

**TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 1, 2006
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy M. Carson, presiding held a special meeting in the Town Hall on November 1, 2006 at 6:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board members present were Commissioners Norma Ennis, Brian Gurkin, and Randy Baker.

Commissioners W. N. Porter and Ricky Blackmon were absent.

Town Manager Alan Thornton and Town Clerk Pam Addison were present.

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P. M.

Commissioner Gurkin gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Manager Alan Thornton gave the Board of Commissioners an update of an offer to sell Public Property to the County of Harnett. Mr. Thornton said he had met with the County and they were unwilling to accept the Swift elevated water storage tank as part of the exchange. The Swift elevated water storage tank continues to supply non-potable water as a fire suppression source for the Business Complex. The Business Complex hired an Attorney to protect their interest to continue receiving the service the Town provides at no cost. Town Attorney Mac Hunter said the Town may not be responsible to supply the Business Complex the service. Attorney Hunter is investigating the situation and plans to provide a legal brief supporting the facts proving the Town will not be held responsible to provide the Business Complex non-potable water.

The Town's Engineer provided several options to convey to the Erwin Business Complex owners for fire suppression.

1. Status Quo-No Cost to Erwin Business Complex- All expenses paid by Town to operate.
2. Convey the Assets to Business Complex and the Business operates at their expense.
3. Construct an inter-connection between the two tanks.
4. The Erwin Complex fixes the pumps which feed the ground storage tanks at the Business Complex in order to pump fire suppression water from the county's potable water supply. This will eliminate the need for an elevated storage tank.

The County agreed to accept the responsibility of the outfall line which runs in the back of the old Swift Waste Treatment Plant and the waste which comes into the plant in exchange for the Raw Water Intake Station, 15-20 acres of property, and the reservoir.

Town Manager Alan Thornton suggested the Board move forward with the interconnect project and use the \$106,000 grant money available so the Town can shut down the old Swift Wastewater Treatment Plant.

After much discussion the Board requested the Town's Engineer to confirm the figures to build an interconnect to the County's Plant and keep the Swift assets. Town Manager will check with the EPA about the grants and loans available to help with the expense. The Board requested Town Attorney Mac Hunter provide the legal opinion for the Town concerning the fire suppression at the Erwin Business Complex. The Town may reconsider the offer if the County decides to accept the elevated storage tank and the responsibility that comes with it.

ADJOURNED

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Whitman, Porter, and Blackmon).

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

Town Clerk, Pamela S. Addison

Mayor, Patsy M. Carson