

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 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, September 1, 2011 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent were: Commissioners Norma Ennis and Mark Whitman.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson was absent.

Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson and Town Attorney Mac Hunter were 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 Baker made a motion to Add to the Agenda under New Business Item D Consideration of Finance Proposals and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve **(Item A)** Approval of Regular Minutes on 8/04/2011, Special Called Meeting on August 9, 2011, **(Item B)** Tax Releases/Refunds: #8-9, **(Item C)** 9/11 Proclamation: A Day to Remember, **(Item D)** Proclamation of Recognition for Mrs. Pearl Surles on Her 100th Birthday, **(Item E)** Grass Mowing Services, **(Item F)** Citizen of the Month Recognition Program, **(Item G)** Appointments to the Erwin Planning and Zoning/ Board of Adjustments, and **(Item H)** Erwin Branding Recommendation and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 CONTINUED**PRESENTATION TO MISS PEARL SURLES ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**

Mayor Carson presented a plaque to Miss Pearl Surles. Miss Surles was born on August 22, 1911. Miss Surles went to work at Erwin Mills on November 15, 1926 at which she retired from at 46 years and 5 months.

NEW BUSINESS**SOLID WASTE COLLECTION: CLARIFICATION ON COMMERCIAL VS. RESIDENTIAL TRASH SERVICES**

Since this action was taken by the Board, Town Staff has implemented this standard, and on occasion Staff has made a number of staff-level determinations regarding the intent of the Board action and the classification of Commercial vs. Residential properties. Until recently such determinations have been made on a case by case basis and uniformity has been maintained within the application of such determinations. However, as you may be aware, Town Staff is in the final stages of acting on the latest inventory of trash containers within the Town at individual properties. As such, there are a number of questions relating to the distinction between commercial and residential properties that have come about in review of the noted inventory results. In order to better ensure that the full intent of the Board is met with respect to the 2008 action, Staff seeks clarification and guidance from the Board with regard to the distinction of these two noted classifications.

Pam Hodges Revenue Supervisor stated any apartment complexes or any thing with more than 4 units, Staff is looking clarification from the Board. We know that in 2008, churches were considered Commercial Business and we are unsure of the Multi Family units.

It was Consensus of the Board that Multi Family and Mobile Home Parks should be considered Commercial Business. The property owners must provide this service.

Also, Church parsonage would be considered residential if they wanted this service.

Letters will be sent out to affected residents and owners notifying them of the changes to waste collection services.

CONSIDERATION OF AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATION PURCHASE OFFER

Town Attorney Mac Hunter informed the Board that he had discussed this item with the Town Manager Bryan Thompson. There were a number of problems connected to this and did not recommend this buyout.

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Commissioner Baker stated that as long as this use was there, that this was being used as an impact on the Community and rather than selling out in short term, I would rather look at it as a long term revenue stream for the Town and still maintain that control. I would not be in favor of any buyout.

Commissioner Taylor agreed with Commissioner Baker.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to reject the buyout proposal for American Tower Corporation Purchase offer at this time and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION: DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR PLANNING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Commissioner Baker made a motion to Table this item for a future Work Session with our Manager so he can be here to elaborate on the conversations that he has had with DOT and guide us in the right direction and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

CONSIDERATION OF FINANCE PROPOSALS

The following is the proposals for Financing of 4(Four) 2011 Crown Victoria Police Vehicles and 1 (One) Pac-Mac Knuckle Boom Loader:

<u>Name of Bank/Loan Service</u>	<u>3 Yr. Term</u>
Sparta Commercial Services	4.512% Combine Financing 4.484% Pac-Mac Loader 4.768% Patrol Vehicles
LGFCU	4.00%
First Federal Bank	3.5%
BB&T Governmental Finance	1.67%

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to accept the lowest bid from BB&T Governmental Finance and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 CONTINUED**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Commissioner Taylor had a number of concerns with either grass cutting or missing street signs. They are as follows: 610 North 15th Street—grass, North 14th/West N. St. on the left side---grass, 711 North 16th St & 207 West N. St.—Old Cars with no tags, Allen Drive street sign missing for about a month now, and West K/North 14th St. street sign needs to be replaced has been missing for a year. Also, thanked everyone for coming tonight and thanked Staff as well for all the hard work they are doing.

Commissioner West thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and would encourage more community involvement. Invited everyone to the Erwin Farmer's Market on every Saturday morning starting at 9am. Gospel at the Gazebo is every 2nd Friday of each month and encouraged everyone to attend as well.

Commissioner Baker called Victoria Cutler to the front to recognize her. Miss Cutler is a regular face in Erwin and she is an example of the positive youth presence in the Town. She is active in the Harnett County 4-H youth Development program.

Commissioner Corbett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and would like more citizens to get involved with the Town. Also thanked Larry Lynn for all the hard work he has done with STEP.

Mayor Carson informed everyone that there will be a 10th Anniversary of 9/11 to honor our first responders and remember those that perished that day in 2001 on Monday, Sept. 12th at 10am. Encouraged everyone to bring bake goods so that they can be handed out to the First Responders. Thanked the Staff, the girls at Town Hall have worked really hard this week while the Town Manager was away. They have cleaned, done carpets and have been really busy. Also, reminded everyone that Denim Days is Saturday, October 1, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

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

**Patsy M. Carson,
Mayor**

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