

ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
MAY 1, 2014
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, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board Members present were: Commissioners William Turnage, Ricky Blackmon, Frankie Ballard, Thurman Whitman, and Alvester McKoy.

Board Members absent was: Commissioner Randy Baker.

Town Manager Richard Douglas, 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 Alvester McKoy gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Turnage made a motion to add Item B under Old Business Update on Depot and was seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The Board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Turnage. The Board voted unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Turnage made a motion to approve **(Item A)** Approval of Retreat Minutes of 03/15/14, **(Item B)** Approval of Regular Minutes of 04/03/14, **(Item C)** Resolution for Small Town Application, **(Item D)** Resolution to Oppose the Elimination of the 440th Airlift Wing at Fort Bragg, NC, **(Item E)** NC DOT Mowing Contract and **(Item F)** Financial Summary Report for March 2014 and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS

NFIP CORRECTIVE ACTIONS UPDATE

Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler came forward and updated the Board on the progress made to resolve the issues related to removing the Town of Erwin from probationary status with the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Dreitzler stated that FEMA had asked the Town of Erwin to hold off on the six locations in Waters Edge. Due to the maps are being revised and

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based on the preliminary data that has been looked at, believes there is a potential that the residents in Waters Edge may actually end up being below the base flood elevation when the new maps come out. Since that time we have been corresponding to Region 4 and actually had a conference call with Erwin Planner Kathy Blake, Town Manager Richard Douglas, Erwin Engineer Bill Dreitzler with Region 4 to talk about the options and probation. They gave the Town two options which are the following:

Option 1

Mediate all seven locations and when the Town is able to provide documentation that those seven locations have been mediated the Town would be removed from probationary status.

Option 2

Mediate only the Old Ferry Lane property and put on hold the six properties on Waters Edge. What that would mean is the Town would stay under suspension; we just wouldn't be under threat of being suspended. Realistically it would be 2015 before the new maps come out and if they do show that these locations are still in a flood hazard area the Town would be required to go back and do the repairs that we have identified at this point.

Mr. Dreitzler stated that it would end up being a two year delay with under suspension and have to go back and reestablish with the homeowner's and there could be a change in homeowners at that time and we would have to build new relationships and let them know what needs to be done. Looking at those two options and looking at where we are on a cost of mediation, staff's recommendation is to go forward with option 1.

FEMA had sent Mr. Dreitzler a letter to request in writing whether the Town was going to take Option 1 or Option 2.

The question was asked how much it was going to cost the Town to repair these seven properties. Mr. Dreitzler stated that he did not have a quote at this time however should have figures in two weeks, looking at around \$15,000-\$17,000.

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve Option 1 and was seconded by Commissioner Turnage. The Board voted unanimously.

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Commissioner Turnage informed the Board that a meeting was held on Wednesday, April 30th with the architect that will be doing the design on the Erwin Depot. A presentation will be presented to the Board in June. The cost estimate to renovate the Erwin Depot will be around \$500,000.

After some discussion, the Board will address concerns with the architect in June.

NEW BUSINESS**2014-2015 BUDGET MESSAGE**

A budget message was presented by the Town Manager to the Board. A workshop has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th at 1pm to discuss in detail.

MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Douglas announced to the Board and audience that he had promoted Interim Police Chief Bill Morris to Chief of Police. A swearing in ceremony will be held in June.

Consultant with the Historic District will be here at the June's meeting to present the next step and full nomination. Mr. Douglas will invite the downtown business property owner's to attend as well.

A suspension of new water customers will be in effect until further notice. An investigation is being conducted for mishandling money preferably on the County side. Mr. Douglas will let the Board know the outcome of this matter when the investigation is complete.

GOVERNING COMMENTS

Commissioner Blackmon congratulated Chief Bill Morris for his promotion. Well deserved.

Commissioner Whitman congratulated Chief Bill Morris and looking forward to working with him. Well deserved.

Commissioner Ballard congratulated Chief Bill Morris for his promotion. Also thanked Town Manager Richard Douglas for doing a good job on the Chief of Police search.

Commissioner Turnage congratulated Chief Bill Morris for his promotion. Also thanked the Town of Erwin and the citizens as well for the prayers, cards and calls while he was undergoing heart issues.

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Mayor Carson congratulated Chief Bill Morris for his promotion. Mrs. Carson also invited everyone to attend the Mayor's Breakfast on Friday, May 2nd at 8am. This will be held at Erwin Church of God. Tickets will be \$10.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Turnage made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

**MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY
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Patsy M. Carson
Mayor

Cynthia B. Patterson, CMC
Town Clerk