

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009
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 3, 2009 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

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

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 Baker had three (3) items to submit for Agenda Adjustments under New Business **Item (A)** Authorization to Collect Taxes **Item (B)** Consideration of Air Conditioning at the Girl Scout Hut and **Item (C)** Performance Bond for T-Mobile.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 5 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve **Item (A)** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes on 08/06/09 and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 CONTINUED**OLD BUSINESS****GUIDLELINES FOR APPOINTED BOARDS**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board at the Special Meeting that was held on August 27, 2009 the Board voted to approve the Appointed Board Guidelines with a couple of adjustments to the proposed guidelines. Paragraph 5 was agreed to be removed and in its place a requirement for each applicant to provide a short statement indicating why they would like to serve on the Board to which they are applying.

Mr. Thompson also informed the Board that this is to make sure that the motion as made is being fulfilled in the language that is here today. If there are no objections this will stand as is.

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NEW BUSINESS**AUTHORIZATION TO COLLECT TAXES**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Town has the Tax Statements in and the Bills are prepared and ready to be mailed out. This authorizes Tax Collector Pamela Hodges to execute those taxes and to collect.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to authorize Tax Collector Pamela Hodges to Collect Taxes and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

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CONSIDERATION OF AIR CONDITIONING AT GIRL SCOUT HUT

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that it was brought to Staffs attention a couple of weeks ago that the Girl Scout Hut air conditioning unit is not working properly. As the Town considered the Budget in the past fiscal year in preparation for this 2009-2010 fiscal year this is not something that was to be added to the capital improvement plan nor was placed in the budget.. If the Board decides to go ahead with this, the Town would have to require a budget amendment. The estimated cost for a new system will be \$3,087.8, if you only replaced the compressor \$977.62.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 CONTINUED

The Board asked if the Town Manager could go back and look at the entire budget to cover this expense.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to table Consideration of Air Conditioning at Girl Scout Hut until next workshop and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

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PERFORMANCE BOND FOR T-MOBILE

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board the performance bond for T-Mobile is in the contract just in case the lease holder decides to walk away from the tower. T-Mobile submitted a bond in the amount of \$25,000. Staff has checked around and with today's standards between \$25,000 to \$35,000 this is more than less appropriate for the type of tower the Town has. The concern is that the useable life of a tower is around 25 to 30 years and the Town feels like this amount will not be enough to remove the tower. Also, the performance bond is not a removable bond it's as is, \$25,000. The staff has requested of T-Mobile to reissue a bond that will reflect the interest over the life of the tower going out 30 years at the rate of 3% if the Town does this with \$25,000 it will go up to \$61,000. This should be more appropriate just on a projection from 30 years from now.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept the Performance Bond with the figure of \$61,000 with T-Mobile and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 4 for and 2 absent (Commissioners Ennis and Whitman).

MANAGER REPORTS

Town Manager Bryan Thompson will be meeting with representatives from Republic Waste concerning the Garbage Container proposal and try to move forward with an inventory. Our Public Works will be working on the Town's side of the inventory. Maybe by the next workshop or regular scheduled meeting the Staff should be able to present the figures so we can better understand the benefits and costs associated options that are available.

Cape Fear Christian Academy has invited the Board to attend Patriot Day on Friday, September 11th at 9:30am.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 CONTINUED**GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS**

Commissioner Taylor thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and also thanked Public Works for doing a great job at Porter Park.

Commissioner West thanked everyone for coming and being part of the meetings and also mentioned that the Gospel at the Gazebo in the Park will be Friday, September 11, 2009 at 6PM for everyone to come out.

Commissioner Baker appreciated the citizens being part of the Town's meeting. Invited the Boy Scouts to please return. Thanked the Staff from Manager down for doing a good job,.

Commissioner Corbett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Urged everyone to attend the NC Step meeting, the next one will be Tuesday, October 6th at 5:30pm.

Mayor Carson thanked the Boy Scouts for coming to the meeting, also presented the new poster for Denim Days.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 P.M. 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, Town Clerk