

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2009
REGULAR MEETING
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baker presiding, held its regular meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Mayor Patsy Carson was absent.

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

Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson and Town Attorney Mac Hunter were present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Randy Baker 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 Taylor made a motion to add to the agenda **Item E.** General Fund Budget Amendment and **Item F.** Municipal Retention Schedule and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve the amended agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to approve **Item (A)** Approval of Budget Workshop Minutes for 04/30/09 **Item (B)** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on 5/07/09 **Item (C)** Approval of Special Meeting Minutes on 5/21/09 and **Item (D)** Tax Releases **Item (E)** General Fund Budget Amendment and **Item (F)** Municipal Retention Schedule and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2009 CONTINUED**NEW BUSINESS****CONSIDERATION OF ERWIN PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
APPOINTMENTS**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Park had received twelve (12) applications for the two (2) upcoming vacancies. One of the members that is currently serving whose term will expire has indicated he is not interested in serving another term. The other member whose term is expiring has expressed an interest in being considered for reappointment and has file an application with the Town Clerk.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker advised the Board that there is no set policy as far as appointments to the Town Boards and should see in setting some type of policy for reviewing applicants to be put on the Board rather than going strictly by date submitted. Mr. Baker also stated that this may be something that the Staff would want to take a look at and make recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and suggesting in having an alternate pool in the absence of the member. At that time Mayor Pro-Tem Baker opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Taylor nominated Grace Watts and Sean Coats and was seconded by Commissioner West.

Commissioner Corbett nominated Chuck Simmons and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman.

Commissioner West made a motion to close nominations and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker advised the Board that there are three (3) nominees before you to vote on for two (2) seats. They are as follows:

Grace Watts, Sean Coats, and Chuck Simmons

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker then called for a vote

Grace Watts-----4 For (Commissioners Taylor, Ennis, West and Whitman)
1 Against (Commissioner Corbett)

Sean Coats-----4 For (Commissioners Taylor, West, Corbett, and Ennis)
1 Against (Commissioner Whitman)

Chuck Simmons---2 For (Commissioners Whitman and Corbett)
3 Against (Commissioners Ennis, Taylor, and West)

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Mayor Pro-Tem Baker announced that Ms. Grace Watts and Mr. Sean Coats would fill the seats on the Erwin Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE
DECLARING SPEED LIMIT MODIFICATIONS AND REQUEST FOR
CONCURRING ORDINANCE**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this is a request being made by DOT, essentially change distances and clarify markers for their records. This documentation will furthermore provide the Department to accurately establish a uniform speed limit of 45 mph outside the southern corporate limits of Erwin on NC 217.

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve Certification of Municipal Ordinance Declaring Speed Limit Modifications along Hwy 217 and Concurring Ordinance by Department of Transportation and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted unanimously.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gay W. Prevatt of 110 Morgan Street, Erwin, came forward and spoke. Mrs. Prevatt wanted to thank the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and Town Staff in remembering her during the passing of her husband, Mr. Mark Prevatt. Mr. Prevatt was also a member of the Erwin Planning and Adjustments.

Eunice Hymes of 727 West M. Street, Erwin came forward and spoke. Ms. Hymes expressed concern with the drainage problems in her neighborhood and surrounding area. Mr. Thompson advised Ms. Hymes that Public Works would take a look at this issue and if Ms. Hymes has any other specific areas that need addressing please submit in writing to Town Hall.

MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that someone has come to take a look at the air conditioning unit at Town Hall and hopefully will have this matter resolved soon.

MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2009 CONTINUED**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Commissioner West encouraged everyone to attend the NC Step Meetings which are held every first Tuesday of each month and will begin at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Ennis appreciated everyone jumping in trying to make Erwin beautiful and a better place to live.

Commissioner Whitman received a complaint of grass that needs cutting on Raiford Road across from Billy's Welding. The Lady Hawks will be going for the Championship at Walnut Creek on Friday, June 5, 2009.

Commissioner Corbett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and encouraged everyone to attend the NC Step Meeting on July 7, 2009.

Mayor Pro-Tem Baker would like it to be known that with the appointments to the Boards, this is a good thing and a good dilemma to be in. The Town had never had that type of support in wanting to serve and he does not want what the Board of Commissioners went through tonight to detour people from applying to any Board. The Town is going through some growing pains and the Town needs to come up with a policy that is set where it treats everyone fairly and everyone equally. Mr. Baker also thanked everyone that does serve and encourage anyone to apply. Mr. Baker also thanked the people that had shown interest in putting these applications in if those people were not chosen tonight please keep your application active and if something else comes back up again you can be considered for them.

ADJORNMENT

Commissioner Ennis made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

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

Randy L. Baker, Mayor Pro-Tem

Cynthia B. Patterson, Town Clerk