

ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2014
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding, held a Special Called Meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent was: Commissioner Randy Baker.

Town Manager Richard Douglas and Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson were present.

Town Planner Kathy Blake and Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler were present.

Mayor Carson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M.

Mayor Carson gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DESIGN OPTIONS/FUNDING FOR EXTENDING SIDEWALKS ALONG SOUTH 13TH STREET (F. STREET TO OLD POST ROAD)

Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler stated that Staff was asked to evaluate the potential sidewalks basically from F. Street to Old Post Road. Mr. Dreitzler presented slides of what it will look like to the Board. Looking at a 5ft. sidewalk on both sides of the street and running from Town Hall to IGA. The first two blocks headed toward Old Post Road already have curb n gutter. In this location, we do have power poles that would be in the way. We haven't engineered this yet so this is just a preliminary evaluation but the likely hood is based on the right of way with 13th Street in this area that we would need easements in order to begin the sidewalk behind the telephone poles, again from the first two blocks section. From E. Street to Old Post Road it's a narrower street section which only has three lanes and there is no curb n gutter, so with that location we would add curb n gutter with a 2ft utility strip and 5ft sidewalk.

Commissioner Alvester McKoy came in at 7:05pm.

Mr. Dreitzler informed the Board and citizens present that there were three options for construction:

Option 1

To the Whole Project estimated at \$460,000 (Construction, Engineering and Construction Administration)

Option 2

Do one side of the Street. Go from E. Street to Old Post Road and only installing one side. Estimated at \$230,000

Option 3

Work our way from Town Hall toward IGA doing the first two blocks with existing curb n gutter. This would be the least expensive. Do both sides of the street with sidewalks estimated at \$100,000

Mr. Dreitzler felt certain that easements would be required to make this project work in the first two blocks.

The property owners along this area were notified. Only six property owners attended. The citizens were concerned that the potential sidewalks would take up too much of their yard frontage.

One of the citizens suggested in taking out a lane along the proposed sidewalk route — shrinking the stretch from four lanes to two and making enough room for a concrete path.

With the show of hands, only 1 resident was for the sidewalk project.

Town Manager Richard Douglas informed everyone that the project is currently in the discussion phase as the town contacts the DOT and other area agencies to research feasibility and funding. From town hall to around D Street we have existing gutters, but there's a large portion of the project where we would have to install drainage as well.

Mr. Douglas also stated that the way you apply for federal and state money has changed and we're not sure how much the DOT would fund right now; we have added this to the list of potential projects with the Rural Planning Organization.

No Board motions or decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm and was seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The Board voted unanimously.

**MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY
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Patsy Carson
Mayor

Cynthia B. Patterson, CMC
Town Clerk

