

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 2, 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, June 2, 2011 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent were: Commissioner Norma Ennis.

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 Taylor gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to add under New Business Item F Request to put Redskin Logo on Park Sign at no cost to the Town and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve **(Item A)** Approval of Special Called Minutes on 04/26/2011, Approval of Special Called Minutes on 05/05/2011, and Approval of Regular Minutes on 5/09/2011 **(Item B)** Resolution Accepting and Endorsing Harnett County Solid Waste Management Plan Update and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 CONTINUED****PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:02pm and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION – PRIVATE RECREATION FOR  
PROFIT AT LOCATION OF 127 RED HILL CHURCH ROAD  
TAX PIN# 1507-15-5219.000**

Harnett County Planner Landon Chandler informed the Board that this is a Conditional Use application for a private recreation for profit (Batting Cage) at the location of 127 Red Hill Church Road, Erwin, NC. The applicant is Gary Wood and the owner is Irvin Warren. The current acreage is 2.14 acres. The zoning is B-2. The site is currently occupied by an existing block building which currently houses a batting cage. The surrounding land uses consist of mainly Single Family homes as well as some vacant lots. The applicant has provided a site plan. The ordinance calls for 1 space per 200 sqft. of gross floor space and 1 space for each company vehicle. Staff believes that the surface Concrete on the described property may meet the surface requirements of this section. The applicant will be required to install a streetscape buffer pursuant to the entrance corridor regulations as referenced in section 9-4041.29 of the Zoning Ordinance. Water and Sewer will be utilized as well.

Mayor Carson asked that if anyone was interested to speak in favor for this proposed Conditional Use Application for 127 Red Hill Church Road., Erwin, to please come forward and state your name, address and oath.

Gary Wood, applicant came forward stated the oath.

Commissioner Corbett asked about the game room. Mr. Wood stated it was actually game bags. We had softball teams coming in and when you walked in we put up a 4ft wall to provide protection from the netting.

Commissioner Baker asked what the hours of operations are. Mr. Wood stated there are no set hours due to the fact that Mr. Wood's primary job is at Goodyear Tire & Rubber in Fayetteville.

Mayor Carson asked that if anyone was interested to speak against this proposed Conditional Use Application for 127 Red Hill Church Road, Erwin, to please come forward and state your name, address and oath.

No one came forward to speak against.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to close Public Hearing for a proposed Conditional Use Application for 127 Red Hill Church Road, at 7:14pm and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 CONTINUED**

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the Findings of Fact presented by the Planning Board and approve the Conditional Use Permit for Private Recreation for Profit at 127 Red Hill Church Road, Erwin and also to include striping the parking area and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

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**NEW BUSINESS****CONSIDERATION OF TURNING OVER PARK CONCESSIONS TO THE ERWIN PARKS AND RECREATION BOOSTERS CLUB**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Erwin Parks and Recreation Booster Club have been working on this. What they are looking at doing from our current service provider which receives 30% of the revenue from anything that comes in turning it over to the Booster Club which is dedicated in their bylaws specifically states that all revenue generated by the club will go back to the Erwin Parks facilities and also the programs. Setting this up as a more profitable venture but also providing an avenue by which folks can get involved with our park program.

Commissioner Baker asked would the Booster Club operate as a form of the Town at which they would be covered under our insurance. Mr. Thompson stated they would not fall under the guidance of the Town they would be completely a separate entity.

Commissioner Taylor stated that if we take on the Booster Club would that contract come up for bid every year. Mr. Taylor also stated that he did not like the idea simply because it does not give the people opportunity to bid for the contract. This was the problem we had before.

Mr. Thompson stated that he could about guarantee that if we put this up for bid that board (Booster Club) would bid on it. It's not so much of a bided contract because those who are performing the service have no expectations of any kind of personal gain because 100% of the revenue does go back to the Park.

Commissioner Whitman stated that the Booster Club is parents of the participants at the park which are residents doing it. Basically volunteering the work. The Board of Commissioners will have the say so over this, if there is something we don't like we can cut it out because we own it.

Ann Fennell, President of the Booster Club was introduced to the Board. Ms. Fennell stated that the club is a 13 member club. Wesley Pope is the Vice President, Kelly Strickland is the Secretary.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to Table this issue until more research can be done. Motion failed due to no second.

Commissioner Baker made a motion once the contract ends with Hot Shots that the Erwin Parks and Recreation Booster Club be allowed to utilize the facilities of the Concessions Stands at the Erwin Parks and Recreation and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for, 1 against (Commissioner Taylor) and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 CONTINUED****CONSIDERATION OF MAINTAINING CURRENT GRASS MOWING SERVICE PROVIDER AS CONTRACTOR FOR TOWN OF ERWIN**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this contract is coming quickly to an end. The current providers have been very well effective and efficient as well as demonstrating integrity in the work scheduled to be done. This is just a suggestion by staff to recommend renewing the current contract with the current service provider for another fiscal year.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he would like to see this go out for bids. Even though we are satisfied with the current service provider there maybe someone out there that is even better. We don't won't anyone to assume just because you do a good job that you are sealed in. It needs to go out for bid again.

Commissioner Baker asked if the contractor was offering the same prices. Mr. Thompson stated that the contractor has not asked for any adjustments.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to send the Grass Mowing Service out for bids and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 4 for, 1 against (Commissioner Corbett) and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**CONSIDERATION OF APPLYING GARBAGE FEES TO TAX BILL RATHER THAN UTILITY BILL**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that essentially the issue that we have is the method that we are using to bill garbage worked whenever we had water/sewer because we would apply the first dollars of that bill toward the garbage and so any outstanding balance would result in water being cut off. We do not have that luxury. We have several thousand dollars since 2006 built up and unpaid. By adding the garbage to the taxes we are able to post the first dollars to garbage and the last dollars to taxes and any unpaid balance to that will be collectable as any other tax. This will be the only way we would know that we can actually collect consistently. The only draw back to this would be an increase on the tax bill, not necessarily for ad valorem but a user fee.

After some discussion, the Consensus of the Board was to not go with applying garbage fees to the tax bill, explore other options and research other communities and see how they handle garbage issues.

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 CONTINUED****CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED MAYNARD LAKE ROAD ALTERNATIVE**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that at the last regular Board of Commissioners meeting it was proposed that improvements extends Porter Street crossing over Maynard Lake Road and connecting to Hwy 421 at a more suitable angle and moving the traffic signals at the existing intersection to the newly created intersection. This proposal would discontinue the intersection of Maynard Lake Road and Hwy 421 for through traffic.

Staff has contacted NCDOT with a map of the proposed improvements. We have since heard from NCDOT and stated that it seems like a good idea but would require a lot of research and design to name a few.

After some discussion it was the Consensus of the Board that the Maynard Lake Road proposal was not a feasible option the way it was proposed.

**PRESENTATION OF BUDGET MESSAGE PROPOSED BUDGET PROPOSED  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AND PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2011-2012**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the primary elements of this would be the budget message which covers the revenues and expenses by the depts. and any notable changes from this past year. However we are going to need to set a public hearing for the budget ordinance and that hearing will need to be held prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

After some discussion it was mentioned to pull everything that was non-essential for the fiscal year 2011-2012.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to remove both parks (Al Woodall Municipal and W.N. Porter Park) improvements totaling \$64,578.00 from the Capital Operating Budget and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

It was the Consensus of the Board to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 5:30pm

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 CONTINUED****ADDING THE REDSKIN LOGO TO THE SIGN AT AL WOODALL MUNICIPAL PARK AT NO COST TO THE TOWN OF ERWIN**

Commissioner Corbett informed the Board that he had received a request from the Erwin Goodfella's and would like to put the Redskin Logo on the sign at the entrance to the Al Woodall Municipal Park at no cost to the Town of Erwin. Commissioner Corbett also stated that he did not see any problem with this request. The Goodfella's would only need the Boards approval.

Mayor Carson commented that she has received numerous compliments on how well the sign looks with the Red and White colors.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to give the Erwin Goodfella's permission to put the Redskin Logo on the park sign at no cost to the Town of Erwin and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Commissioner Taylor informed the Board and Manager that he had a request; Mr. Massey that was one of the leaders on building the bridge at W.N. Porter Park passed away a couple of months ago, and the Church members would like to put down a small monument by the bridge in Mr. Massey's memory.

Commissioner West thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, informed the Manager that a couple of street lights are out on South 12<sup>th</sup>/Moore Street and Denim Drive in front of the old hospital. The Gospel at the Gazebo will be on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Mayor Carson asked everyone to remember Commissioner Norma Ennis, she has been very sick and also Bobby Moore of Public Works, he lost his home to a fire. Friday, June 3, 2011 there will be a Pig Cook Off and Saturday, June 4, 2011 is the Wilderness Challenge for Pope Air Force Base for them to go to the Rodeo. Would like to try and get a letter or Resolution to our Senators and Congress to try and save the Post Office here in the Town of Erwin.

Commissioner Whitman thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also commented how well the Town looked.

Commissioner Baker let Staff know that the Budget Process this year went really well and thanked Staff for doing a great job.

Commissioner Corbett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked Staff for a great job

**MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2011 CONTINUED****CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to go into Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(6) at 9:15pm to discuss a personnel matter and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**RECONVENED**

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to reconvene at 9:45pm and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Randy Baker made a motion to adjourn at 9:45pm and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

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

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**Patsy M. Carson,**  
Mayor

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