

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2010
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, January 14, 2010 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent were: Commissioner Norma Ennis.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson, 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 Whitman made a motion to add **Item D** Cost Analysis for Copier to Consent Items and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve **Item (A)** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on 12/10/09, Approval of Special Called Meeting Minutes on 12/29/09, **(Item B)** Releases/Refunds of Taxes 133-141, **(Item C)** Recognition and Presentation of Green Challenge Award, and **(Item D)** Cost Analysis for Copier and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2010 CONTINUED**OLD BUSINESS****CONSIDERATION OF TEXT AMENDMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE—
REFERENCE: FENCE ORDINANCE**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the Text Amendment of Zoning Ordinance Reference Fence Ordinance and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

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MANDATED RECYCLING OPTIONS AND INFORMATION TO PROCEED

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that he had spoken with Jerry Maynard with Harnett County Solid Waste and tried to research the name of the private contractor that provides recycling service to Western Harnett. One that we were able to identify was Don's Trash which provides recycling however they only go so far as to Lillington and Bunnlevel. They would not be able to provide this service to the Erwin Area.

Commissioner Baker mentioned that this is based on a 65% participation with a certain price however we do not have 65% participation at this time would this price go up? The representative for Republic Waste replied that this is not based on participation level however we do assume based on data from other municipalities certain level of participation which is all factored into the price whether it's 100% or 40% participation the pricing is not tied into the participation rate.

Commissioner Baker also stated that he sees this as a voluntary not a mandated program.

Commissioner Corbett asked the question would this stay at \$3.00 per container? The representative from Republic Waste stated that this is still an open discussion that Republic Waste has not discussed the amount at this time, however, with a simple municipality it should be around \$3.50 - \$3.75 range and could possibly be tied into neighboring municipalities. The more anticipated participation would factor the pricing as well.

It was the Consent of the Board to move forward with Republic Waste in generating numbers to bring to the Board of Commissioners.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2010 CONTINUED**CONSIDERATION OF GRASS MOWING SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this item was tabled last month due to not securing worker's compensation insurance. Daniel Spangler was the lowest and only bid submitted. This particular bid only has general liability with no auto and so far as worker's compensation the individuals associated with this bid proposal has stated that if the Town requires workers comp then they would purchase it.

There are two (2) ways to approach this matter. (1) To approve the contract pending that within Thirty-Days they would get the necessary insurance or (2) Reject this bid and open it back up to the public and if this contractor would like to rebid then they could do so along with other competitive bids.

Commissioner Taylor stated that he would prefer this contractor to have all the appropriate insurance including workers comp. Commissioner Taylor also stated that he does not think the Town needs to secure a company to do a job if they do not have all the required information especially workers comp.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to reject this bid and put it out for new bids and have in the contract that they must have all appropriate insurance and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 5 for with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

ADOPTION OF RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that this item remains the same since the last time it was up before the Board.

Commissioner Taylor stated that this issue remains the same and had no further comment.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to accept the Advisory Board Bylaws as stated and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 4 for and 1 against (Commissioner Taylor) with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2010 CONTINUED**NEW BUSINESS****PRESENTATION OF THE TOWN OF ERWIN FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2009**

Bryan Scott with Price, Scott, Adams & Co. PA came forward and spoke. This is the second year that Mr. Scott has done the audit for the Town of Erwin. Mr. Scott stated that the Town has in Revenue \$8,933,571. This year's revenue is very high considering 6.4 Million came in from now dissolved water fund. The Expenditures is \$2,851,412 an increase over the last year. The Fund Balance increased by \$6,082,159 which 6.4 Million came from Water/Sewer Fund. The Fund Balance at the end of the year is \$6,814,982 specifically higher than last year. The Board may want to consider creating a Capital Reserve Fund mainly just to get most of your money or a majority of the money away and out of your operation fund. The Fund Balance available for appropriation is 216.37%, which is well above the state average for municipalities of your population size of 66%.

The Tax Collection rate is 98.20%.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept the Town of Erwin Financial Statement Year End June 30, 2009 and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

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**PRESENTATION OF ERWIN NC STEP LEADERSHIP TEAM'S ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mayor Carson introduced Ms. Chilton Rogers with the NC Rural Economic Development. Ms. Rogers is the Town of Erwin NC Step Coach. Mayor Carson then asked everyone who has been participating in the Step Program to stand for a round of applause.

Ms. Rogers stated that her reason for coming was to bring the Council and the Town up to speed on what she has been doing for the last 12 months from the beginning of the Step process Small Town Economic Prosperity as we are coming to the culmination, a wrap of our planning phase and entering into our implementation phase. The ulterior motive for this, when we present the economic development strategic plan in our implementation strategy to the Council, this presentation hopefully will bring in to the point of understanding that you all have to spend a great deal of time reading and going through it so you will know what you have done and what to do.

Ms. Roger's then presented the slide show.

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2010 CONTINUED**MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that Porter Park Steering will be meeting on January 19th and will be putting together all the work they have done and recommendations to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at its February meeting.

The Road Repair Contract has been fully executed and hopefully in the next couple of weeks will begin work.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and enjoyed the presentation from Ms. Rogers.

Commissioner West also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and encouraged everyone to come out to the Step Meetings.

Commissioner Baker thanked Ms. Rogers for all the hard work with the Step Program and also applaud's everyone that has been attending this meeting. Commissioner Baker also stated that he can see good things coming from the program.

Commissioner Corbett also thanked Ms. Rogers for the presentation and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Carson wanted to ask everyone to keep Commissioner Ennis in their prayers, she is sick and also Debbie Chestnut and her family as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for with 1 absent (Commissioner Ennis).

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

Patsy M. Carson, Mayor

Cynthia B. Patterson, Town Clerk