

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2010
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, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board Members present were: Commissioners Norma Ennis, Randy Baker, Mark Whitman, William Corbett, Frank Taylor and Michael West.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson and Town Attorney Mac Hunter were present.

Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson was absent.

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

Commissioner Taylor gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to add **Item H** Surplus List to Consent Items and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve **Item (A)** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on 01/14/10, **(Item B)** Budget Ordinance Amendment BOA 2010-001 **(Item C)** Budget Ordinance Amendment BOA 2010-002 **(Item D)** Budget Ordinance Amendment BOA 2010-003 **(Item E)** Budget Ordinance Amendment BOA 2010-004 **(Item F)** Budget Ordinance Amendment BOA 2010-005 **(Item G)** Grant Project Ordinance for STEP **(Item H)** Town of Erwin Surplus List and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010 CONTINUED**OLD BUSINESS****PRESENTATION OF PORTER PARK STEERING COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Karen Stephenson, Chairperson for Porter Park Steering Committee came forward and addressed the Board. Mrs. Stephenson informed the Board of ideas for the long range master plan for the committee. Recommendations included lights, walking trail, repair roof on current shelter, new bridge across a bigger ditch, updated playground equipment, new shelter on north side of park, new durable picnic tables, grills, fill in the smaller ditch and remove bridge, and barrier between the basketball court and the bigger ditch. Mrs. Stephenson stated that they had been working on this plan for almost a year in hopes in receiving a matching grant.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this item is on the agenda to be discussed at the Board of Commissioners Retreat, Saturday, February 20, 2010.

**PRESENTATION OF PROPOSAL FOR RECYCLING SERVICES PROVIDED BY
REPUBLIC WASTE**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Town has received a proposal from Republic Waste for recycling services. The proposal is offering to provide curbside recycling for the Town of Erwin using a 65 gallon cart every two weeks for \$3.25 per residence per month. The current contract the Town has with Republic for other curbside solid waste collection services ends on September 30, 2011. The three year contract with recycling would expire in 2013. If the Town is able to extend the contract both Solid Waste and Recycling through 2015 then the recycling would come down to \$3.05.

Mr. Thompson also stated that Staff is looking direction from the Board to which direction the Town should go in. If satisfied with the work that Republic has been providing and comfortable with moving to 2015 and lowering it from \$3.25 to \$3.05 then the contracts would be drafted for the Boards review. If the Town should keep it to a three year maturity date on the contract at the rate of \$3.25 then the Board could do that as well. Mr. Thompson also stated that Staff has looked at other places locally however with the size of the companies more of the local vendors are finding it very tough to compete with different kinds of scales that other vendors are enduring and the rates are not nearly as competitive.

Commissioner Baker asked the question would Republic Waste guarantee the rate for that time period. Mr. Thompson replied that Republic Waste would guarantee the based rate less the CPI.

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Mr. Thompson also informed the Board that the Town's only obligated to provide in our own facilities containers for disposable of can goods. The Town is not directly obligated to provide recycling services however our citizens are required to keep those goods out of their regular household trash. As citizens, we are presuming that we would like to provide our citizens an outlet in order to comply with the law of compliance.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to Table this issue until the Board of Commissioners Retreat on Saturday, February 20, 2010 and was seconded by Commissioner Norma Ennis. The Board voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS**CONSIDERATION OF PARK CONCESSIONS SERVICE AGREEMENT – HOT SHOTS ORGANIZATION**

Commissioner Baker asked to be excused from the voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion for Commissioner Baker to be excused from voting on the Park Concessions Service Agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 5 for with 1 not voting (Commissioner Baker).

Commissioner Whitman asked to be excused from the voting due to conflict of interest.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion for Commissioner Whitman to be excused from voting on the Park Concessions Service Agreement and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 4 for with 2 not voting (Commissioners Baker and Whitman).

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that Hot Shots organization which is Erwin's home base for activities provides opportunity to raise money for their programs but also affords the park with decreasing the amount of over head and inventory that is involved to provide that service which year after year losing profits once you figure in personnel time and keeping inventory. The Town will also receive 20% of gross sales.

After some discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a motion to Table this issue until the Board of Commissioners Retreat on Saturday, February 20, 2010 and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 4 for and 2 not voting (Commissioners Whitman and Baker).

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010 CONTINUED**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that besides what is in the Agenda Packet there is no other information.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Taylor expressed concern with Animal Control and advised the Town Manager to look into the issue.

Commissioner West thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Ennis also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Whitman advised the Town Manager of a house on Holmes Street that needs to be cleaned up.

Commissioner Corbett advised the Town Manager of a drainage problem on Mason Drive and in front of Holmes Hardware. Also encouraged everyone to attend the NC Step meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 5:30pm in the Erwin Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted unanimously.

**MINUTES RECORDED BY DEBBIE CHESTNUT AND TYPED BY
CYNTHIA B PATTERSON TOWN CLERK**

Patsy M. Carson, Mayor

Cynthia B. Patterson, Town Clerk