that Harnett County has approved the rules and regulations for the Cape Fear River Park and had sent a copy for the Town of Erwin's approval. After approval, a copy of the rules and regulations will be posted at the Cape Fear River Park, on the Town's Web Site, and at Town Hall.

Commissioner William Corbett made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations for Cape Fear River Park and was seconded by Commissioner Randy Baker. The Board voted unanimously.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Patsy Carson advised everyone that the Board would now go in closed session (G.S. 143-318.11) to discuss a personnel matter.

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to go into closed session at 7:56 P.M. and was seconded by Mark Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

RECONVENED

Commissioner Mark Whitman made a motion to reconvene at 8:45 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Randy Baker. The Board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to offer the position of Interim Town Manager to the Town Clerk Pamela Addison at the current salary of the Town's previous Town Manager and classify Cynthia Patterson as the Town's Deputy Town Clerk at a pay grade of 18 and will receive the 4.1 percent CPI index grade and was seconded by Commissioner William Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2008 CONTINUED**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eugene Darling at 200 South 10th, Erwin came forward and spoke concerning the old mill which is located at 200 North 13th Street. He would like to see the mill be demolished and a shopping mall go in its place.

Terry Wicker at 104 East I. St. came forward and spoke concerning the current Dunn-Erwin Rail Trail. He would like to propose that the Rail Trail, Municipal Park, and the Cape Fear River Park be connected. He also stated that it would benefit the Town of Erwin and its citizens. He asked the Board to please consider this.

Eunice Hymes wanted to thank the Board for the generosity to Mr. W.N. Porter. He will be greatly missed.

REPORTS FROM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Michael West stated that he had great respect for Mr. W.N. Porter and he will definitely be missed. He also commented on the Dunn-Erwin Rail Trail and how it was very well kept and hope everyone would go out and take a walk or bike ride.

Commissioner Norma Ennis wanted to thank Pam Addison and Cynthia Patterson on their new positions. She expressed her concern with the grass issues in the Town. She also wanted to thank the Public Works for a job well done.

Commissioner Mark Whitman had concerns with grass issues. He stated he would like the Code Enforcement Officer to follow up on 103 Marion Drive and either the 2nd or 3rd house on the right of 1st Street. He stated that these two lots were very over grown.

Commissioner Randy Baker wanted to thank Pam Addison and Cynthia Patterson on their new positions. He also stated that Mr. W.N. Porter would be greatly missed.

Commissioner William Corbett wanted to thank everybody for coming. He also would like to know the status on the condemned house on Iris Bryant Road.

Mayor Patsy Carson wanted to thank Calvin Dickenson, Park Director and his staff for getting the Rotary Park ready for the rededication to W.N. Porter Memorial Park.

She also stated the Town of Erwin will hear news on June 18, 2008 for being accepted into the NC Step Program.

Mayor Carson stated they hoped to fill the Commissioner vacancy within 2 months. Anyone who is interested should contact Interim Town Manager Pamela Addison.

Next scheduled meeting will be on July 10, 2008 at 7 P.M in the Board Room, this changed due to July 4th holiday.

MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2008 CONTINUED**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Mark Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY CYNTHIA PATTERSON, DEPUTY CLERK

Deputy Town Clerk, Cynthia Patterson

Mayor Patsy M. Carson