

**ERWIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2006
REGULAR MEETING
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy M. Carson presiding, held its regular meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

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.

Commissioner Gurkin gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Town Manager Alan Thornton requested the Board add Discussion Concerning the 2nd Phase of Street Lights on Highway 421 under Other Business Items.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve Item (A) Approval of Minutes for 10/05/2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. Commissioner Whitman seconded the motion. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

PRESENTATION OF THE TOWN OF ERWIN 2007 NOSTALGIC CALENDAR

Debbie Chestnut, Erwin Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Administrator spoke in behalf of the Erwin Area Chamber of Commerce and The Erwin Beautification Committee. The Beautification Committee's new fundraiser is a 2007 Nostalgic Calendar. The calendar is a tribute to Erwin's past. Ms. Chestnut presented each Board Member a complimentary copy and encourages everyone to get the word out and help the Beautification Committee promote the calendars. The calendars can be purchase at Town Hall for \$6.00. All proceeds go to The Erwin Area Chamber of Commerce Downtown Beautification. Ms. Chestnut expressed a special Thank You for all the photographs provided for the calendar by Mr. Joe Johnson of the Erwin History Room and Norman Avery of the Erwin Business Complex. The well received and popular project for this calendar was created by Cynthia Patterson, a longtime employee with the Town of Erwin. Many thanks go to Pamela Hodges, Chairperson of the Erwin Beautification Committee for bringing the project together and making it happen.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2006 CONTINUED**NEW BUSINESS****CONSIDERATION OF HARNETT FORWARD TOGETHER MAJOR SUBDIVISION
PRELIMINARY PLAT**

The subdivision is a result of the Cape Fear Canoe/Kayak River Trail Park. The extension of utilities to the restroom facilities and picnic shelter area require an easement. Any extension of utilities easement results in a major subdivision review process. Should the Board approve the Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat; it will be a major step forward in providing the necessary match for the PARTF grant. On October 21st, The Planning Board made a favorable recommendation to accept the Preliminary Plat.

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve the Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat for Harnett Forward Together and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT VIA PRIVATE SALE METHOD**

The Town of Erwin has four surplus police vehicles. The proposed resolution, if approved, will allow the staff to arrange for the sale of these used vehicles.

Commissioner Porter made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment via Private Sale Method and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

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**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION OF PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL OF
SURPLUS TOWN PROPERTY**

The proposed resolution, if approved, will allow staff to dispose of surplus Town property valued at less than \$5,000. The Town has several old computers, monitors, plus other various items here at Town Hall, Public Works and at the Park that really need to be disposed of appropriately. This will allow staff to deal with items in the future without coming to the Board with a resolution for each small item. The Staff will continue to report to the Board what was disposed of and for what.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve the Resolution of Procedure for Disposal of Surplus Town Property and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

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**CONSIDERATION OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT RESOLUTION AND
AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESS ENTITIES-FEDERAL FORFEITURE FUND**

The Erwin Police Department will be receiving revenue from Federal Drug Funds in the near future and it is necessary to set up a separate account for the funds to be accounted for.

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Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to approve the Deposit Account Resolution and Authorization for the Federal Forfeiture Fund Account and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

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OTHER BUSINESS**PHASE II HIGHWAY 421 STREET LIGHTS**

Town Manager Alan Thornton provided the Board with figures to allow Progress Energy to install the 2nd Phase of Lights along Highway 421.

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to table a decision on the Phase II Lights on Highway 421 until next month's meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

REQUEST OF FUNDS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR PARKS & RECREATION

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve the funds to allow the purchase of a Gator / Bunker Rack with trailer at an estimated cost of \$13,000 and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

**TOWN OF ERWIN REPRESENTATIVE FOR
MID CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT**

Mayor Patsy Carson volunteered to be the Town's representative for the Mid Carolina Council of Government Board of Directors.

DEALING WITH GRAFFITI

Town Manager Alan Thornton requested feedback from the Board regarding how they desire to handle the graffiti situation. The City of Dunn recently amended their ordinances to allow some additional enforcement capability to deal with graffiti related issues. A copy of the City of Dunn's Ordinance was provided for the Board's review.

Commissioner Baker made a recommendation set a Public Hearing and make changes to the Town's Ordinance concerning the graffiti situation and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 6 for and 0 against.

Town Manager Alan Thornton informed the Board of Commissioners a Public Hearing can be made once he sends the information to the Town's Attorney Mac Hunter for any comments and recommendations. Any changes made to the Town's Ordinance will include the additional enforcement to allow the Town to deal with the graffiti related issues.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2006 CONTINUED

The Board of Commissioners request the retreat for 2007 be located in Lillington at the County's Courthouse. The retreat date will be announced in the near future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Wood asks the Board for direction regarding a situation which involves adjacent property next to his parent's house on the corner of Old Post and Holmes Street. Mr. Wood said the property in question was recombined to create two lots. Mr. Wood said he was unable to get a response back from the Town's Staff as to what position the Town plans to take on this issue. Mr. Wood said in his opinion there is not enough lot area to create the two separate lots. Mr. Wood said he was aware he could pay a fee and make application to the Board of Adjustments to overturn the decision for recombination of the lots. Mr. Wood said he felt like he should not have to pay the fee, since the change in his opinion was signed in error. Mr. Wood requests the Board send his request to the Board of Adjustments without a fee.

Town Attorney Mac Hunter said Mr. Wood should appeal to the Board of Adjustments before any changes could be made. The appeal must be made within the proper time limits.

The Board said they would review the situation but recommended Mr. Wood pay the fee and make an application to the Board of Adjustments for consideration.

ADJOURNED

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:00P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 6 for 0 against.

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

Town Clerk, Pamela S. Addison

Mayor, Patsy M. Carson