



**Town of Walkertown, North Carolina**  
**THURSDAY 5:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 15, 2007**  
**WALKERTOWN TOWN HALL**

## **WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

- GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ISSUES FACING TOWN OF WALKERTOWN

The workshop meeting held at Town Hall was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Mayor Doc Davis. Present were Mayor Davis, Council members Ralph Landreth, Brenda Mabe, and Wayne Hester. Also present were Attorney Steve Garland, Clerk Lynn, and Manager Bell.

In the audience were Attorney Bo Houff, their firm's newest associate – Amy Lanning, former mayor E.A. Jumper, Kernersville reporter Kristen Johnson, and Planning Board member Marilyn Martin.

First item to be discussed was discussion of Town Attorney Steve Garland's replacement. Mr. Garland is resigning effective March 31<sup>st</sup> and it has been suggested that his firm continue with representation for the town. Attorney Bo Houff has agreed to continue on as Planning attorney. Amy Lanning, Attorney of the Blanco Tackabery Combs & Matamoros firm, was introduced and it was suggested Ms. Lanning would replace Mr. Garland as town attorney attending council meetings.

The council was very amenable to this suggestion.

Street policy was mentioned next. Discussion centered around what would be considered a fair percentage for the town and for the citizens to pay on unpaved roads needing paving. Mayor Davis said we just need to formulate a policy and not depend on what has been done in the past. Mr. Bell was asked to furnish the town council members with copies of other towns' policies.

On the Gant properties – vacant lots next door – Mr. Garland said we were moving to close on those properties and that we will get "one" deed. Restrictions are already recorded.

Other subjects briefly discussed:

- Backhoe has been sold for \$20,000.
- Town limit sign will be placed at 158.
- Painter is ready to go.
- Gutter guy says he has Workers Comp but manager has not heard back from him.
- Barrier in foyer at front of office is not needed. Strike this off.
- Smoke detectors are in offices.

At approximately 6:10 p.m. Ralph Landreth moved to go into Closed Session, and Brenda Mabe seconded, for the following reason:

**§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions.**

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

After Closed Session discussion,

Brenda Mabe moved at 6:58 p.m. to return to Regular Session with Wayne Hester seconding.

At 6:58, Brenda Mabe moved to adjourn, with Wayne Hester seconding.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn McKinnie  
Town Clerk