



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina

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Walkertown Town Council Meeting

Walkertown Library Auditorium

THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. OCTOBER 25, 2007

MINUTES

PROTOCOL:

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for a quorum were Mayor Davis, Councilmembers Landreth, Hester, Welch, and Mabe. Also present were Attorney Lanning and Clerk McKinnie.

After a brief invocation by Councilman Landreth, Councilwoman Mabe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Brenda Mabe and seconded by Wayne Hester.

The council minutes of September 27, 2007, were unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Sarah Welch and seconded by Wayne Hester.

PUBLIC SESSION

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

At 7:03 p.m. the Public Session was opened.

- (1) Marilyn Martin
2733 Martin St.
Walkertown

We had discussed for a good while about Whitehall – the road that comes out of the development on to Ruxton Drive. When this development was approved, it was said that this road would not be opened to the public – it would be emergency vehicles only. That was a major concern because of the school. Now we have people to miss traffic on 66, they come out, go through there, cut through there – *flying* – and go straight on through and some of them go to the middle of Walkertown – and some to pick up their kids at Middle School. So, I just wondered if they're going to put some kind of barrier back there as was discussed. It needs to be up now! If ya'll would just think about that.

MS. WELCH: Scott Wallace called me and talked to me about three days ago about it and he would start work on it. That was Monday he called me and talked to me and he said he would make arrangements because I told him I had seen – not people – but a couple of workers, because I don't sit there every hour to see who's coming through there.

MS. MARTIN: I walk and I

MAYOR: I don't know what type they'll put up because it's to be open to emergency and pedestrian traffic.

MS. WELCH: Right. Well, he said he would check it and get started on it.

MAYOR: It wasn't to be closed to all traffic – it was just emergency and pedestrian traffic would have access to it.

Public Session was closed at 7:06 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
BROUGHT FORWARD FROM LAST MEETING (NO CONSIDERATION)
 (1) DO-NUT HOLES IN TOWN LIMITS OF WALKERTOWN
 (2) EXTEND TOWN BOUNDARY

.....Brenda Mabe

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This was brought forward from the last meeting from "No Consideration" concerning the do-nut holes in the town limits and extension of the town boundaries. Brenda Mabe?

MS. MABE: Yes. This is a problem we've had for several years and I wanted to bring it to the full attention of the council. Before we can move on this, I think we need some information and some sources to tell us how we can take steps to do this and I'm asking our attorney to look into this and see how we can do that and what steps we will need. I know we are going to have a work session in November, so I do want this put on our work session and I want us to get our maps out and extend our town boundaries so we all can come to the same conclusion, "What is the best interest for the citizens?" Because this is protecting our citizens here and I think it's important that we do this and it's something that's not been addressed for several years. And before we go into detail and say, 'we need to do this' and 'we need to do that' – I think we need to have the information before we make any steps. But this is not going to go away and is something that has to be done. One of my concerns is that there's several locations in town that Forsyth County has control of the zoning and we have no say-so and I feel like that's not fair to the citizens who have nice homes beside these places and I don't think it's fair that when we have to negotiate with our services that we provide for the citizens, that the man goes down the street and says, "This house is in....and that house is out..." That takes time and time means money and I think that's not consideration of people who work for us. So I do want this to be put on the work session so we can look into it and discover how we can take care of it and what the proper procedures will be.

MAYOR: All right. Any other comments concerning this? If not, we'll move it to the work session, which is, while we're talking about that --- that date is November 15th at 5:30 p.m. (Work Session). All right, everyone in favor of moving this that Brenda's proposed, to the work session? Anybody object to that?

MS. MABE: I make a motion.....

MOTION: TO INCLUDE THE ITEMS OF
(1) DO-NUT HOLES IN TOWN LIMITS OF WALKERTOWN
(2) EXTEND TOWN BOUNDARY
IN THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15,
2007
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTEES

(See Planning Board Recommendations Attached)

- Replace one full-time position
- Reappoint remaining existing alternates
- Open up application process for alternate position

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: If you see the Planning Board has a vacancy – Chuck Trivette resigned effective September, 2007. His term would have expired December, 2008, so our duty tonight, if you so choose to do so, is to number one, to appoint a replacement for Chuck Trivette. Is there a recommendation? You see the list there that the Planning Board has recommended to the council that we appoint someone who is now an alternate. They're already familiar with the process. We have three alternates listed here for you. Is there a motion on one of these?

MR. HESTER: Well, we have one of the alternates here tonight and if he's willing to take it, I'll make a motion.

MS. MABE: I recommend that we wait and see who will take this and make the appointment in November.

MR. HESTER: We do need to check and see if they would be willing to take it ----

MAYOR: Wayne's started talking --- are you making a motion?

MR. HESTER: Well, I was going to ask the member that's here tonight if he would be willing

MAYOR:Do you have an objection if he asks.....

MS. MABE:Oh, I have no problem with that.....

MR. HESTER:We need to go ahead and do it. Don Whitaker, would you be willing to move from alternate to the Board for the period to end December 31, 2008?

MR. WHITAKER: Oh ---- yes.

MOTION: TO APPOINT DONALD WHITAKER TO FILL THE
UNEXPIRED PLANNING BOARD TERM VACATED BY
CHUCK TRIVETTE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2008

BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR: Don, we appreciate your serving. Thank you. Now, we need to also reappoint the remaining existing alternates – if you would like to do so. We have as alternates:

1. Robert Butler
2. Larry Marshall

This is for a one-year term effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

MOTION: TO RE-APPOINT FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008

- 1. ROBERT BUTLER**
- 2. LARRY MARSHALL**

BY: RALPH LANDRETH

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR: Were there any applications submitted?

LYNN: No. Not recently.

MAYOR: Okay. Does the council want to open for applications for persons to serve as alternates? How many alternates do we normally have?

MS. WELCH: Three.

MAYOR: So we need at least one. I guess we could have more than that – there's no..... okay. Ms. Welch has made a motion that we open the application process. This would be that they would apply at Town Hall and they would need to see Ms. McKinnie at Town Hall – anyone wishing to apply --- and she will give you the application.

MOTION: TO OPEN UP THE APPLICATION PROCESS THROUGH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER TO SEEK APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE FOR A ONE YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

UPDATE ON HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

(1) See MINUTES OF 10-11-07 Attached

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: You see the letter in your packet, the Historical Committee discussed the direction and they indicate that they were concerned with the direction greatly. Mr. Jumper is not here tonight but two of the other members are here tonight – Wayne and Jane. The Committee in their report to the council said that they felt their committee had accomplished their assignment that has been given them – and that was to evaluate the house and the historical value that we were trying to preserve and to determine best uses of the house, or some uses of the house, and they've made us quite a few recommendations of

things that need to be completed. And Ms. McKinnie has already started working on many of those, concerning the repairs of the house from plumbing and electrical. She's had both on site doing work and doing checks and giving bids to get the work complete. Is there any comments on this report from the Historical Committee?

MR. HESTER: With what Ms. McKinnie has started already on the repairs and the cosmetic appearance of the house, I think we could pick up at the work session and discuss more of this in detail as to what we'll be doing.

MAYOR: We have a list of some repairs to be made and both plumbing and electrical and I'm sure she'll maybe have some other bids for us at that time, wouldn't you think, Ms. McKinnie?

LYNN: Yes – but some of the work is already in progress.....

MAYOR: Are you saying..... to move this to the work session?

MR. HESTER: I make a motion we move it to the work session...

MOTION: TO ADD REPAIRS, BIDS, AND UPDATES FOR HOUSE AT 5135 SULLIVANTOWN ROAD TO WORK SESSION OF NOVEMBER 15, 2007

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MS. WELCH: I'd like to say "thank you" to them because I think they've done a good job.

MAYOR: I think they've done an excellent job!

MR. HESTER: I think they've put in a lot of hours and a lot of work and it sounds good!

MS. MABE: I thank them for considering and looking into it and I appreciate the effort and we can't really go into detail and discuss everything tonight. We'll just wait for the work session to go into more detail. But I appreciate it.

MAYOR: At that time, we will also be discussing the need of the role of going forward of a committee or a society, or whatever we decide -- that the town decides that we need or that the council decides that we need.

4. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

- UPDATE ON RECREATION COMMITTEE / MONEY

.....Attorney Bo Houff

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Amy, do you have any words of wisdom?

MS. LANNING: As you can see in your packet, the email from Bo that there really haven't been any development since he last came and spoke to you about this issue. They did get an extension of time until November 22nd on behalf of the Town of Walkertown and they're just working through the negotiations right now. There's nothing that has to be done with the court until November 22nd and, hopefully, things can get resolved and that'll be it!

MAYOR: Ms. McKinnie will stay in touch with you on that as far as any updates. She'll keep us informed so if we need to have any other additional plans by the 15th, we'll get that done.

MS. LANNING: Right. I think Bo's pretty good about sending emails whenever he has conversations regarding that issue – and copies me on them, as well.

MAYOR: And maybe even a possible plan at that time. We will have a consultant at the work session for ideas and possible uses concerning parks and so forth, so that will be a possibility at that time. **Everybody's agreeable to move this to the works session as well?**

ALL AGREED.

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

RESOLUTION #07-_____

TO DECLARE 1987 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER DUMP TRUCK AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND OPEN IT UP FOR NEGOTIATED OFFER, ADVERTISEMENT, AND UPSET BID PROCESS....

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This involves the surplus truck that was advertised and bid several months ago. The bid was awarded and the people did not pick up. It was determined that our previous manager, when we went to actually see about the deposit –there wasn't a deposit! He had not gotten a deposit when we took the bid – as you always do – so this truck was not sold. The high-bidding party has since come back to us and asked if they could still buy the truck and I had told Ms. McKinnie that it was still open – we had not put it up to re-bid at this time. Would ya'll want to give them a few more days and let them, if they still want to buy the truck, or do you want to put it up and re-advertise and go through the process again? What is the council's choice?

MS. WELCH: What was the bid?

MAYOR: The bid was \$10,500.

MS. MABE: I recommend that we give them a few more days and see if they want it before we put it for bid again.

MR. HESTER: At least until the work session.

MOTION: TO ALLOW PREVIOUS BIDDER TIME UNTIL NOVEMBER 15TH TO PURCHASE DUMP TRUCK AT AGREED UPON PRICE OF \$10,500

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

FINANCIALS – SEPTEMBER, 2007

DISCUSSION:

MR. HESTER: We have unrestricted funds of \$2,564, 130.60 and restricted funds of \$1,475,087.56. Within the Recreation Fund, we have \$104,959.45 (NOTE: Included in restricted funds) for a grand total fund balance of \$4,039,218.16.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2007 AS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

UPDATES:

1. OLD FIRE STATION - SHERIFF DEPUTIES' NEW OFFICE

Office in old fire station has been painted and carpeted in preparation for deputies to move in. They will be setting up their computer and phone lines. The Sheriff deputies will be moving in within a couple to three weeks. They'll put a large sheriff's decal on the window. They will be visible.

Ms. Mabe said she wanted to thank Ms. McKinnie for all the hard work she did. Mayor agreed.

The deputies need a good, used refrigerator if anyone knows of one. They'll be using town surplus desks if council agrees to that (as they did) as well as personal desks of the mayor.

NOTE: SOME CRUCIAL ELECTRICAL WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT FIRE STATION. LYNN DECIDED THIS WAS ESSENTIAL AND NEEDED TO BE DONE FOR SAFETY REASONS.

2. 5135 SULLIVANTOWN ROAD

Plumbing and Electrical appointments are set up to inspect and provide recommendations to council. Lynn has included work lists and we can review the lists.

NOTE: LYNN HAS ALREADY CONTRACTED WITH ELECTRICIAN TO UPDATE AND/OR REPLACE NECESSARY AND/OR CRUCIAL ITEMS IN GRIFFITH HOUSE. ELECTRICAL WORK WILL BE DONE BEFORE COUNCIL MEETS AT WORK SESSION. PLUMBER HAS NOT BEEN CONTRACTED.

3. WEBSITE

Mayor Davis said, "Please remember our website is maintained through the voluntary efforts of Ron Conrad. He does a great job. He maintains our website and we are very fortunate to have a information source as this, as accurate as it is – and it costs the town not a dime. I think we owe Ron a word of thanks. So if you get a chance, send him an email and thank him for his hard work. Hardly a day goes by that he's not doing something, don't you think that's about true, Ms. McKinnie?"

Lynn responded that he is always there for her.....

4. NCLM TRIP TO FAYETTEVILLE

Ms. Mabe gave a brief update of the conference trip she, Ms. Welch, and Lynn went to in Fayetteville. She said it was a great trip – we discovered about how to get grants and they are out there – you just have to apply for them. She met with several people at small towns and got lots of feedback from them. The highlight of the trip was the Pope Air Force Base patriotic presentation. There was not a dry eye in the place. She finished by saying we had a wonderful time – but we learned a lot.

5. **PROPERTY CLOSING UPDATES**

Ms. Lanning updated the council on the recent property closings of the lot on Leight Street and the Friendly Road well property.

PUBLIC SESSION

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Public Session was opened and closed at 7:34 p.m. with no speakers.

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

(1) Planning Board Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2007

• **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

>>**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS
TRAINING SESSION ON UDO AMENDMENTS
OCTOBER 29, 2007 3:00 P.M. AT THE LIBRARY !!!!
CHANGE IN LOCATION**

>>**TENTATIVE SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING FOR
TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DISCUSS VARIOIUS ISSUES
RE: TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 15, 2007 5:30 P.M. TOWN HALL**

>>**TOWN CLERK LYNN WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE DURING THE
WEEK OF OCTOBER 29TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 2ND.
CELL PHONE WILL BE "ON".**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 6, 2007

- **RECYCLING in Walkertown continues every two weeks.
NOVEMBER 12TH AND 26TH 2007**
- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4TH THURSDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:
FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 29 – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 20 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:
Library @ 3:00 p.m. On 1st Tuesday of month
NOVEMBER 13TH *DUE TO ELECTION DAY
DECEMBER 4TH
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS
COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE ON HOLD
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40 P.M.
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Kenneth R. Davis
Mayor