

**SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
6:30 P.M. @ TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY - MAY 6, 2010**

MINUTES

Mayor Doc Davis called the work session meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Present were the mayor, Sarah Welch, Peggy Leight, Wayne Hester, Randy Mendenhall, Lynn McKinnie and Scott Snow. There were no audience members.

1. LEASE AGREEMENT:

- Walkertown Little League – Concession Building

Several very minor revisions or typos to the Little League contract were made and the term date was decided to be May 10th, 2010 through May 9, 2011 with an annual renewal. The most notable change was to add a paragraph which was also included in the Historical Society agreement which allows the Town to use the facility when available.

2. LEASE AGREEMENT:

- Walkertown Historical Society – 3058 Church Street

This agreement was revised with minor changes also. The contract will be sent to Wallace Baird and he can decide the dates to be included in the agreement.

3. NEW HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

- Middle School possibilities after completion of new school
- Review information on new School

Mayor Davis spoke on this topic saying that 123 had voted for the “red” color scheme while 8 had voted for the green. The “old” school colors, of course, had been red and white. The School System will leave the gymnasium building and the existing middle school building will be demolished after the other school gets up to capacity. The mayor had several suggestions for use of the middle school building and the council added their thoughts:

- Meals on Wheels meeting place
- Forsyth Tech classes
- GED classes
- Meeting room for Town Hall
- Shepherd’s Center
- Family Promise Group
- Meeting room for other groups and organizations

Anybody using the building would need to realize that it is not to be considered a permanent meeting facility – at some point, it would be torn down. Questions included:

- Would the town have to have a director if we do anything with the building? For maintenance? For programming? How would we set up the recreational events?
- Who would handle the process?
- How would that be set up? Would the town have to be responsible for that?
- How would insurance and liability be addressed?
- Grants could be pursued and possibly received. (Should have the grant information ready before talking to the school officials).

The council and mayor do not want the building torn down but as it stands, the building will be demolished when the middle school gets so crowded that they have to build the new school. Bill Powell had said that the building could be used as an interim facility until they tore it down. But, Mayor Davis said, Mr. Powell said at the school meeting the building would be demolished within the first 12 months of when the new school opens.

Mayor polled the council as to their agreeability on whether or not we should pursue getting this building?

- Hester Yes
- Mendenhall Yes
- Leight Yes
- Welch Yes

Mayor Davis will be responsible for following up on the school issue.

4. UDO-15 – TEXT AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED BY GARY ROBERTS

- Do we wish to pursue these text amendments?

UDO-15 includes text amendments recently adopted by Winston-Salem. Gary Roberts asked if Walkertown would be interested in adopting the following:

- ▶ UDO #186 – deals with keeping chickens, pigeons, or other fowl within the Walkertown city limits; and
- ▶ UDO #189 – deals with keeping horses, mules, donkeys, goats, sheep, and/or cattle within the Walkertown city limits.

Mayor Davis polled the council as to whether or not they would be interested in considering these text amendments.

- Hester No
- Mendenhall No
- Leight No
- Welch No

This issue will not be brought to a meeting.

OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

5. July 4th Fundraiser for Walkertown area Minister’s group “Soles for Souls” Mayor Davis related that the various ministers in the Walkertown area had been meeting for the purpose of collecting money to purchase shoes for the children affected by the recent earthquakes in Haiti. They were wanting to do something along the lines of an organization called “Samaritan’s Feet”. To raise money, Davis suggested a “yard sale” at the town’s annual July 4th “Hot Dog Day”. He said donations could be accepted from anyone:

- Donations for the yard sale can be stored in the warehouse;
- Nothing can be left after the sale – everything has to go.

Mayor Davis polled the council on whether or not they would agree with the suggestion to allow the Minister’s Group to host a yard sale at the Hot Dog Day:

- Hester Yes
- Mendenhall Yes
- Leight Yes
- Welch Yes

6. Letter to Apartment Complex concerning security issues

The manager said he has not sent a letter as yet on the apartment complex security issues. Mayor Davis requested he send a letter as soon as possible.

7. Town Hall Day – June 16th – Anyone want to go?

(...See Lynn to sign up.....Carpool?....)

The council was polled as to whether or not anyone was interested in attending Town Hall Day in Raleigh on June 16th:

- Hester No
- Mendenhall No
- Leight No
- Welch No

8. Leaf Pick-up Service

There are two options for the Town Council to consider on leaf pick-up:

1. Pick-up provided to all residents, or
2. Pick-up provided on a fee-based service

Option #1 could cost the town \$42,000 for pick-up to an estimated 2,000 homes for a 3-month period. Burning of yard waste would be prohibited for residents.

Option #2 would enable leaf pick-up for residents, as long as the residents paid for it themselves. Only town residents would be allowed to sign up for this service. Yard waste burning would still be available to those residents who did not sign up for this service.

The council indicated they would not be interested in **Option #1** but could be interested in **Option #2** – more information will be provided at another date.

9. Nuisance Costs Update

Various current nuisance cases were discussed with an update being provided for each one.

10. Main Street Truck Restrictions

Main Street is an NC-DOT maintained street, therefore, NC-DOT has the final say on restricting truck traffic through Main Street from NC-66 to Harley Drive. They say “no”.

The manager will check with the town attorney to see what else can be done – to see if there are any other loopholes to make NC-DOT comply with the town’s wishes to restrict trucks from this particular area.

11. BUDGET REVIEW

The budget was reviewed by the council with explanations for any questions asked.

At 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Leight, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, the council went into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues.

- **CLOSED SESSION**

§ 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:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

At 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Hester, seconded by Ms. Welch, the council returned to Open Session.

At 9:11 p.m., on a motion by Ms. Leight, seconded by Mr. Hester, the workshop meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk