



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina

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Walkertown Town Council Meeting

Walkertown Library Auditorium

THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. MARCH 22, 2007

MINUTES

PROTOCOL:

Mayor Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, Council Members Sarah Welch, Wayne Hester, Ralph Landreth, and Brenda Mabe. Also in attendance were Clerk Lynn, Ron Bell, and attorneys Steve Garland and Amy Lanning. The audience included City-County Planning Staff members Aaron King and Marilyn Moniquette John, and Inspections Division Ronnie Grubbs.

Mayor Davis said a brief invocation and Council Member Ralph Landreth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Brenda Mabe, seconded by Ralph Landreth, and unanimously approved to approve the agenda as presented.

SEE NOTE BELOW

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

A motion was made by Brenda Mabe, seconded by Ralph Landreth, and unanimously approved to approve the following sets of minutes:

- FEBRUARY 22, 2007
- FEBRUARY 22, 2007 – CLOSED SESSION
- MARCH 8, 2007 – WALGREEN'S/MCDONALD'S SYNOPSIS

NOTE FOR AGENDA REVISION:

Mayor Davis asked if one more item could be added to the agenda: Discuss the maintenance facility as surplus and a bid to purchase.

Ms. Mabe made a motion to add the Maintenance Facility Discussion as Item #12 --- Wayne Hester seconded and the council approved unanimously.

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.

Public Session was opened and closed 7:06 p.m. with no speakers.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING**
ADVERTISED 02-24-07

ORDINANCE #07-_____ UDO-06
UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR WALKERTOWN
To adopt Ordinance as proposed

DISCUSSION:

Aaron King: We just have a UDO Text Amendment that we briefed you on at your last meeting. This basically corrects any of the inaccuracies or errors in the UDO and also made all the references in the UDO specific to Walkertown and it basically pulls Walkertown out of the UDO and creates a UDO specifically for Walkertown. It also contains about 25 text amendments that the County Commissioners have adopted that we felt were pertinent to Walkertown to keep their code consistent with the rest of the municipalities in Forsyth County. We did take this to the Planning Board at their March meeting for a Public Hearing and a vote. At that meeting, no one spoke for or against the request and the Walkertown Planning Board recommended unanimous approval of this text amendment to you. And so tonight we're bringing it to you for a Public Hearing and a vote on this and we would ask for your consideration on that. I do have Ronnie Grubbs, Assistant Director of City-County Inspections Division, here with me tonight and I think Ronnie might want to say a word about this and we could try and answer any questions you might have.

Ronnie Grubbs: Thank you for having me. I do come with, I think, good tidings for you. If you so see fit to adopt – Walkertown will have their own Unified Development Ordinance. Let me just give you a little bit of a background. The UDO was adopted in 1995 by the City and the County and Lewisville and Clemmons and not by this town until December, 2002, but since 1995 until now, it's been one document for Kernersville, Clemmons, Lewisville, Winston-Salem, Forsyth County. And it has become so convoluted because every town has taken off in its own direction and should do so but it became so convoluted that no one could use it. It was just so many regulations on top of regulations. To give you an example: a sign ordinance..... Lewisville had a sign ordinance; Clemmons had a sign ordinance; City-County had a sign ordinance, you have a sign ordinance. There were basically four or five different sign ordinances in the same book so it was just absolutely convoluted and beyond the point. So about, almost two years ago – June of 2005, the Planning Department called all the towns together and Lynn came from Walkertown, and said, '*It's time to separate it up. It worked for ten years but it's too big; it's too unmanageable*'. Nobody was keeping it up to date and in our job, if we make an error, it costs somebody if we do the wrong regulations on somebody so all the towns agreed, it's time to separate it up. Planning did hire a consultant, Cavanaugh, which is an engineering group in Winston and actually worked with Faith Hill. I mean, it's odd – my spam blocked her emails to me for months til I figured it out! But she was one of the most organized people I've ever worked with in my life but she has spent (and I've been with her the whole time) taking every one of these documents back to the bare bones, to when it was first adopted and painstakingly putting in every amendment ever approved by governing bodies. For the City and the County, that's over 150 text amendments – and you know text amendments aren't just "change this line", "insert this", "strike this out" --- some of them have thirty, forty parts to them and many pages. So it was very difficult to do. But I'm happy to report that both the City and the County have adopted their own version. It's out there. Clemmons – I've taken it through the Clemmons approval process, they've adopted theirs. Lewisville's adopted theirs. Kernersville had already pulled theirs out. I think they got into some legal action

and were told they needed their own ordinance a long time ago. And then you're the last stop to having all jurisdictions removed. The process here on out – and I hate to bring you 85 pages, that is a lot to consider, and I think it was left with you for a month for a month to look at – and the Planning Board – because it is very technical and it's hard to read. But this basically will put everything you've ever done and approved back in this book. And I think the first section says it all. Here in all four sections of this book, the chapters, remove Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, Village of Clemmons, Town of Lewisville, and Kernersville from this book. Basically, you're stripping out any regulations that they ever had. But, at this point, if you do adopt this, the consultant is still on board to plug all these 85 pages of changes in this book and we will publish it for the town. We'll bring them copies, both electronic and paper copies, and then we also had an agreement back two years ago that if we did separate it out, let's get one professional group to manage it for us. And that's Muni-Code. I think they already do the town code anyway. So we said, once we get it adopted and if the town takes action to amend it later on, send it to a professional group. Let them stick it in. They're real good. They have websites. It's immediate for the public plus they send inserts back to the professionals to stick in their book, so we got it in writing at all times. But, basically, that's where we're at in the process and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

- Ms. Mabe: How many pages are in the book – book?
Mr. Grubbs: Over 450 pages.
Ms. Mabe: How many ordinances all together?
Mr. Grubbs: Well, it will be one unified ordinance.
Ms. Mabe: And that's going to cover the whole county and we'll all be under the same guidelines?
Mr. Grubbs: Yours is yours. It has your specific, like, you've adopted sidewalks, your sidewalks are in here. All your provisions – I think you've adopted six or seven text amendments since December of 2002 – so all of those are in here. They're specific to you. And those that the City or County adopted that you didn't, are not in here. Like Aaron said, we did go through the ones that just the County – we didn't consider the ones in the City – but we did look at the ones the County has done since you adopted in 2002, and plugged in the ones we think you would have adopted if they came to you. And we do want to keep it kind of consistent so when we cross a border (boundary) we don't want to get too off base and switch it and have the ordinances so much different from one jurisdiction to another.
Ms. Mabe: It can be confusing!

Public Hearing was opened at 7:14 p.m. There were no speakers.
Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT (ADOPT) THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED**
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

RESOLUTION #07-_____

TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN AND MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE TOWN'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES (UDO)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Davis: Now we need to adopt the agreement with the Muni-Code Corporation.

Mr. Garland: Right. There's a resolution that if you were to move, the resolution that Ms. McKinnie has adopted, that would be appropriate.

Mayor: I'm assuming that every town in the county uses these for a code, keep it updated, is that correct?

Mr. Grubbs: That was the agreement – that we would all use one code corporation. All the others have done contracts on this.

Mayor: Good. So do we contract with them individually or do ya'll do a master contract and just include each municipality?

Mr. Grubbs: Got you a deal!! A contract between you and Muni-Code.

Mayor: Okay.

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN AND MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE TOWN'S UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES (UDO) AT THE APPROXIMATE COST OF \$5,000

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Garland: The only thing I would mention is there is a blank dollar amount in there and I think it needs approximately \$5,000.

Mr. Hester: Okay. I have that! And the general estimate would be a \$5,000 total – could be a little more or a little less. And it's \$12.00 per page and there's 300 pages times \$12.00 --- that's \$3,600. And it would also be put on the internet and we will get 15 or 16 copies of it.....

Mayor:Not at \$12.00 a page, I hope!!!!

Mr. Hester:Well, if anybody else wants any after that, they can get it from the internet at their own cost!

Mayor: Ms. McKinnie, we're going to make it bind it by the word again!!!

Lynn: Well, I figured the Council and the Planning Board needs a copy – at least one has to stay in the Town Clerk's office – plus maybe a couple for the office – and then copies for Ronnie (Grubbs) and maybe Aaron!

Mr. Hester: So, it's still going to run about \$5,000.

Mayor: I understand. We're going to have to do it. This is what we agreed to and we want it that away! Otherwise, we can go back to using the County and we don't want that.

Mr. Garland: And all I was really pointing out was that we put the approximate \$5,000 in there.

Lynn: I didn't have the amounts when I wrote the resolution as the person at Muni-Code was out of town and I just got back with her this afternoon. Sorry.

Mayor: Okay. We'll insert the \$5,000 in the motion if that's okay with you, Brenda.....Approximately \$5,000. We're going forward then. We're going to let them do it.

3. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION #07-_____
TO AWARD CONTRACT TO AUDIT TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 TO GIBSON & COMPANY,
P.A. (AUDITORS)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Each one of you has a copy of the proposal and agreement. The cost is down slightly from last year, is that not correct, Ms. McKinnie?

Lynn: Yes. They reduced the cost about 10%.

Mayor: Do ya'll want to stick with Gibson & Company, who's worked with us in the past?

Ms. Welch: I think they are doing a good job.

Lynn: They really put forth the effort to keep everything on the up and up.

Ms. Mabe: I see no reason to change. So I make a motion that we accept this contract to audit the Town of Walkertown accounts.

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT TO AUDIT TOWN OF WALKERTOWN ACCOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 TO GIBSON & COMPANY, P.A. (AUDITORS) FOR THE PRICE OF \$13,770

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: RALPH LANDRET

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION #07-_____
TO ADOPT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A GROUP
SELF-INSURANCE POOL FOR PROPERTY AND LIABILITY
RISK SHARING
Requested by NCLM because we are members of their insurance pool – Workers Comp, Property & Liability, and Group Health

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: You have a spreadsheet before you that is for

Lynn:This is what the town has paid for the last eight to ten years for Property & Liability and for Workers Comp premiums.

Mayor:I don't know why our Workers
Comp premium would be that high – with four workers.....

Lynn:This includes the Council and
mayor, too. You have to include the elected officials, too. They make us
include.....

Mayor:Well.....I don't know if you want
to.....what's the renew.....Well, we got a little time to do it.....but, at any
rate, the renewal date is coming up in June – at the end of June – if the council
wants to do it or if they want to take outside bids before they decide. That's up to
this council.

Ms. Mabe: How long have we been with the
League of Municipalities?

Lynn: Ever since I've been here...over ten
years. I think the town may have started with the League.....no records are.....

Ms. Mabe: It's been a long time. I have no problem
with it.

Mayor: I don't --- except I don't like being in
pools – pools with everybody else.

Ms. Mabe: Well, we've been that way. We've been
that way since before I came on....

Mayor: I understand but I'm saying I don't like
being in pools. If they have bad experience – you pay for someone else's bad
experience. You are assessable. If you read the agreement, it says that they
have the right to assess you.

Ms. Mabe: How many towns are in this?

Lynn: I'm not sure – it seems like I've heard a
figure of 260? I really don't know, though most of the towns in North Carolina
League are in the pool.

Mayor: I'm sure there's quite a few. That's the
bad part about being a self-insured pool is that you always have the ability to be
assessed. If you look on page 6 – the Trustees – I'm assuming you've read it.
But it says, '*No member by reason of being a member of the fund and
contributing to the fund shall be liable to the fund or any other member or
claimant except for the payment of the premiums and contributions and for any
necessary additional assessments levied by the trustees of the fund.*' So any
time you are in a pool, you could be levied assessments. That's the only bad part
about it. We've got a very clean operation, rather innocuous. We have no
maintenance, other than one person. We have no police. We have no fire. We
have no exposure so that's just the only thing to consider. I'm just asking you to
consider that – that's all. I'm not saying it's good or bad as long as we don't get
an assessment, it won't cost us any money.

Ms. Mabe: Have we ever been assessed?

Mayor: I don't think so. To my knowledge, we
haven't. I'm just pointing out that's the only pitfall that I know of in being involved
with – anytime you are in a pool, a self-insured pool. It's not like you get a
premium from an insurance company and I'm not lobbying to write the insurance
because as I told Ms. McKinnie, I would not – wouldn't have anything to do with
writing the insurance...but I'm just pointing that out. Since that happens to be my
line of work. It's --- chances are, that we won't be assessed but we need to
realize that you could be assessed..... At the end of the year, if they've had a

bad year, they could come back and assess based on the premiums that you pay.

Ms. Mabe: Has this always been in the agreement and the council has approved before.....?

Mayor:I'm sure it has. All self-insured funds have that.

Lynn:And it does affect us to the point that if there are a lot of claims, your premium does go up.....as any other insurance company would do. But on the same scale, if there's not that many claims, your premium could go down.

Ms. Mabe: Do we need to approve this.....??

Mr. Hester:I say we could set it aside until the next meeting, if we have a work session, we could go over it. Everybody study it a little further.....

Ms. Mabe: ...I have no question on this.....

Ms. Welch:If you have anyone else in mind that we could compare to.....

Mayor:Well, you can always get other quotes if you want to. I'm not suggesting you do that, but it's an option – you can do that as an option. It's always best to know your options, but we've had good experience in the past. I just think the council needs to know the possibilities of

Ms. Mabe:We have.....got quotes in the past.....?

Mayor:No.....I say you could get that. We can get the other quotes – just to see what they compare. They may be worse....they may be better. I don't know. I don't have the answer to that, but that's always the possibility to look at. You never know til you examine them to compare it to something.....

Ms. Welch:True.....

Mayor:That's up to the council to what they want to do. If you want to vote on it tonight, or what's the pleasure of the council?

Mr. Hester: Like I said, I move to set it aside until the next meeting and if we want to get estimates, we will get some quotes from another insurance or several insurance companies, compare it and then vote on it at the next meeting.

Mayor: Is that agreeable with everyone to do that? What he said?

Ms. Mabe: I have no problem with it.

Ms. Welch: Yes. As long as it's not your insurance company. (Just picking!)

Ms. Mabe: I'll be surprised if the quotes are any different.

Mayor: I don't have a clue. I really don't.

Ms. Mabe: We'll wait and see. We'll wait til the next meeting.

WITH MOTION BY WAYNE HESTER AND SECONDED BY SARAH WELCH AND BY CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL, THIS TOPIC WILL BE CONTINUED TO NEXT MEETING WITH NO ONE CHARGED TO GET NEW INSURANCE RATES.

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
ORDINANCE #07-_____
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE MAYOR THE RIGHT TO PROCLAIM
A STATE OF EMERGENCY (IN CATASTROPHIC PERIODS)

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Give us a little background on this, Ms. McKinnie. I think you had this.

Lynn: This came from the meetings of the Safety Partnership and FEMA / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT groups that I go to. All the other towns in Forsyth County have adopted this and so they asked if I get it approved here in Walkertown.

Ms. Mabe: I have a question.....

Lynn: It's just to make the mayor feel like he's God!!! (ha ha)

Mr. Hester: Well, if that's the case, we'll just go ahead and do what's already been done, all right?????

Mayor: The clerk is the only one that has any authority anyway!! Everybody knows that!!! It's a known fact!!

Ms. Mabe: The fact is, if you're out of town and the mayor's out of town, does Ms. McKinnie have the authority to take his place?

Lynn: AAAAAAAAAAAAAACKKKKKKKK! NO! However, I didn't put that in there but we probably should have something where the mayor pro tem takes over.....

Mayor: Well, if the mayor and the mayor pro tem is not there, it's probably a pretty bad disaster and I don't guess it would really matter at that point!!

Mr. Hester: Since the mayor's not here, then the mayor pro tem gets to play that, right? Okay!!

Mayor: If (IF) permitted by the clerk!!!!

Mr. Hester: Okay. I'm going to make the motion and get rid of this.

MOTION: **TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE MAYOR THE RIGHT TO PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY (IN CATASTROPHIC PERIODS) AND IF MAYOR IS NOT ACCESSIBLE, THE MAYOR PRO TEM SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT**

BY: **WAYNE HESTER**

SECOND: **BRENDA MABE**

VOTE: **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
ORDINANCE #07-_____
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS OF THE TOWN OF
WALKERTOWN REGARDING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF
THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – BUDGET
AMENDMENT #6

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This is a budget ordinance amendment and if everybody will turn to this and look at these items.... If you'll look at the worksheet here, we've got some expenditures that are not in the budget that's got to be moved around to take care of them. Two of which are property purchases that have been discussed and we need an ordinance to move this money, is that correct, Ms. McKinnie? Is that what this is doing?

Lynn: Yes – costs for what have been approved to be purchased.

Mayor: Moving \$445,821.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Trust Account.....

Lynn:No. Moving it from the CMT Trust Account to the Contingency --- and then from the Contingency into the different Line Items I've listed on the last page.

Mayor: And the line items would be the property purchase and the repair and update of property, which would be a total of \$445,821. And you see the breakdown on the back page.

Ms. Mabe: Yeah, you can see she's got the breakdown where you take it out and put it in....

Mayor: This includes the accident – that figure's slightly inflated by a thousand dollars. That should be \$239,000 for the old fire station building, for the Griffith property should be right about \$146,000. The Gant lots was actually \$44,000 because we've already paid a thousand.

Lynn: But I have to put that money back into the line item I took it out of. Most of this is money not budgeted for this year's expenses.

Mayor: We had a Level I inspection on the Maintenance facility - \$1378 – and there was upfit expense at Town of \$5,000 – so that brings it up to the \$445--- that we're moving.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED -- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR OPERATIONS OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN REGARDING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – BUDGET AMENDMENT #6

BY: BRENDA MABE

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Mabe: Thank you, Ms. McKinnie, because she wrote it down so we can see exactly where it is going. She did a great job. Thank you.

7. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

STREET POLICY

- * Policy for Acceptance of Streets into Town Road System
- * Paving and Repair for spring 2007

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Mabe: Ralph and I have been discussing this – and I talked to Mr. Bell, too. Ralph and I have been riding around and we've made some recommendations about paving and other things, too. And Mr. Bell told me he had bids in on Martin Street... Isn't that correct, Mr. Bell?

Mr. Bell:Not bids....I have an estimate....

Ms. Mabe:Okay. We've got that. And Ralph and I have been riding around. This is just the first stage –

Mayor:Let me interrupt you slightly.....

You're talking about specific streets. This item here is for a policy.....

Mr. Bell:There's actually two pages, Mr. Mayor. What the first page is the policy issue we've been talking about and then the second page is potential paving repair items.....

Mayor: Let's deal with the policy. We said last month we would deal with the policy this month and I don't know if you are ready to do that – this is what we talked about – the percentage contributed by citizens or by the town – the amount of road frontage that would be covered – and any optional additional amount. How did ya'll want to handle that, council? Are you prepared with your percentages?

Ms. Mabe: Well, I had read – I had called around and Lewisville had paid 80% of the cost – and I have a problem with that. And Ralph and I had talked. In the past, the town didn't pay anything – but I don't think that's fair either. So I would like to suggest 30% - the town comes up with the money, if the street does not meet the requirements. And I recommend 30% the town pays, and the resident pays 70% --- if it does not meet the state requirements. I know in the past, this town, we wouldn't do anything.

Ms. Welch: Is this the policy that we want to accept?

Mayor: These are just.....

Ms. Mabe:These are just some suggestions.... We've not really made.....

Mr. Bell:These were the numbers out of that policy that the council looked at. These are the numbers if the council wants to contribute a percentage and so forth.

Mayor:We asked the manager to compile a summary, which we were going to review it from last meeting, if my memory serves correctly and then we were going to take bits and pieces from that summary and form a policy. Wasn't that the way we left it?

Mr. Bell: Yes. We looked at all the policies the last couple of meetings and these were sort of the pieces that were missing.

Mayor:Right.....Some of them paid 50%... This one paid 80%... And Brenda's suggestion – she thinks 30% would be more along the line.....

Mr. Bell:Yes..... And the 80% was a **temporary** policy that Lewisville only had for a short period so that wasn't an ongoing..... Rural Hall pays nothing.....

Mayor:It was bringing.....everybody up to speed at one time.....and then move forward.

Mr. Bell:Rural Hall.....currently pays nothing for any of them.....

Ms. Mabe:I have talked to someone up there. And Kernersville – I think they pay all of it..... Don't they pay.....???

Mr. Bell:I didn't talk to them.....I'm not familiar with what they do.....

Ms. Mabe:I can't remember what the man said but anyway, because I called and asked them about their paving – what their policy was and they said the last couple of years they had started paving because they realized paving projects were going up – and the longer they waited – and – they needed to use their funds. And we've got funds that we have not used. This town has not used funds and just like the funds in the past on some things that we haven't used and we almost lost them so I think it's important that we get streets listed and taken care of. There's a lot of streets in this town has not been taken care of.

Mayor: Well. Do we want to set a policy as a permanent policy or temporary policy? Let's establish that first.

Ms. Mabe: I would like to go temporary. And then see how that works out.

Mr. Hester: Temporary.

Ms. Mabe: I would recommend that.

Mayor: All right. Ya'll want to look at a temporary policy. Somebody...you making that a motion?

Mr. Hester: I make a motion that we adopt a temporary policy and I would like to have it clarified a little more than this before we really vote on it.

Mr. Garland: I don't mean to talk for Ron but I think what Ron was saying was that these are the lists and now including the temporary ____, of the controversial points of the actual policy. This isn't the policy itself.....

Mr. Bell:this is just the mathematics of the policy that we were looking at.....

Mr. Garland:So if you come up with it, you would then get the actual policy at the next meeting.

Mr. Hester:So we're not voting on a policy..... We're just voting on whether we make it..... temporary orpermanent.

Mayor:We have a motion on the floor to craft a temporary policy.

Ms. Mabe: And I second the motion that we make a temporary policy.

Mayor: Temporary policy. Now – is there any further discussion about being temporary versus permanent? I'm assuming that is the only versus.....

Mr. Garland:Excuse me, Mr. Mayor – unless you were thinking of a separate question, you probably want to go ahead and set whatever time period that is.....

Mayor:What's temporary and what's permanent? That's a good thought! What do you want to call "*temporary*", Mr. Hester?

Mr. Hester: Three years.

Mayor: For up to a three-year period, he says.

Mr. Hester: Well ... or until the next council changes it!!!

Ms. Mabe: Would it be recommended on a yearly basis or.....? How would you

Mr. Bell:I'm not.....I think Lewisville..... There was only one incident – and Steve could speak to that – I think Lewisville was a year and half.....?

Mr. Garland: It was two or three..... I don't know which. One of the things to consider, of course, would be if it is three years – that gives you three years to stretch out the paving over --- meaning, if it's one year, for example, and I don't know how many roads there are, but – and they all came in at once, then you'd be sort of pressed to make sure all that happens at one time. If it's three years, you could stretch it out over three years – or two – whichever you like.

Ms. Mabe: Thank you for clarifying that.

Mayor: For three years – are we saying, we would have up to three years to act on this temporary policy? Is that what you're saying?

Mr. Hester and Ms. Mabe:Yes.....That's right.....Yes.....That gives us the opportunity to get it done.

Mayor:To participate.....? That's the three years?.....Any further questions about it being a three-year, temporary policy?

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A THREE-YEAR TEMPORARY POLICY FOR PAVING AND ROAD REPAIR

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Now, percentage-wise, we need to give Ron the feedback so he can plug the percentage in. What percentage do you want the town to pay during this three-year window and what percentage do you want the citizens to pay?

Ms. Mabe: Well, I already stated mine. I'm for 30% for the town and 70% for the citizen.

Mayor: You made a statement earlier that kind of confused me a little bit because you said, '.....*If roads meet state standards...*'

Ms. Mabe: Well, for example, we take another section in and that street does not meet state standards, we're gonna pave that street under the same policy as we do this one?

Mr. Garland: Now, remember, again, we've got a number of different situations here. The first one – the one you're addressing with this policy, as I would understand it, a street that's been dedicated to the public but was never accepted by the D.O.T. or by you and now is in a situation where you wouldn't accept it because my guess is you have a policy that says you won't accept streets for maintenance unless they meet D.O.T. standards or Walkertown standards. Okay?

Mr. Hester: Correct!

Mr. Garland: So, then the question is, it has to be brought up to standards what will you do? Now, what you're saying is for three

years, you'll take petitions from people who live along those streets to see whether or not you will bring them up to some standard that you agree to. So, that's one set. In your situation, if that's the type of street that's brought in but it were brought in after the end of the three-year period, they would not have the same right. If it were brought in during the three-year period, they would have the same right. If, however, it was a street that D.O.T. took over, but now had fallen into disrepair – my experience has been, although it's not *my* experience – it's the experience of Lewisville that I just happened to hear at the meetings – is that generally D.O.T., if it has already accepted the street for maintenance, will do the maintenance required to get it to an acceptable level before you take it in. So, again, as you talk about the streets, and I know it's tough for me to think about so I'm sure it's tough for everybody to think about, it's difficult to divide out those situations but you need to because it's only going to be those streets that have never been accepted for public maintenance that are going to be the subject of this policy.

Mayor: Otherwise, they would already be included.....

Mr. Garland: That's right. Otherwise, D.O.T. would either be trying to hand them off to you because they would like to get them off their system or you would have already accepted them for maintenance.

Mayor: Okay. With that in mind, let's decide on a percentage. We've got one suggestion of 30%, which seems low. Is that what ya'll want?? Council – decide!!

Mr. Bell: The next part is, what you're talking about now would be a maximum of 30%, for instance. The next part factors in the road frontage that's in and out of town – so if only half of it was in town, and you adopted the second paragraph with the percentage then only 15 – the town would only pay 15% of the total because only half of the property is in town and the maximum the town would pay would be 30% - if all of the residents were in town. Now, we can leave, if the council doesn't wish to have that pro-rated part, we can – that would change it but just so you are aware, this is actually, the way it's presented, a maximum amount we would pay.

Mayor: It's not exactly cut and dry.

Ms. Mabe: And every street's different so you sort of have to ----- That's a problem we have.....

Mr. Hester:But, we're going to treat everybody the same.....

Mayor:One of the main.....areas that ...we talked about up on those streets where Larry and them lived, there's people that are in it and there's people that – vacant lots – that are outside the town and the road runs in front of all of them.....That's the problem we're faced with....How to deal with that??

Ms. Mabe:And then we have Some streets, only so many feet are in the town.....and the rest of the street is not in the town..... So.....

Mayor:Right..... So.....

Ms. Mabe:It's sort of hard.....

Mayor:Let's ...get Ron a pro-rated..... do what, Ron???

Mr. Bell:The secondpartwould.....then give you the ability to pro-rate it because some were not and

some were. Now, there is a third part where there is an optional amount that the council could elect to provide on a case by case basis. If there is a particular situation where the council feels that the guidelines are too strict, for some reason, there is a reason to --- that you should participate more, that would give another way to do that on a case by case basis.

Ms. Mabe: Well, when we were looking at the streets, Ralph and I rode down Summit and one side's in and the other side isn't. And then the first part of the street's in – the in part – even though it's not in – so it's really hard to make a street policy for this town.....

Mayor:It is difficult.....This is a tough thing.....But, remember, it's a temporary three-year window to try our best and our whole goal is to bring the level up. We're trying to raise the whole paradigm of the streets in Walkertown.....

Ms. Mabe:Yeah.....yep..... And we've got lots of streets that have not been touched since we took them in.

Mayor: That's true.

Ms. Mabe: Ralph and I have been riding out and looking at them.....

Mayor:So.....Do I.....hear you saying you are ready to set a percentage that the town's willing to pay for these streets to help bring them up --- or are you not ready tonight?

Mr. Garland: Okay and you'll have a second bit at the apple when the _____. Ron's looking for some guidance now.

Ms. Mabe: Well, I was going to ask you – if we start out at 30% and see that we need to increase it, we could do that again.....

Mr. Garland:You could change it.....

Ms. Mabe:So if we could start off, you might think it's low, but we then could always increase it later if we see that it is needed.....

Mayor:I do feel that it's low. I think 30% to assist the residents is a small amount. I do. I do.

Ms. Mabe:I agree..... Well, maybe if we say 40%.....

Mayor:I think 40% or 50% would be more reasonable.....

Ms. Welch:I'd say 50%.....

Mayor:But.....

Ms. Mabe:But.....like you said, we could - individual streets – we could even change and do even more, if it's a problem. I don't want to put a blank thing and say, '*Every street has to do it this way.*'

Mayor:This gives us a starting point....

Mr. Bell:I could bring the council a range of examples – I didn't want to weigh you down with a bunch – but there's a range of 30-50% - I can give you two or three examples of if this paving project costs this much, then this is how much we would pay – factor in the road frontage in and out of towns so you could see some dollars attached.

Mayor:Well..... I don't know.....

Ms. Mabe:Well, why could we not make a....

Mayor:I don't know what's running a foot but we're talking \$300 a \$1,000 versus \$500 a \$1,000 – so

Ms. Mabe:Why don't we say between 30-40-50% based on the street --- can we do it that way?

Mr. Garland: You know, again, the whole benefit of a policy, though – I think you can use the third item on here to make some of these distinctions. I think the idea of a policy, though, at least the way it worked in Lewisville, was people like the folks over here who will now go out and get their neighbors together and petition you all to take the street – I think that's the first step, okay? And they need to know what the minimum is going to be that the town would pay so that they would do it. The third one is going to give you that sliding scale that as long as you can make ---- you know, I wouldn't use that as just a – just something you can do on a whim – I think you're going to have to show a reason so that if somebody else had the same reason, you'd have to do the same thing. But I think as a policy, it's good to set – not a sliding scale – but an actual dollar, you know, an actual percentage. And then if you're going to deviate from that, you'll have that capability of deviating from it according to this third procedure – but then, you're going to have to spell out why you're deviating from it so that in another case you can say, '*This case is just like the one*' you deviated because we show the same things so we'll do the same thing here. Or we deviated from our policy because of this – this new case doesn't have that factor in it and we're not going to deviate there. So I would think you do need to have a general rule – not a sliding scale percentage – and then use this third factor to go ahead and make those distinctions.

Mayor: So this literally just sets a cap on it.

Mr. Garland: Just sets a cap, yeah.

Mayor: No one would have to pay more than "X" number of dollars – you could use that as a catch... That would be under item 3. So do you want to give Ron that we could still change once we adopted some guidelines on a percentage to use?

Mr. Garland: --- And that would be???

Mayor: It takes a motion to do that.....

Ms. Mabe: Oh! I make a motion

Mayor:It takes a motion....and following that motion there should be a percentage.....

Mr. Landreth: I say 50%....

Ms. Mabe: I'll go with 50%.

Ms. Welch: I agree with 50%..

Mayor: All right. We got 50/50% right here. We got a motion and a second (Mr. Landreth seconded). This will give Ron something to work on.

**MOTION: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO PAY 50%
OF COSTS FOR PAVING/ROAD WORK ON STREETS**
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor: Do we need to deal with Item 2 tonight?

Or #3?

Mr. Bell: Not tonight....

Mr. Hester and Ms. Welch: Nope.....No.

Mayor: You can give us some basic numbers and then we can come back and look at that count number for Item #3 later. I think that would be great because we don't know whether to cap it at \$500 or \$1,000 or it could be capped at \$400 --- I don't know.....

Ms. Mabe: And on the second page, all the roads are exactly the ones Ralph and I have been looking at – so it's everything that's needed, so there's nothing ----- We need to take care of the streets.....

Mr. Landreth: There are a few streets that need to be upgraded.....

Ms. Mabe:Yep.....But Depot, now, I'm going to tell you – now, that's got me --- I fell in the hole on Depot! And Ralph and I – we're going to go look at some more.

Mayor: Well, we'll work on the streets. We've got the percentage here. We've got a policy to get moving on to where it can be put together. We should be able to finalize this at the next meeting. And that'll be in time for any paving to be done and to where we can still have through the summer to work on that.

8. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
POLICY FOR DONATION REQUESTS FROM
GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This is some forms for a policy – we've had several requests from different groups and organizations for money and this is some possible forms if you'd like to use something like this. Contact person, what's the money to be used for, this is the type of form that has been proposed – more like a grant application?

Ms. Welch: Right. Could be.

Mr. Garland: Yes. I talked with Ron and Lynn and also the – basically, you have some constraints, and I think Lynn as the Financial Officer, will tell you – you're only supposed to allow other people to spend money on things that you can spend money for. So, the grant application provides a place for folks to come and ask you, and tell you, what they're going to use it for so you can determine that they're going to use it for something that you could spend the money on yourselves – number one. Number two, it sets up procedures whereby they promise that they will get you information then at the review stage, you'll get their budget information so that you can see how they've handled themselves financially over the past few years. And, also, there's a certification where you get promises that they'll have to pay the grant back if they don't show you where the money got spent in the way that you granted it to them – for the purposes that you granted it to them for. So this seemed to me to be a sort – and, Lynn, I don't know if you've had a chance to look at it, but this seemed to me to probably meet those requirements that you would have to have for a financial officer to be able to say that the money was properly spent in the same way the town would have spent it if it decided to do so itself. It basically provides for accountability on these grants is what it does. And, again, if this actual language was language used by another county.

Mayor: Okay. What's the pleasure of council?
Do you want to adopt this form to be used for grant requests?

Ms. Welch: I thought they looked very good – thorough.

Mr. Hester: For what you were talking about, Steve, this would be about like when we’ve had a request before and people would say they were going to use something for a specific purpose and we can say, ‘Okay. When you bring us a receipt showing this was done for that.’ Then we can pay.....

Mr. Garland:And, again --- you all have done that but there’s been no formal process and I always think it’s good that if somebody signs something saying they’ll do something, and then says they’ll pay it back if they don’t do it, and you ever want to enforce one of these things – I feel, Amy will obviously feel much better enforcing it if somebody’s actually signed this and you’ve had a chance to look at it from the beginning.

Mr. Hester and Ms. Welch: I like it.....I like it. You’ll have something in writing.....

Mayor:Well, we need a motion to deal with it.....if you want to adopt it.....

Mr. Hester:Motion that we accept this...

Ms. Welch:Grants.....and the financial..... I second!

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE GRANT AND FINANCIAL REQUEST FORMS AND OUTLINES AS PROPOSED BY ATTORNEY GARLAND

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
APPROVAL OF THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN
 Per request of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and City-County Planning Board

Mayor: Who is going to speak to this issue?

Lynn: Marilyn Moniquette-John is here to talk to us about this.

Marilyn Moniquette-John: I am a staff member of the City-County Planning Board and I worked on the Park Plan. I also worked on the Walkertown Plan. On Legacy, our comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2001, recommended that a comprehensive Plan be done for parks and open spaces for the whole county including all the municipalities. So we began work on this Plan and 2004 and 2005, we drafted a Plan and we sent to all municipalities for comments. We got back comments; we had public hearings throughout the county and amended the Plan. Subsequently, in 2006, Winston-Salem adopted the Plan and the county adopted the Plan. In November, 2006, I forwarded the Plan to all the other municipalities and asked them to adopt the Plan and we already have a couple of them that have adopted the Plan – Rural Hall and Tobaccoville, and Lewisville is going to adopt it in April. Meanwhile, in 2006, we worked on the Walkertown Plan and what we did is we incorporated the recommendations of the Park Plan into the Walkertown Plan. So when you

adopted the Walkertown Plan, you, in fact, adopted also the main recommendations that were in the Park Plan. So this is really just a formality to ensure that the Plan is adopted by all the municipalities as well as the county. So this is what we're asking you to do – to adopt the Plan. And once all the municipalities have adopted the Plan, we'll then publish it and this is the document and then we will make it available to all the county. But in fact we used the information that was in here – in doing the Walkertown Plan – and making the recommendations for Parks and Open Space in the Walkertown Plan.

Mayor: Does anybody have in questions? Thank you very much. As she said, our Land Use Plan incorporated that so we should be pretty much know what's coming and what's going on with it. Is there a motion to adopt?

Mr. Hester: Motion.

Ms. Mabe: Second.

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN /WINSTON-SALEM AND FORSYTH COUNTY

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: This is Waste Management program.....

Mr. Bell: This is a program that was brought to us by Waste Management – it's some of their public relations efforts. They basically are training their drivers to watch the neighborhoods they're in more often than most any other delivery service other than the postal service so basically all they need is the council's approval to adopt this plan and they will proceed to have their drivers, will get certain numbers to their driver, and the driver will begin officially watching areas, although apparently, they've sort of done some of this anyway. So basically just needs an approval from the council for them to officially begin it and they're just another set of eyes that knows the neighborhood and is paying attention, particularly during the day when some people are not at home.

Mayor: Okay. Is there a motion to approve what they're trying to do, to help us with our.....

Ms. Welch:I make the motion.....

Mr. Landreth: ...Second.....

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT "WASTE WATCH" PROGRAM AS PRESENTED BY WASTE MANAGEMENT SECURITY

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

• **FEBRUARY, 2007**

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: Wayne, do you have anything to tell us at all?

Mr. Hester: Nope! Just going to move some of that money over to a part where we can start spending it – that’s the main thing!! And we have the money there – the Board has approved tonight to approve it so I move that we accept the financial statement as is.

Ms. Mabe: Second it.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
MAINTENANCE BUILDING PROPERTY

DISCUSSION:

#1

Mayor: This is the maintenance facility. This is to declare the maintenance building property – we discussed this at the last meeting – we did not act on it, officially – so I was instructed! We are to declare it as surplus property and to acknowledge the bids received on it. So we do have before you a resolution to declare the maintenance facility at 2420 Ayers Blvd. as surplus property.

Mr. Hester: I make a motion that we declare the property as surplus property – the old maintenance building.

Mayor: Okay. Motion to declare the maintenance facility at Ayers Blvd. as surplus property. Is there a second?

Ms. Mabe: Second.

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT 2420 AYERS BOULEVARD AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: BRENDA MABE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

#2

Mayor: Also, at the same time, we discussed taking bids – allowing bids – and we have a bid on that property at the same time – it’s come in this week...and the bid...while we did not set a minimum – this bid is at \$285,000 for that property. This can set in motion the bidding process – meaning we can advertise once we take a bid – this does not mean we’re locked into this bid. We discussed this – Steve and I discussed this

again tonight. This would be a **starting** point – we could later come back and reject this bid. Is that not right, Steve? Isn't that what we said?

Mr. Garland: That's correct, although the question would be whether or not – I thought I had heard some.....

Mr. Hester:Yes..... We had discussed \$300,000 and we didn't make it official – just like not declaring the surplus so I would like to make a motion that we change that to a \$300,000 minimum bid and I understand that Mr. Rumburg has said that he would start off with a \$300,000 bid.

Mr. Garland: Right. And that was my understanding, as well. The only thing I would add to that would be that – have no real problem with the resolution except that I think in order to be able to say that you're accepting a bid that we need to have a similar little one-page contract like we've had on the well lots.....

Mr. Hester and Mr. Landreth:Right.....right.....

Mr. Garland:So that it would be your understanding under this resolution that you would be receiving a contract that I think Amy is going to draft based on that well lot contract for \$300,000.....

Mr. Hester:For a minimum \$300,000 and that it would be for upset bid after that.....

Mr. Garland:For upset bid.....with the understanding with the Institute of Government confirming that the statute says you may reject all bids and the Institute of Government says that means you can reject even the bid that starts the process..... So it is with that understanding that you are making this motion.

Mr. Hester:Correct.....

Mr. Garland:Just want to put that in the record, that's all.....

Mr. Hester:Correct..... For a \$300,000 bid and.....

Mayor:One question I have for you, Counselor. Can – this is, we discussed on the advertising of the property - this can be very intense – over and over, competitive. Is it possible to include advertising costs as part of the upset bid?

Mr. Garland: I think the way to do that is this – if the contract for the bid provides that, if successful, the bidder will pay - in addition to the bid – any costs of advertising after the first advertising. Then each new bidder is going to have to be bound by the same contract the original bidder contracted for, so, yes, I believe you could because then it would be a term of contract. That would be the only way I think you could do it because otherwise there's really nothing in the statute that says that you can just add it on or anything like that. But I think if you made it a term of contract, then each new bidder is deemed to have bid the property based on that contract, which is why I wanted to have that contract actually. It's going to be deemed to have the same terms as that contract --- I think it says "as is" and a lot of other stuff, too. And, so if they do that, then **their cost would be the bid plus any advertisements over and above the first one** because I think the first one should be on the town. I mean, that seems to be a requirement of the statute.

Mayor: Yeah. I understand that. How do we phrase that in this resolution?

Lynn: I can re-write this later – this one was just thrown together this afternoon when I heard about it.

Mr. Garland: Yeah. As long as the resolution includes that – just like we’ve included the understanding that it’s **\$300,000** and that you’re **able to reject all bids including the first bid**. If the motion is so moved at the end of this, it would also include the provision that **any advertising costs over and above the first advertising costs would be paid for by each of the subsequent bidders** [Clarified by subsequent discussion – see mayor’s remarks in response to form Mayor Jumper below.] would be included. Again, ‘So moved’ might get ya!

Mr. Hester: So moved.

Mayor: So, does everybody understand what we’re doing on the advertising costs? Everybody together?

AGREEMENT BY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor: Okay. We got a move – do we have a second?

Ms. Mabe: Second.

Mayor: Okay. We already declared the property as surplus. This is setting a new minimum bid of \$300,000 with the upset bidder paying the cost of advertising, which would be affixed to the bid price.....

Mr. Hester:Subsequent to the first bid.....

Mayor:Well, that would be the only upset..... Can’t be an upset on the first one..... Has to be the second.....

Mr. Garland:Based on the contract form that you’re going to receive with a \$300,000 bid.

Mayor: That’s correct.

Mr. Hester: And the right to reject any bid.

Mr. Garland: That’s right. Including the right to reject any and all bids, including the bid that initiated the process.

Mayor: And that will be in that contract, right?

Mayor: And I assume all this wording with about the upset bidding for the advertising costs will be included

Mr. Garland:in the contract itself.....

Mayor:Probably a brief sentence in that – as few words as possible. Remember, we still pay you by the word!!!

Mr. Garland: ...Right..... Well, you know!....

We charge by the word so there may be 20 or 25.
(JOKING)

Mayor:Okay. Everybody squared away on that – what we’re doing. We’ve got a motion and second. We declared it as surplus; minimum bid of \$300,000; advertising costs will be included in the upset bid price; and the right to reject any and all bids.

MOTION: RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ON SALE OF THE MAINTENANCE FACILITY LOCATED AT 2420 AYERS BLVD.
(1) SET A MINIMUM BID OF \$300,000 TO START BIDDING PROCESS;

- (2) **ADVERTISING COSTS ARE TO BE INCLUDED IN EACH SUBSEQUENT BIDDER'S COSTS;**
- (3) **TOWN OF WALKERTOWN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.**

BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: BRENDA MABE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Davis then added a last announcement:

Mayor: I did want to remind everybody – this is the last meeting in March. This is Steve's last meeting. Steve --- it's been a pleasure!! You've served us well. Don't be a stranger.

Mr. Garland: I think I have an invitation to Pulliam's at some time, don't I?

Mayor: I think I've got a "due bill" on some hot dogs!

Mr. Hester: And I have to be included on that!

Mr. Garland: It's been a pleasure for me as well and as I've always said, as a lawyer you stand in service to the people who do the real job – the elected officials – and the people who come out and pay attention at the meetings.

Mayor: You've done well and we thank you and we appreciate it! Thank you.

PUBLIC SESSION

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

Public Session was opened at 8:12 p.m.

- (1) Larry Bolden
2029 Chris Dr.
Walkertown

And the one thing --- and we're gonna have to go back to this one street and policy thing. Ya'll are setting a policy and coming up with a policy now after you've done passed out what you were going to do for the people that took annexation. You ain't gonna fix our streets at all – you gonna make us pay for the street repair!! This is the thing I want to address this board – I don't think it's right, okay? My opinion. I've sat here and I've listened and I've listened and you talk about other cities and I don't care what other cities do. I know what that paper said when I got it and I took annexation into Walkertown – to become a citizen of Walkertown. It said it would repair my street – now you're telling me you're not going to repair them, we are going to have to pay at least 50%. Ya'll can annexate – take in the rest of the residents over there – why don't you take them in? I know you don't ---- you said you didn't like forced annexation?....

Mayor: We don't do that, that's right!

Mr. Bolden continued: But you're never going to satisfy all them people out there no way. And you know it as good as you're sitting right there. But my thing

is I'm still aggravated over this what you've give us, the residents that took and accepted annexation to start with, plainly states in the paper that you would repair our streets. Now you ain't gonna do it. Thank you.

(2) Enos Jumper
5028 Klondike Rd.
Walkertown

First, I want to commend you on Item #8 – you probably remember where ya'll are going to adopt the donations – I'm sure most of ya'll remember where the town, some years back, gave \$5,000 to another group. They spent it – completely unaccountable, never returned it. They couldn't even say where it went!! But they came back for more. So I'm thankful to see this come in here. On the maintenance shed – I don't understand this. We've got a minimum --- we want to sell it. We have a minimum we'll take and if somebody comes up and offers us the minimum, why do you want to reserve the right to turn it down? Do we want to sell it or do we not want to sell it? And I believe – I hope – I heard you change. At first, it was saying each time a person did an upset bid, the person that finally bought it paid the advertisement – that would be completely wrong! If everybody pays it, that's okay. And I think ya'll did go back and change that to where everybody does an upset bid. But why would you want the privilege of, after setting a minimum bid – we're wanting to sell it – and you get a good figure, a good offer – say, no, we're going to turn it down. Where will we be then? That person might very well not ever come back. Nobody else ever comes back, then we'll be right where we are now. I hope I'm making a point clear as I saw it. Appreciate your time. Thank you.

Mayor Davis: Before you leave – first of all, the item on the advertisement – it is **not** the **last** person that buys it. That'll be each person that makes the upset bid, pays that cost. Therefore, it's not, "I think I'll just make a bid." There's going to be some cost attached to his bid is what the intent of that was – rather than just having upset bid – because you do get your money back if your bid is not successful, when you put your deposit there. But there would be some costs attached to someone upsetting a bid just for the sake of upsetting it so there would be some costs attached to each person that would place an upset bid. It **would not be just the purchaser of the building at the end**. And on your other question, that is in the North Carolina Statutes that you have the right to reject any and all bids – that wasn't just ours. That's what Steve read to us. That's the reason that was in the North Carolina Statutes of the way to sell it.

Mr. Jumper: If we didn't have a minimum, I could understand it. But by setting a minimum we would take, I don't understand why you want to do it.

Mr. Hester: It's more or less a formality.

Mayor: It's already in there. We didn't create – recreate – the wheel. That's already in the way you sell it by an upset bid process so we're instructed from the Institute of Government – that is part – that you have that right. You don't have to reject any but you have that right. If you'll recall, just a few meetings ago, we had a bid on a piece of property, and we rejected to even take the bid because it was much lower. Obviously, if the bid – which we've got a bid that meets the minimum on this piece of property – we're already, I think, we're in agreement, it's going to meet it. We've already got a minimum.

Obviously, setting a minimum eliminates what you're talking about – the need for it – if we're satisfied with the minimum.

Mr. Jumper: I can see it on the other time on the other piece of property – had not been adopted, the minimum, yet.... So this is great.....

Mayor:Seems like a little overkill.....

Mr. Jumper:Well, it does. I guess it's protecting our property which is good. That's great. And I am withdrawing my promise ---- **I won't be sitting in front of the gate with my shotgun if anybody tries to buy it !!!!**
(LAUGHTER ALL AROUND!!)

(3) Tamara Eccles
2038 Chris Dr.
Walkertown

I want you to please take into account what Larry had to say but while you're establishing your policy based on what you have said tonight – the percentage you're starting with is 50% and maybe considering setting a cap. At least, please look at these caps and the circumstances – how our streets got in the situation that they're in now. The financial burden that you all are talking about setting, even if you try to help us a little bit, is going to be tremendous for some households. I personally have got another financial medical long-term to have to deal with that just has come up. There are two households, I think – maybe three at the most – two houses and maybe an empty lot – that are not on that Jacki and Chris Dr. At least one says that if it will help, they will sign a petition and be in Walkertown. The other one, I can't catch, to get – be home – to do. The third one, I think, has moved out of town. I don't know where they are but that's a letter that could go out – somebody has access to an address. But I need you all to look at the circumstances. You all have said that we got shafted, looks like, by a developer. That was before I moved into Old Hollow Estates in '91. I was told that, yes, this is a public road – no problem – when we bought and moved down in there. We have patched and sealed and patched and sealed. January, we patched again – out in the cold! It is already coming up again. Look at where we're also coming from. All of the roads didn't start out – every road on whatever list you've got – probably has a different reason as to why and it is so not fair to the residents particularly on Chris, as to why we are where we are now. Not at all!! So, please take all of that into your account when you finally do whatever you're going to do because we do need help!! In all aspects – not just getting it done, but in the finances of getting it done. Thank you.

There were no other speakers and the Public Session was closed at 8:22 p.m.

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

(1) Planning Board Meeting Minutes for MARCH 6, 2007

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- RECYCLING in Walkertown continues every two weeks.
APRIL 2nd, APRIL 16TH AND APRIL 30TH 2007

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (4TH THURSDAYS)

7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:

FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

APRIL	26	
MAY	24	
JUNE	28	
JULY	26	
AUGUST	23	
SEPTEMBER	27	
OCTOBER	25	
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

APRIL 3RD	
MAY 1ST	
JUNE 5TH	
JULY 3RD	*DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
AUGUST 7TH	
SEPTEMBER 11TH	*DUE TO LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
OCTOBER 2ND	
NOVEMBER 13TH	*DUE TO ELECTION DAY
DECEMBER 4TH	

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 P.M.
BY: BRENDA MABE
SECOND: RALPH LANDRETH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Kenneth R. Davis
Mayor