

ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 4, 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, September 4, 2014 at 7:00 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

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 McKoy 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.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to move **(Item D)** Interlocal Library Agreement to New Business Item 9B and was seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The Board voted unanimously.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve **(Item A)** Approval of Regular Minutes of 08/07/14, **(Item B)** Financial Report Summary for June 2014, **(Item C)** Resolution Supporting Partnership with the Erwin Historical Society, **(Item D)** Mid-Carolina RPO Letter of Support for 13th Street Sidewalk Project and **(Item E)** NC Governor's Highway Safety Program Local Governmental Resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Turnage. The Board voted unanimously.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:20pm and was seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The Board voted unanimously.

SOUTH 14TH STREET PARKING RESTRICTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Town Manager Richard Douglas informed the Board that staff recommends a Town ordinance amendment to remove the west side of 14th Street between C and B Streets from a list of streets with parking restrictions (attached for your consideration). This proposed ordinance

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amendment is in response to an ongoing parking issue adjacent to the Erwin Church of God and follows a request by the Board of Commissioners to address this issue. Alternatively and as presented at the June regular meeting, the Board may wish to consider an ordinance amendment that restricts parking on this section of street at all times. However, staff has studied this section of street and finds no public safety-related or other reason to restrict parking, especially when compared to on-street parking adjacent to other churches in town.

Mayor Carson asked if anyone would like to speak in favor of the amendment to please come forward.

No one came forward.

Mayor Carson asked if anyone would like to speak against the amendment to please come forward.

Resident that live on the corner of South 14th Street and West C. Street came forward and addressed the Board. He stated that he has lived there for about 1 year. He would like to see this changed to no parking. He feels like the Church does not need this additional parking due to the fact that they have plenty of spaces at the Church. He has seen more than six cars at one time parked on the side of West C. Street and South 14th Street and feel that this could cause a problem. He has done everything the Town has asked for him to do and followed the proper channels with no hard feelings toward anyone; just would like to see this changed.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:24pm and was seconded by Commissioner Turnage. The Board voted unanimously.

Mr. Douglas clarified that the ordinance currently states prohibits parking on that section of the street except for Sundays. The ordinance amendment will remove from the prohibited streets thereby making parking essentially 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Commissioner Ballard made a motion to approve the South 14th Street Parking Restriction Ordinance Amendment to allow parking at any time and was seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The Board voted unanimously.

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OLD BUSINESS

FY 2014-2015 STREET RESURFACING RECOMMENDATION

At the August regular Board of Commissioners meeting, Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler recommended that the Town advertise for bids for the resurfacing of the following sections of streets, using Powell Bill funds designated in the Town's 2014-2015 operating budget:

- South 10th Street (adjacent to Erwin Elementary School and including designated parking spaces), from Denim Drive to D Street (projected cost of \$80,000)
- East J Street, from 10th Street to 13th Street (projected cost of \$43,500)
- Godwin Drive (projected cost of \$31,500)

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These recommendations were based on the review by the Town Engineer, pavement condition survey, and staff review and discussion (see attached memorandum).

After some discussion, it was noted that Old Cut off Road will be added to the above list.

If the Board wishes to include Old Cut Off Road to the list, then the total projected cost for resurfacing would be \$200,000 (please keep in mind that this is a projected cost and could be higher or lower with actual bid prices).

A formal bid award by the Board of Commissioners will be requested at the October regular meeting.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the list of Street Resurfacing Recommendations and to include Old Cut off Road and was seconded by Commissioner Ballard. The Board voted unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS**CELL TOWER LEASE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT**
MONROE TELECOM ASSOCIATES

American Tower Corporation has requested that the Town of Erwin consider a 30-year lease extension amendment, through 2059, or a perpetual easement on the cell tower adjacent to the Public Works facility. Due to the complex nature of cell tower negotiations and the long-term financial implications of a lease decision (the Town currently receives \$1804/month in revenue from the tower), staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve an agreement with Monroe Telecom Associates of Wake Forest to negotiate a lease extension amendment with American Tower Corporation. Compensation for the agreement would be a minimum of \$7,500 and maximum of \$10,000, and it is recommended that this be paid with existing cell tower revenue (community enhancement fund).

After some discussion from the Board, it was advised that the Town Attorney revisit this agreement for clarification and bring back to the next regular meeting which will be Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7pm.

INTERLOCAL LIBRARY AGREEMENT

Commissioner Baker made a motion to table the Interlocal Library Agreement until a Letter of Interpretation is presented to the Board and was seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. The Board voted unanimously.

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Textile Museum Case----Have passed on the information requested however as of today have not heard anything.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greta Grayton of Denim Drive came forward and addressed the Board. Mrs. Grayton wanted to say "Thank you" to Mayor Carson in getting Mr. Gary Pope to the Community Watch Program scheduled for Monday, September 8th.

GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS

Commissioner Turnage thanked Public Works Director Mark Byrd for the grass issue at First Baptist Church. We, the Commissioner's need to improve the image of this Town. Also, Free Vision and Hearing screening will be held Friday, October 3rd from 9am-3pm at the old SunTrust Bank parking lot. This is sponsored by the Erwin Lions Club.

Commissioner Ballard stated that we have citizens in this Town that are concerned and Commissioner Baker touched on a little of that at the last meeting. Commissioner Ballard would like for us to act on this. Also, expressed concern with the dumpster issue at the Erwin Parking Lot on Denim Drive.

Commissioner Whitman thanked Public Works and Planner Kathy Blake on a job well done on Wilson Street getting the house demolished.

Mayor Carson informed everyone that she got a good report from her doctors. Encourage everyone to attend the 9/11 Ceremony at the Gazebo on Thursday, September 11th at 11am.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to adjourn at 9pm and was seconded by Commissioner Turnage. The Board voted unanimously.

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

Patsy M. Carson
Mayor

Cynthia B. Patterson, CMC
Town Clerk