

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2011
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, August 4, 2011 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent were: Commissioners Frank Taylor and Mark Whitman.

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

Town Attorney Mac Hunter was present.

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

Commissioner West gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Taylor and Whitman).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve **(Item A)** Approval of Regular Minutes on 7/07/2011, Special Called Meetings on June, 21, 2011, July 14, 2011, and July 18, 2011 and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Taylor and Whitman).

MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2011 CONTINUED**NEW BUSINESS****SET SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS TO THE ERWIN PLANNING/ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that three (3) members of the Planning/Zoning Board are coming to an end in September. Two (2) members are finishing their second term which means they are ineligible to serve another consecutive term. However, one (1) member is finishing their first term and is eligible for a second term if appointed.

In keeping with the Appointment Guidelines adopted by the Board of Commissioners, the Board will need to set a Special Called Meeting in order to consider these applicants, and pursuant to the Special Called Meeting, the Board will make official determination and take such action at the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting following the Special Called Meeting for which the applicants were considered.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to have a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 5:30pm to consider applications to the Erwin Planning/Zoning Board of Adjustments and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioner Taylor and Whitman).

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE TOWN OF ERWIN CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 2-4003 DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY (A) (1) TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM VALUE OF THE SAME FROM \$500 (FIVE HUNDRED) TO \$5,000 (FIVE THOUSAND)

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the G.S. 160A-266 provides a means by which a local government may authorize certain officials to sale and dispose of surplus equipment valued at less than \$30,000. Pursuant to this statute, the Town incorporated within its ordinance such procedures under this can be done by the Town Manager. The current language in the Town Code establishes the value limit at \$500. In 2006, the Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to increase this value limit to \$5,000. However, as the \$500 limit is stated in the Ordinance, and as it was a resolution passed by the Board, Staff asks that the Board consider the same language proposed in 2006; but rather than considering this language in the form of a resolution, Staff asks that the Board consider this language in the form of an ordinance in order to ensure that the Code is amended appropriately.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to make the stated Text Amendment in the Town Ordinance to reflect to strike \$500 and place \$5,000 and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioner Taylor and Whitman).

MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2011 CONTINUED**CONSIDERATION OF ALTERING FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT AWARD PROGRAM – AWARD AMOUNTS**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Façade Grant Committee has met and has a good discussion over a number of issues. There is a limited time to make full expense of \$20,000 according the NC STEP Program and Façade Grant Program. That being said, they wanted to see if, since we have received approval through the STEP Leadership Team they made recommendations to the Board of Commissioners who approve the whole STEP Package and the implementation project and wanted to make sure we follow the proper channels and appropriate authorization but the way it is currently structured, each store front is eligible to adopt a dollar match of \$2,000 whereby a \$4,000 project can be done at half cost. The Committee would be interested in making larger grant offerings to those building owners who otherwise may not be enticed with the \$2,000 match, or even make additional grant offerings to building/business owners who have made recent improvements and have received grant wards already, but who wish to make additional improvements to the façade of their storefronts. Come December all the money that has not been spent will go back to the Rural Center.

The Leadership Team has met and gave approval for this however they did put one stipulation that they would love to hear a head count at the next STEP meeting of who of the eligible business owners are willing to take advantage of grants and what amount so that the Leadership Team can go ahead receipt the determine what funds are already left on the table so they can go ahead and make appropriations to other projects so that they are not turning money back in. September 5th will be the deadline for this headcount.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to authorize STEP Committee to after everyone has been contacted to allow the money that is left over to go to those people that have shown an interest in Façade Projects at a higher amount and do not want the money to go back to the Rural Center and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioner Taylor and Whitman).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Wicker of 104 East I Street, Erwin came forward and addressed the Board. Mr. Wicker would like to see the sidewalks extended on both ends of South 13th Street to Hwy 421 and later to the Erwin IGA. Mr. Wicker asked if the STEP money could be used for this project that there is a need for this.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2011 CONTINUED**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Commissioner West thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and would encourage more community involvement. Thanked Public Works for doing a good job around Town.

Commissioner Ennis wished the citizens would join in and get involved also. We need people working for our Town. The ones that are involved we appreciate you.

Commissioner Baker asked could he get a contact list for after hours of the Harnett County Public Utilities in case there was ever an emergency. Suggested in recognizing Citizens in Town once a month and asked the Town Manager to check into it.

Commissioner Corbett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and would like more citizens to get involved with the Town. Would like to see street lights put up on those streets in Town that does not have them. Also would like the newest update park have lights as well.

Mayor Carson informed everyone that she went to Lillington this morning, in support of Good Hope, Rex Hospital, and First Health. Their plans were to build a free standing one day surgical facility. Harnett County voted this down. This would have been no cost to the County and bring 40 jobs to the area.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Taylor and Whitman).

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

**Patsy M. Carson,
Mayor**

**Cynthia B. Patterson, CMC
Town Clerk**