

ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
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 Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 5:30 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board Members present were: Commissioners, Norma Ennis, Frank Taylor, Frankie Ballard, Ricky Blackmon and Billy Turnage.

Board Member absent was: Commissioner Randy Baker.

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

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

Commissioner Taylor gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER OF DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT TO THE  
TOWN OF ERWIN/CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF THE  
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Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that conversation has begun of to what terms that would take place if the Town received the grant for the Erwin Parking Lot and take ownership. Attorney Tim Morris has written a response on behalf of the Erwin Parking Lot Center which stated that they would maintain a right of egress and ingress to the entire property, including the right to keep and maintain trash containers, to be allowed to have any work performed on the buildings which they own, (necessary work crews be able to have vehicles necessary to have such work done).

After some discussion from the Board it was stated that the Town would like to take over the Erwin Parking Lot however with no attachments to it. If we could work out the best solution for loading/unloading docks and section those out and have a clear deed to it so there is no problem.

MINUTES CONTINUED FEBRUARY 21, 2012NEW BUSINESSDISCUSSION OF REDEFINING THE PRIMARY FIRE DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF ERWIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOVING THE OLD DEPOT TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED BEHIND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE NEW HISTORY ROOM ONCE RENOVATED

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Town in coordination with the History Room has explored the possibility of moving the depot to the empty lot behind the fire station. With exploring this possibility, the Town found that the primary fire district comprised of the subject vacant lot. This district does not permit wood-frame buildings to be erected within its boundaries. In speaking with the Fire Marshal's Office and the State, the Town may amend this portion of the Town Code without any additional recourse to the State. To amend this portion of the code, the subject vacant property could be removed from the primary fire district and thus the old depot could be located at this site.

The Board was asked to consider the extent to which the Board is interested in pursuing this avenue in order to move forward in the process of locating the depot at the subject site for the purpose of History Room expansion. If the Board is interested in doing so, Staff can draft text amendment language to present to the Board at a future Board Meeting.

After some discussion, the Board suggested that the Historical Society should get prices for remodeling, specs, and inform our Board as to what kind of assistance are they expecting from the Town.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AND ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the nature of the text amendment is to incorporate language into the zoning ordinance that seeks to address certain aspects of animal control, namely horses.

Harnett County Planner Landon Chandler informed the Board that this would normally be addressed through Animal Control Ordinance however with some of the constraints that we have had with the County in dealing with enforcement then it was to be looked at as a Land Use issue.

This item was presented at the last meeting of the Planning Board. The Planning Board tabled this issued for future discussion.

The Board of Commissioners wanted to let the Planning Board make their recommendations before any discussion was made on this matter.

MINUTES CONTINUED FEBRUARY 21, 2012

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Planning Board has two regular in-town members whose terms are expiring, one alternate in-town member whose term is expiring, and one regular in-town position that was previously held by Shirley Hairr who has passed away.

Each of the three in-town members whose terms have expired is eligible for a second term and has submitted applications to be considered for a second term appointment. These three individuals include Grace Watts (regular in-town), Michael Bryant (regular in-town), and Alvestor McKoy (in-town alternate). Rick West has not submitted an application to be considered for a regular in-town member appointment however stated that he would like to serve Shirley Hairr's remaining term. In addition, Bill Corbett has submitted an application to be considered for appointment to the Planning Board.

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to reappoint Grace Watts, Michael Bryant, and Alvestor McKoy for a second term and appoint Bill Corbett to the vacancy seat of Shirley Hairr's remaining term and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 4 for and 1 against (Commissioner Ennis).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to adjourn at 6:30pm and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted unanimously.

MINUTES RECORDED BY 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