

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2011
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding, held its Special Called Meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, October 27, 2011 at 5:30 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent were: Mark Whitman

Town Manager Bryan Thompson and Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson were present.

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P. M.

Commissioner Taylor gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this was a matter that was brought up in public forum a couple of months ago. Some of the comments were from DOT that there is a difference between the State Funds and Federal Funds. There are Federal Funds available however very limited State Funds. Another thing to be considered, which DOT must have changed this in the past couple of years, the 4ft. rule no longer exist and has to be set against curb n gutter or on the opposite side of the road of a ditch, a drainage swell, between the road and that sidewalk. Mr. Thompson stated that at this point we know it's going to be a considerable amount of money however if we can identify what we consider a sidewalk enhancement master plan we could at least put together on paper and submit it to the State with beginning and end points with linear foot and if we were ever considered for money then at that point we could go into the planning, engineering and construction with whatever funds are available to us provided that if there is matching funds that we are willing to extend some of our funds to get the matching funds.

It was the Consensus of the Board to move forward and look at the high traffic areas where you might see heavy pedestrian traffic and divide it into phases. Phase I will be West N. St to West J. Street and Phase II will be West F. St. to Post Office.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011 CONTINUEDCONSIDERATION OF ETJ ALTERNATE APPLICATION

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Planning Board has one (1) vacancy for Out of Town Alternate. The applicant is Karen Lamm of 172 Bumpas Creek Access, Dunn.

It was the Consensus of the Board to recommend Mrs. Karen Lamm as Out of Town Alternate to the Planning Board. At the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 7pm the Board of Commissioners will approve this recommendation under Consent Items.

Commissioner Baker also mentioned that the Board of Commissioners needs to take measures to allow the ETJ members to be able to take a vote on matters whether it's in the ETJ or In Town. We should not treat the ETJ members any differently when they are volunteering their time to serve on the Planning Board and banning them from voting on matters inside the City Limits.

Mr. Thompson stated that this issue has been brought up several times by the ETJ members and makes good sense. The State Statute doesn't forward this opportunity but the statute requires that this language is found in the ordinance and since ours doesn't, then it doesn't allow for it and Staff has spoken with Landon Chandler Harnett County Planning a couple of weeks ago and we are looking at language in doing that. Our thought is to take it to the Planning Board first to make sure they are comfortable with something like that and would make that request to the Board of Commissioners to act on.

If it is something that any of the members of the Board would like to see on the Agenda, e-mail the Mayor or Town Manager to request this to be on the Agenda.

Commissioner Baker stated that he would like this to be taken to the Planning Board to explore the opportunity to come back to this Board for a vote to allow changes to be made to the Town of Erwin Code of Ordinances that would allow an ETJ member be able to vote on matters in both ETJ and In Town areas.

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CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF
REPAIR/RESURFACE OF TOWN HALL ROOF

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this item should be tabled until November 3rd Regular Board meeting. We have three (3) quotes however you only have one (1) quote before you that is in the amount of \$12,000. This includes patching all the holes that can be identified and finishing the entire roof area and a 10 year warranty. The other two (2) quotes received did not quote the same thing. So Staff will need to go back and make sure these are comparable quotes.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2011 CONTINUED

Commissioner Baker made a motion to Table this item and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Whitman).

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Baker made a motion to go into the Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to Consult with Attorney on the Melody Lee Case at 5:55pm and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Whitman).

RECONVENE

Commissioner Baker made a motion to reconvene at 7:00pm and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Whitman).

GOVERNING COMMENTS

Commissioner Baker informed the Board that Mrs. Nancy Jackson would like to address the Board in reference to the Erwin Chamber of Commerce. It was the Consensus of the Board to allow Mrs. Jackson to speak however neither motion nor discussion took place.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:10pm and was seconded by Commissioner Ennis. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Whitman).

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

Patsy M . Carson,
Mayor

Cynthia B. Patterson, C M C
Town Clerk