

Town OKs fire post

Walkertown board also gives approval for 3 annexations

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The town council voted unanimously last Thursday to create a fire-administrator position for the town. The job will be part time, and the administrator will advise town officials on emergency services in the town.

The requirements for the fire-administrator job are a bachelor's degree or equivalent in a related field, certification as a N.C. Firefighter level II, five years of experience and knowledge of fire and emergency services in Walkertown. The council approved paying the administrator \$400 a month.

Mayor Doc Davis said that the administrator would assist local governments with fire and emergency services provided to the town, according to the minutes of the council meeting.

"He would be involved in the hazardous conditions concerning dwellings or business," Davis said.

In other business, the council approved three requests for annexation.

Sammy and Elizabeth Stewart, who live on Walkertown-Gutherie Road, Paul and Sylvia Truelove, who live on Old Belews Creek Road and Earl Hester, who lives on Williston Road, asked the town to annex their properties.

Davis said that the town considers annexation requests in June and December. As requests come in during the year, Lynn McKinnie, the town clerk and interim town manager, collects them. Requests are processed at one time if the council has approved them.

The town's annual audit was presented by Monty Pendry of Gibson & Co., the accounting company that performed the audit.

Pendry said that the town is in good shape financially and that the town's accounting procedures are good.

The council approved taking a dump truck off the surplus list, repairing it and continuing to use it.

Davis said that on further checking, the truck was not in as bad a shape as town officials thought it was last year.

"We worked on it over the weekend and got it running good," Davis said.

During the public session, Kathy Whicker, the community affairs coordinator for Food Lion stores, challenged the council members to participate in Food Lion's Get Healthy Walkertown program.

Whicker said that the goal of the program is for participants to lose 10 pounds in 10 weeks. She said she plans to get schools and other groups in the Walkertown area involved in the program as well. “You weigh in on our scales on a weekly basis,” Whicker said. “At the end, we’re going to have a great big celebration with a walk for everyone. Our goal is to eat smart, and move more every day.”

Davis and the council will lead a walk for the students at Walkertown Elementary School.

“So is this going to be, ‘Are you leaner than a fifth grader?’” Davis said.

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