

**ERWIN CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 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, September 7, 2006 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board members absent were Commissioners 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.

Mayor Patsy Carson gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamation of Recognition was postponed until next month's meeting due to the illness of Mrs. McDonald.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Commissioner Porter made a motion add a Closed Session as permissible under G. S. 143.318.11 (a) (5) and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, and Ennis).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve Item (A) Approval of Minutes for 8/03/2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting, Item (B) Approval of Minutes for 8/23/06 Board of Commissioners Special Work Session, Item (C) FY 06-07 Budget Amendment. (D) Town of Erwin FY 06-07 Tax Charging Statement. Commissioner Gurkin seconded the motion. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Ennis, and Baker).

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PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF ERWIN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST # CU06-02

Mayor Carson advised The Board of Commissioners to table the Town of Erwin Conditional Use Permit Request #CU06-02 until the next regular meeting scheduled meeting on October 5, 2006 due to lack of quorum . Commissioner Whitman made the motion to table #CU06-05 until October 5, 2006 Regular Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Gurkin. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Ennis, and Baker).

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NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF TOWN OF ERWIN STREET PAVING AWARD OF CONTRACT

Town Manager Alan Thornton presented the results of the Bid opening for paving selected streets in Erwin. Manager Thornton recommended the Board award to the lowest bidder.

Commissioner Whitman made motion to award the paving contract to Johnson Brothers Paving for the amount of \$149,954.50. Commissioner Porter seconded the motion. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, and Ennis).

CONSIDERATION OF USE OF FACILITIES POLICIES FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Town Manager Alan Thornton said he would like to expand on the Consideration of Use of Facilities and include the entire Town's Public Facilities that are made available for public use. The Parks and Recreation Director provided the Board with a copy of the Proposed Gymnasium Policy. The bold areas are suggested changes in the policy. Town Manager Alan Thornton said he would like to update the policy for the Erwin Community Center. A copy of the current Rules & Regulations for the Use of the Erwin Community Center was provided to the Board for review along with a police report of an incident that transpired over the weekend at the Erwin Community Center. Town Manager Alan Thornton said this type of situation is becoming a problem in allowing persons coming in for all types of parties. The Town's Insurance providers suggested the use of the facility be limited to organized groups in order to protect the Town from some type of major legal responsibility. The Town recently replaced the gym floor and would like to keep the gym in good condition. In years past, anyone was allowed to use the Town's Gym facility without restrictions and over a few short years the misuse and neglect of caring for the floor began to show. The Staff is requesting guidance from the Board to establish how restricted the Board wishes to permit use of the Town's facility. The guidelines will enable the Town's Staff to provide an updated Policy for the Use of the Town's Facilities.

Recreation Director Rip Robertson briefly explained the Gymnasium Policy to the Board of Commissioners. The Policy will give the user guidelines to follow in order to help protect the Town's facility. A recreation staff member will be present for facility supervision at all times. All activities after 7:00 P.M. will require a Police Officer on site to provide security and will be at the expense of the user.

Commissioner Whitman said he feels only structured groups as Churches, Chamber, Clubs and other organized groups should be allowed to use the facilities. This would limit the use for personal use and unsupervised parties. Commissioner Whitman suggested the hours for use of the facilities be limited and not allowed after certain hours.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2006 CONTINUED

Town Manager Alan Thornton said the North Carolina League has offered to make recommendations to assist in establishing a Policy for the Town's Facilities. The Board gave authorization for the Town's Staff to establish new policies for the Use of the Town's facilities. Town Manager Alan Thornton said once completed, the proposed policies will be brought back to the Board for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Carson informed the Board about the Annual Fund Raiser for Harnett County Community Fund. The tickets are on sale and include a dinner and entertainment on September 21, 2006 at Campbell University. This year the proceeds will go to the Louis Joseph Scholarship Fund. Mayor Carson encouraged the Town to support this occasion and purchase tickets as in years past.

Town Manager Alan Thornton said a golf tournament will be held on October 11, 2006 to help with the funding of the Louis Joseph Scholarship. Town Manager Alan Thornton requested the Board to give permission for the Town to assist in being a sponsor for the golf tournament. The Public was encouraged to make contributions for the Louis Joseph Scholarship Fund.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion for the Town to participate as a sponsor in the 1St Annual Chief Louis Joseph Golf Tournament with the (3) Three Alarm Package. Commissioner Porter seconded the motion. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, and Ennis).

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to go into a closed session in compliance with G. S. 143-318.11 (5) at 7:30 and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, and Ennis).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to reconvene back to the regular session at 8:00 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, and Ennis).

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to rescind the motion made on August 23, 2006 in regard to Chicora Lift Station #12 and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 2 for and 1 oppose (Porter). (Motion in question was made on July 26, 2006)

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to table the decision until September 18, 2006 in regard to Chicora Lift Station # 12 until the majority of the Board is present to make a decision. Commissioner Whitman seconded the motion. The Board vote 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, and Ennis).

The Board of Commissioners scheduled a Special Meeting on September 18th, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. for Chicora Lift Station # 12.

ADJOURNED

Commissioner Gurkin made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman . The Board voted 3 for and 3 absent (Blackmon, Baker, Ennis).

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

Town Clerk, Pamela S. Addison

Mayor, Patsy M. Carson