

WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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TUESDAY MAY 11, 2004 7:00 P.M.

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MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS:

ITEM #1: CALL TO ORDER @ 7:05 p.m...... By Mayor Kenneth Davis

(1) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present were: Doc Davis
Horace Warner
Wallace Larrimore
Dot Duggins
Toby Linville
Lynn McKinnie
Steve Garland

Absent was: Sarah Welch (ARRIVED AT 7:10 P.M.)

(2) INVOCATION

By Mayor Davis

(3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

By Councilman Wallace Larrimore

ITEM #2: AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES / APPROVAL

Councilmember Warner requested that *ITEM #3 – Resolution #04-010 Direct Clerk to Investigate Petitions for Voluntary Annexation #8* be omitted from the agenda. The council acquiesced to his request.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA BY REMOVING ITEM #2
RESOLUTION #04-010 DIRECT CLERK TO INVESTIGATE PETITIONS FOR
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION #8**

BY: Dot Duggins

SECOND: Wallace Larrimore

VOTE: Unanimous (Duggins, Larrimore, Warner)

PUBLIC SESSION: Please limit your comments to three minutes.

Public Session was opened and closed at 7:10 p.m. with no speakers.

OLD BUSINESS:

SARAH WELCH ARRIVED FOR MEETING AT 7:10 P.M.

ITEM #1: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

- (1) Town Council Minutes for Regular Town Council Meeting of April 27, 2004
- (2) Agenda Setting Meeting Minutes for: May 4, 2004
- (3) Festival Committee Meeting Minutes for: April 28, 2004

DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Warner requested that the three sets of minutes be approved with one motion. The other Councilmembers agreed to this request.

MOTION:

TO APPROVE MINUTES OF

(1) TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES FOR REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2004

(2) AGENDA SETTING MEETING MINUTES FOR: MAY 4, 2004

(3) FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR: APRIL 28, 2004

BY: Horace Warner

SECOND: Dot Duggins

VOTE: Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #1: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

ORDINANCE #04-003

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN ZONING ORDINANCE AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF

WALKERTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA (ANNEXATION #6)

******* PUBLIC HEARING *******

THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO AMEND
THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP
OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
TO INCLUDE ANNEXATION #6

Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to state his or her opinion.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "This involves the property located:

<u>Tax Block</u>	<u>Tax Lot(s)</u>	<u>Address:</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
3010B	2	5034 Sunny Lane	Gilmore
3311	13	4771 Plata Drive	Steele
3239	6A	4110 New Walkertown	Donley

3010C
3250

17
106A

2050 Chris Dr.
4650 Conebury Ln.

Comer
Brown

Are there questions or concerns or comments of the council before opening the Public Hearing?"

Mr. Warner: "Just explain that this is the final step in transfer of authority from City-County over to Walkertown for those out there."

Mayor: "Thank you. That is correct. This Public Hearing that we'll be holding will be to transfer authority for the zoning for these properties. This is the final step. Public Hearing is opened at this time for anyone wishing to speak for or against the zoning of these properties, now is the time."

Public Hearing was opened and closed at 7:13 p.m. with no speakers.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #04-003**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN ZONING
ORDINANCE AND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF
WALKERTOWN, NORTH CAROLINA (ANNEXATION #6)

BY: Wallace Larrimore
SECOND: Dot Duggins
VOTE: Unanimous

ITEM #2: **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION #04-009
TO AWARD FISCAL YEAR 2003-04 AUDIT CONTRACT
TO GIBSON & CO., P.A.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "Each councilmember was given a packet of information concerning the audit. What all does this tell us, Ms. McKinnie?"

Lynn: "This is the audit engagement letter and it gives a list of the charges – what they're going to charge and what they are actually going to cover in the audit."

Mr. Warner: "Since we normally do not take a vote at this meeting, would it be appropriate to suspend the rules that we may move this forward for the town clerk so she can fulfill her duties. We still could do it at the next meeting, if that be the better thing. I would ask her suggestion on that. Would you like it to move forward now or would it be all right to hold it to the next meeting?"

Lynn: "Yes, you can hold it til the next meeting. I just wanted to get it in front of you today because this is the work session meeting."

Mr. Warner: "Okay. Good. That way the public would have an opportunity to check into it."

Mayor: "Any discussion on this since this is the work session?"

Mr. Larrimore: "This is the same auditor we've had for the previous two years."

Ms. Duggins: "This is the final year of the contract...."

Mr. Larrimore: ".....Final year of the contract they've had with us."

Mayor: "Okay. Final year of a 3-year agreement, or contract – I don't know."

Mr. Warner: "It's normally been said that it's best to work on a 3-year, or more than 1-year basis, because the one year they become more or less acquainted with it, working, they can do a better job the next, or such. I don't know as I can guarantee you that's true, but it sounds reasonable. And so that's the reason they spoke this is the third year on a 3-year agreement. Next year, then, I think it would be appropriate that we go out and get all bids on everything

because it can be very -----."

Mayor: "So, this did increase somewhat due to the, what's the new regulations? GASB? Yeah. That's where all the assets of the town, meaning the streets, everything that the town owns, got to be valued and depreciated, whatever, and shown on the books, which we've never had to show the value of the streets before, is that correct? Our bridges, and ---- we don't have any bridges, do we? Any further questions on this?"

NO ACTION TAKEN..... THIS ITEM TO GO ON AGENDA FOR MAY 25, 2004

ITEM #3: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
RESOLUTION #04-010
DIRECT CLERK TO INVESTIGATE PETITIONS FOR
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION #8

THIS ITEM WAS OMITTED WITH NO FURTHER DATE SET FOR INCLUSION ON COUNCIL MEETING DATE.

ITEM #4: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
HOME CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE MEMBERS (List)
Dot Duggins, Chairperson

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "This was the one item we spoke about at the agenda meeting, when we set this item on the agenda to go ahead and finalize this committee tonight, if everyone was in agreement with that. You'll see the list of proposed committee members to this council.
(HE THEN READ THE LIST OF MEMBERS).

HOUSING CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE

- (1) Dot Duggins, Chairperson
3936 Justin Brook Lane
Walkertown NC 27051
595-4125
- (2) Jenny Morris
4565 Camellia Lane
Walkertown NC 27051
595-2755
- (3) Maxine Warren
3960 Philip Road
Walkertown NC 27051
595-8213
- (4) Rudy Hilton
4689 Swain Lane
Walkertown NC 27051

(5) Robert (Bob) Wilson
2224 Wilson Dairy Road
Kernersville NC 27284
595-2420

Mayor: (Continuing) "This committee will be working to work with the Home Consortium that we're a member of to find people who qualify, or possibly may qualify, and direct them toward the housing program that could give them assistance, both from repairs or.....it could be if they qualify for new home purchase, or whatever. But it's something that the Town of Walkertown has been a member of for a number of years and we've, over the years, I believe we calculated last meeting, it was like \$193,000 – something like that – that's been spent on homes around this area. Around \$193,000."

Ms. Duggins: "You might mention, too, that we pay in \$2,000 a year to this and the area always gets back far more in dollars than the \$2,000 we spend out."

Mayor: "That's true. The \$2,000 is to be a member. The assistance is not limited to the town of Walkertown limits. The town of Walkertown residents has priority when there is a need."

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE HOUSING CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE AS PROPOSED
BY: Sarah Welch
SECOND: Horace Warner
VOTE: Unanimous

Mayor: "Get Dot the name/number so this committee can get together with Dan Kornelis as quickly as they can because he is excellent to come out and meet with them. He's the chairman of the Forsyth County Housing."

Ms. Duggins: "I'd like to request that we ask him to come to a regular meeting so that the people that come to the meeting could also hear his explanation."

Mayor: "Good. That would be great! If you'll just line that up – we'll leave it in your capable hands to take care of."

ITEM #5: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
PRIVILEGE LICENSE REVIEW

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "You have your back-up material on this. Do we have some of all of these categories?"

Lynn: "No. Not all of them. I just want to make sure that if ya'll want to make any changes in the charges before I send out the letters – I have got to get those letters out this month to the businesses. So that's why I put it in the agenda."

Mr. Larrimore: "We don't have a fortune teller with less than 10 years experience."

Mr. Warner: "I think we've tried to set a category for any and everything that may come up because, let's say, we go ahead and do this on an annual basis, then someone comes in, the town, of course, then, already has available to go to them or they can secure so that's the purpose of having many on there that maybe we have no one in that category. For example, taxicab driver and limousine – someone may want to move in...."

Lynn: "We do have a taxicab!"

Mr. Warner: "We do now have a ----? Hey, great!"

Lynn: "Triad Cab Company"
Ms. Duggins: "We've had them for some time, Horace!"
Mayor: "Are any of these businesses you want to increase?? Any changes to be made?"
Ms. Welch: "I didn't see any."

MOTION: **TO APPROVE PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE AS SUBMITTED BY TOWN CLERK**

BY: **Horace Warner**

SECOND: **Dot Duggins**

VOTE: **Unanimous**

ITEM #6: **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
STATE EMPLOYEES TELLER MACHINE UPDATE

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Linville: "I met with the president of the Kernersville branch of State Employees Credit Union this morning and she liked the warehouse building facing Main Street; said that was a good convenient location. She took some pictures. They pay for all the construction, running the power, the phone, permitting, all that stuff ---- and pay the electric bill, telephone bill so ---- If they're satisfied with it and you all want to proceed with it, we'll discuss it again."

Mayor: "And you've got clearance to go forward from any place that we'd be stepping over our bounds, like from the county or wherever. You said you were going to check to see if we were permitted

Mr. Linville: ".....Yeah.....It's zoned properly....."

Mayor: ".....Wasn't in violation of anything....."

Mr. Linville: ".....They've got to go through all that process. There's nothing we would have to do."

Mr. Warner: "If I understood him correctly, then, we do nothing but provide a place, is that correct? No responsibility, no cost, no liability?"

Mr. Linville: "That's right. Um mmm."

Mayor: "How soon would they like to get into this?"

Mr. Linville: "They haven't really said. It's something they've been wanting to do for a while. Just pursue it at a normal pace – I don't think they're breaking their necks to make it happen."

Mayor: "So would it be okay to vote on it at the final meeting in May?"

Mr. Linville: "Yeah, I think so. I'll know by then if they like the site."

Mr. Garland: "I think you'll probably want to enter into a lease with them for that property that'll just lay out the different obligations that they have back and forth. And a lease, if it's going to be, my guess would be if they're going to make the investment in the equipment, that they're probably going to want a lease of more than a year and a lease of more than a year actually will require ya'll to have a notice before you can approve that. And, again, I don't mean to intrude here but my guess would be if Toby understands that you want to proceed, I'm not sure that you would need to take a formal vote until you actually got to the lease stage of the transaction."

Mayor: "All right, Steve, are you telling us that we need to get a lease? You and Toby work on drawing up a lease to....."

Mr. Linville: ".....I'm sure they'll have a standard lease....."

Mr. Garland: "...I'm sure they have a standard lease so there's no reason for me to charge ya'll for that."

Mr. Warner: "Anything of that nature would be approved by you, Steve, is that correct?"

Mayor: "Is the council of Toby proceeding to deal with State Employees Credit Union on this matter?"

Ms. Welch: "Do you need a motion?"

Ms. Duggins: "I think we did that....."

Mayor: ".....I think we did that before but I just wanted to be sure that everybody was still together with him proceeding and dealing with it. Yeah. I think we did that – you're right – at the last meeting. Is everybody okay?"

(ALL SHOOK THEIR HEADS IN CONFIRMATION).

Mayor: "Okay, we'll continue then, Toby, if you will, maybe we'll be ready to put it to rest at the end of the month. At the next meeting, okay?"

Mr. Linville: "Okay."

THIS ITEM TO GO ON AGENDA OF MAY 25, 2004

ITEM #7: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: CHANGE OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DAYS FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "Item #7 ---- boy! We've been talking about this one for awhile!! What's your thoughts on this --- change from Tuesday to Thursday."

Ms. Welch: "Well, I like it!"

Mr. Warner: "I have no problem with it. We do take into consideration those that had a conflict on the week of the month that we changed, is that right?"

Mayor: "We've had expressed ---- some people had conflicts on certain Thursdays, so what's your thoughts on having, rather than a work session and we seem to be hashing over everything at the work session and then we hash over it again at the last meeting and vote on it. So how would you feel about having **one meeting a month** ---- say, the last Thursday of the month, and vote on it – hash over the matter and vote on it that meeting. And then, we could have an agenda, or whatever we decide to do otherwise. What would be your thoughts on that? To have, actually, **one town council meeting a month, which would be on the last Thursday of the month???**"

Mr. Warner: "I think it would be good. First of all, we could save some expense, then we would not tie up a public facility here that others may like to use some. They've been very good to us and certainly they have put no pressure on us to make a change. But I think many other small towns, or towns of our size, are able to accomplish theirs in one meeting a month and I think we could, if we desire to do that."

Ms. Welch: "We'd still have our agenda meeting and it would still be open for a workshop too, right?"

Mayor: "Well, we're open right now at this point – we're making a change, we could go any direction, I suppose. If we feel like we need to have it, or if we didn't, or if we need to have more than just a ----- we don't need to get back to two meetings a month if we're going to drop one ... if we feel like we're somewhat redundant at this point....."

Ms. Welch: "We're having three!"

Mayor: "Well, we have two meetings and then a agenda but what's the council's thoughts on having one meeting – one meeting per month on the last Thursday? That seems to be a night that did not conflict with anyone."

Ms. Duggins: "I have no objection."

Mr. Warner: "No objection. And since we won't vote on this tonight, we vote next time, at least the public has an opportunity to give their....."

Mayor: ".....That's true!....."

Ms. Welch: ".....To give their....."

Mr. Warner: ".....To speak to the issue if they have any preference, one way or the other.....
..."

Mayor: "Dot, I'm sorry. I couldn't hear what you said."

Ms. Duggins: "I have no objection."

Mayor: "What do you think, Wallace?"

Mr. Larrimore: "I have no objections. But, like I told you, I've made some plans for the rest of the year based on what we were doing and if it conflicts – it just conflicts!"

Mayor: "Well, I understand that. But we're probably not....."

Ms. Welch: ".....Won't have as many....."

Mayor: ".....Well, we won't have as many but we're probably not starting until maybe late summer, possibly August, I don't know – it's nothing cut in stone. We're scheduled to be here the second and fourth Tuesdays through this year but any help we can give the library on that would be a plus, so.... If we started....."

Ms. Welch: ".....July....."

Mayor: ".....At the, say, the August meeting, for instance – that would give two months, June and July and then we would have a meeting in August, if we did it that a'way. That would give plenty of time, plenty of notice for everybody to become adjusted to it....."

Ms. Welch: ".....Here's one thought for remembering: we have our fiscal end in July...."

Mr. Warner: ".....June the 30th....."

Mayor: "What's..... Do ya'll think you could?....."

Ms. Welch: ".....I could....."

Mayor: "Does this council feel that the one meeting a month would be adequate? Or that, maybe the people here tonight at the close, if someone has a thought along those lines, say you could express it at that time also. We're not trying to cut out meetings if they're necessary but if we're just hashing it over the first part of the month and hashing it over the second part of the month to vote on it, seems a little redundant, so....."

Mr. Linville: ".....If we see that we start having five hour meetings, we can split them back up but as long as the agenda load's no heavier than it is now, it'll be fine."

Mr. Warner: "We have the privilege of the emergency meeting for any need that may come up – not be cared for by going to the one meeting. Plus, I guess, possibly, this would free up some of the manager's time and also the clerk, with the preparation of the agenda and stuff like that, which may not be a big item but certainly would help!"

Mr. Linville: "Means a lot to Lynn and I!"

Mayor: "Well, let's just look tentatively at the ---- what kind of conflict would you have on the --- which would be the last Thursday, the fourth Thursday in August, which would be on the 26, for instance. Would there be a conflict there if we started there? Just suppose."

Ms. Welch: "The 26th? Fine with me."

Mayor: "Does anybody have a conflict with the first one?"

Ms. Duggins: "I don't have my calendar."

Mayor: "Well, just look over the 26th of August and the 23rd of September and see if either one of those ----- that would be the first two, if we started in August. That would give plenty of time for people to adjust schedules and to where it would not be a surprise to anyone. That would give June and July. How does yours look, Horace?"

Mr. Warner: "Fine. I was just thinking, though. This would give enough time now that the public can give consideration – we can vote on it properly at the next meeting and, of course, plan ahead. That gives us two months of notice and planning. The people can go ahead and make their reservation...."

Mayor: ".....Since that would be such a major change, maybe a word of that would drift into the local newspaper ---- who knows???"

Mr. Larrimore: "August wouldn't bother me. It's September and October is what....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....Good fishing weather....."

Mr. Larrimore: ".....My army reunion is falling in there and I've already made reservations."

Mayor: "Don't change any reservations because we understand. This is a change that we're making that you wouldn't be..... I mean, we understand that!....."

Mr. Larrimore: ".....I'm not trying to get you to come to my point of view. I'm just telling you that I've made reservations. I've paid \$160 bucks for reservations and I'm not going to let them not hold that!"

Mayor: "Well, let's just think it over. This is just a work session so just think it over and see how it fits and see if those two dates, for instance, and also the fourth of October, November --- and we may have to do something different in December..."

Lynn: "What about Thanksgiving?"

Mayor: "Yeah. November, too. That's right! We would be a turkey if we met on Thanksgiving, wouldn't we?? But think about those and we'll discuss it. Be ready to vote at the next meeting because we've been talking about this for about two months now so let's be ready to vote at the next meeting. And if that date's not....then come up with a date that suits everyone. Does that suit everybody??"

THIS ITEM WILL GO ON MAY 25TH AGENDA.

ITEM #8: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

FARMERS MARKET UPDATE

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "Toby, you had some information to pass along on this."

Mr. Linville: "Yes. I talked to Daniel Lasley from Walkertown Mill and he said he'd be glad to help host that. And I also talked to Ron Laxton, from Extreme Health & Fitness, who's right beside the mill and he's got that street level parking there where the farmers where could pull their trucks in, sell out of the back of their trucks. And he indicated he' be willing to help, and so, offer that space."

Mayor: "Do ya'll feel that's adequate parking? I looked at that this week and I'm not trying to stymie anyone that's willing to help us but I looked at it and it looks like you either got room for the farmer's truck or you got room for the public. I don't know if you got room for both. And people walk unless you create somebody walking in the streets. So we just want to be sure that we're not creating something that's -----"

Ms. Duggins: "I don't think either place has room for the public and the trucks."

Mayor: "That's what concerns me."

Ms. Duggins: "I prefer to see it at the school or the library and the library doesn't have really enough space for both and it would want to be open on Saturday morning and the library is open on Saturday morning. The school would be the most ideal. Now, Love's Church probably has room enough in the parking lot if you wanted to talk with them. And the Baptist Church probably has room enough if you wanted to talk with them. Both of those, you could pull in and pull out and they're right central. And, plus the school. First preference, I think, would be the school."

Mayor: "What's the other Councilmembers thoughts?"

Mr. Warner: "I think it would be good if we could find a suitable location. One thing I might just kick in, that we'd said earlier. That if we go into this, or if we do have the Farmers Market, we would waive the privilege license fee for the period of the summer. As far as preference, I agree. The school would be the ideal because it's just a quantity of space but there, again, the others have their merit too."

Mayor: "I will touch base with the principal. I didn't want to call him this week, last week and this week. They've been head over hills in testing so I wouldn't want to bother them but let's look on before we make a final decision. I'm not saying ----- we appreciate your checking them, Toby, but I'm a little afraid there won't be adequate parking and be safe to the people we invite. If we're inviting the public to come to something like that, we want to have room for

them to --- rather than being in the street and I'm afraid they won't have that type of room. So, let's look on to this a little longer and maybe by the next meeting, we'll have something more definite on a place."

THIS ITEM TO BE CONTINUED TO AGENDA OF MAY 25, 2004

ITEM #9: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: WALKERTOWN-WICKENHAM PARK PROPERTY

DISCUSSION:

- Mayor: "We're looking at what upgrades need to be done there, if any. Any discussion on this item?"
- Mr. Warner: "I can only say this, based on the initial agreement, we need to proceed with caution. Make sure that everyone's treated fairly and it'll give everyone the same consideration. That's the basic we started out. Then, I'd like to add to it. We need to compliment on what they have accomplished down there. It's just amazing in what they've done. And of course there's been a lot of controversy over this issue over many years and I don't want to do anything that would resort back to any of that unpleasant feeling between any parties."
- Mayor: "Would the council be favorable toward me touching base with the --- or speaking with the people to see what the greatest needs are and come back with that at the next meeting?"
- Ms. Welch: "Yes. I would."
- Mr. Warner: "Um hmmm."
- Mr. Larrimore: "I have some grandchildren playing down there and I've talked to them. Course, I couldn't promise them anything but I at least talked to them and they've talked to me for seven years now. We need to do something for them. They need restrooms -- they need some paving done. They need several things and they are doing a lot of good for a lot of kids."
- Mayor: "Would ya'll be in favor of me just discussing this with them and see what the greatest needs and bringing back to this council on 5/25?"
- Mr. Warner: "I appreciate what Councilman Larrimore has said but, on the other hand I have a reluctance to Walkertown getting into the park business because we do have the best park in the county, that is not our responsibility as far as financing. So, as I said earlier, let's be sure we proceed with caution because a park can get to be a rather expensive proposition and we do want to support what we have. But we also don't want to set a precedent either because if some other group comes to us with some kind of proposal, they need to get equal consideration since we're using taxpayers' money on anything. We did do one thing down there at the park. We allocated out of the recreation fund, \$17,000, to fence the back area of that on the basis that it's town property and that was protection for that. As far as that, I don't know where you draw the line. I'm just saying let's proceed with caution."
- Mr. Larrimore: "That fence, by the way, cost over \$40,000 -- and we put \$17,000 in it. We've got a Powell Bill fund that we could use for paving; we've got Hotel Occupancy fund that we can use for recreation and we've had the whole year and the year-end July, we had in there \$9,000 for recreation and \$9,000 for economic development. Now, we can carry it on for ten years but the only thing we can spend that for is recreation or development for community. So you need to it."
- Mr. Warner: "One thing that I might just enter for thought; that is, to just to avoid a precedent, we may want to establish something like a contribution based on per capita. That way, when anyone else comes, everybody's treated equal. That may not be necessary but that's just one way I approached it. To say this rather than take over responsibility, which our agreement with them is that they take the full responsibility of it. We do not take anything away from any other party to put to one or the other. I think it's a wonderful program -- they have done tremendous things down there. But let's just be careful of what we do, that we do it right and we're able to do for all."
- Mr. Larrimore: "Well, we've spent real careful so far!!"

Ms. Duggins: "I would put this in the same category as when we gave the fire department the \$5,000, which was an outright gift for use of buying the thermal imaging camera. And so, I would say that when we do this, we need to do it with that same idea in mind. It is a gift – and not a payment on anything and not making a precedent that we would be taking over managing the park, or anything like that. We have a contract for twenty years with them. And anything they put there with their money, that they really work hard to raise this money and to develop that park --- everything they've done there, at the end of the 20-year contract that we have, if this council, this town, chose not to sign another contract with them, it all **belongs to Walkertown!** They can't take anything with them."

Mr. Warner: "I like what you've said there and I think any contribution should be in the form of a pledge and when it's used, then, of course, payment be made. I think that would be appropriate. We could do that with anyone."

Ms. Duggins: "Yes. Keeping that in mind that any other organization that wanted to come to us, recreational, that we could take out of this fund, we would certainly entertain and examine and see if we could give them a gift of whatever. It doesn't mean that we're going to give each one the same amount of gift, but we would....."

Mr. Warner: ".....Not the same dollars, but the same....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....But we would consider, yes."

Mr. Warner: "I think that's a good suggestion and I think it keeps us on, what I call, safe ground with all people and with the stewards of the people's money."

Mayor: "So, are we ended up in our final, that we're in agreement, that I talk with them and just see where the needs are? Is everybody in agreement with that?"

Ms. Welch: ".....Right....."

Mr. Warner: ".....And then come back....."

Mayor: ".....And then we'll come back....."

Mr. Warner: ".....Based on the facts, and consider.....accordingly."

Mayor: "....Okay. Okay. I'll speak with them and have it done....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....If you could do that by next meeting....."

Mayor: ".....I'll have that done before....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....So the season will be over before you know it....."

Mayor: ".....So we can do something....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....Something that they can get used to it....."

Mayor: ".....If we want to do it, by the 25th....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....Um hmmm. Now....."

Mr. Warner: "....Let me ask; we do remind ourself that there is five, is there not five acres down there on that property that's still reserved for the use of --- it may be that they might come forth with a need of additional parking space and that we could do to the benefit of both --- with that five acres might sometimes be used for a walking trail or to have people park there....."

Mayor : ".....Parking is scarce....."

Mr. Warner: ".....That's kind of moving it forward too far....."

Ms. Duggins: ".....They're familiar with, you know, that was spelled out in our agreement with them, that these four or five acres – I thought it was four acres. It may be five. But, that they could use it but they could not put a permanent building on it --- anything.... If it did, it could be torn away at some point."

Mr. Warner: "Then, if another organization, such as the Civic Club, came, they would be treated accordingly. Right."

ITEM #10: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS

DISCUSSION:

- Mayor: "I had mentioned to you earlier at the agenda meeting, Keith Grubbs had contacted me from the Civic Club, said they were interested in this as a project, if we would be interested in working with them on this. And that's as far as our conversation has....."
- Ms. Welch: ".....No! Keith Grubbs is in town and will be until Thursday. And he told me Sunday that he would get with me. So he's got two more days and we'll look at them. And I'll bring it back at the next meeting, then."
- Mr. Warner: "What was his thinking on there as far as it being a project? What participation would we have in it?....."
- Mayor: ".....They were seeing the need of us having some better signage for the town – upgrading it, and maybe some more, better attractive, more attractive signs."
- Mr. Warner: "Not just refinishing what's up there?"
- Mayor: "That wasn't discussed."
- Mr. Warner: "I guess what I'm saying is I'd like more detail."
- Mayor: "Well, there hadn't been any details come forward. He just wanted to know – his first comment was if we were interested in them working with us on a project for that."
- Mr. Warner: "They're in bad need of repair....."
- Ms. Welch: ".....They're in bad need of doing something with....."
- Mayor: "Is this council in agreement that Ms. Welch will get with Keith Grubbs and see what can be worked out? Is everybody in favor of that?"
- Ms. Duggins: ".....We need to know what cost it will be to us ---- what they're looking for. We need to be able to approve, this council, whatever they decide they want to do to make sure it's to the standards that we would, this council, that we represent the town and that that would be appropriate."
- Mr. Warner: "Was he also suggesting participation by the other clubs, such as the Lion's Club, other organizations?"
- Mayor: "There was no discussion along those lines that I had with him. It was just....."
- Mr. Warner: ".....We don't rule anyone out, of course....."
- Mayor: ".....I don't know if he was, I don't think he was ---- I got the feeling he was talking about an upgraded sign for the Town of Walkertown, not necessarily a new fence with all the club logos on it. I don't think that's what he had in mind. I don't think he had that in mind at all, Horace."
- Ms. Duggins: "They are probably talking about doing something that's a little more elaborate than what we've got there, but, and with the Civic Club supporting that and financing that, I would say, or they may want us to help finance that."
- Mr. Warner: "I know once before when we were talking about the town sign or the sign by Town Hall, a former councilmember made it something with, what is it? Stressed wood? Where they blasted in there "Welcome to Walkertown" --- something like that. I didn't know whether he had anything like that in mind or not. I know it _____ quite a bit."
- Ms. Welch: ".....Well. I'll let you know the next meeting....."
- Mayor: ".....Ms. Welch will meet with Keith Grubbs and then report back to us on the 25th as to what they've got in mind anyway. Is that okay with everyone?"

ITEM #11: FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

PROCLAMATION:

MAY – WALKERTOWN OSTEOPOROSIS MONTH

DISCUSSION:

Mayor: "This is a proclamation for May is Osteoporosis Month."

HE THEN READ THE PROCLAMATION.

PROCLAMATION

**TOWN OF WALKERTOWN
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FORSYTH**

WHEREAS, Osteoporosis is a debilitating bone-thinning disease in which the skeleton becomes so fragile that the slightest movement can cause a bone fracture and is a public health threat for 44 million Americans, 80% of whom are women. It takes a terrible human toll of death, pain, impaired mobility, and disruption of daily activities and costs our country nearly \$17 billion every year. Its victims lose their independence, and their families share in the heartache; and

WHEREAS, almost 1.27 million North Carolinians were estimated to have either Osteoporosis or Osteopenia (low bone mass) in 2002 while the projected number is expected to increase by 25% by 2010, totaling 1.59 million North Carolinians. The medical costs associated with Osteoporosis for 2005 are estimated to be almost \$514 million for the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Osteoporosis stands as a foremost problem in women's health issues because it is more prevalent among women and has risk factors and interventions which are different for women; and

WHEREAS, one out of every two women and one out of every four men over the age of 50 will suffer an osteoporosis-related fracture; and

WHEREAS, building peak bone mass during childhood and young adulthood is critical to reducing the chance of developing Osteoporosis later in life and a healthy lifestyle can help prevent this disease; and

WHEREAS, methods do exist to detect the disease before fractures occur; and

WHEREAS, the American public is called upon to observe **NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION MONTH – MAY, 2004**, with appropriate programs and activities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Kenneth R. Davis of the Town of Walkertown, do hereby proclaim the month of May as: **WALKERTOWN OSTEOPOROSIS MONTH** and encourage everyone to recognize the importance of Osteoporosis prevention.

Kenneth R. Davis, Mayor

Lynn McKinnie, Town Clerk

OTHER BUSINESS:

Manager Update:

- 1) Awarded sidewalk bid for sidewalk along Main Street from New Street to tie in with Eckerd's: Evans & Sons came in at \$19,033. They were our lowest bidder. The highest bidder was \$38,000. And that'll begin as soon as the paving is done.
- 2) The paver paved New Street and Friendly last week.
- 3) We were going to talk about a subdivision amendment and that was going to be on the Planning Board's next agenda and at that time I did have time to advertise and I waited til

yesterday morning – and I don't have time to advertise now. So that's going to be pushed back to June so it will be June before we can talk about updating the UDO on who has final authority on subdivisions.

- 4) The Planning Board did approve at their April meeting, the sidewalk amendment so that all new residential subdivisions have to put in curb, gutter, and one side of the street sidewalk. And that's approved and done and it's the rule now. And that will be on every future site plan for residential subdivisions.

Ms. Duggins: "And that authority is with the Planning Board, not us."

Mr. Warner: "It is for now, but we asked also to have that provision made so it would be keeping with Lewisville, Kernersville and Clemmons."

Mayor: "That's what we're talking about, the UDO change."

- 5) Laura Grubbs, Keith Grubbs' daughter, has been nominated for SADD student of the year – North Carolina. She's also a member of Carver's Junior ROTC and that group won three national trophies this year in competition.

PUBLIC SESSION: Please limit your comments to three minutes.

Public Session was opened at 8:00 p.m.

- 1) Steve O'Ferrell
4783 New Walkertown Road
Walkertown
Mr. O'Ferrell had a suggestion to use the field next to Hardee's and Winn-Dixie for the Farmers Market.
- 2) E. A. Jumper
5028 Klondike Road
Walkertown
Mr. Jumper asked if it would be the **last** or the **5th** Thursday of the month for the meeting.
- 3) Jerry Lineberry
5021 Wrangler Dr.
Walkertown
Mr. Lineberry wondered about Land Use Committee meetings – were they the 1st and 3rd Thursdays?
- 4) Patrick Hennigan
Glenwood Company
Mr. Hennigan invited townspeople and businesses to the grand opening of Lowe's Foods and the Shopping Center on May 19th at 8:00 a.m.

Public Session was closed at 8:06 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

05-25-04 7:00 p.m. Library Auditorium

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

05-17-04 4:00 p.m. Town Hall – Pre-Meeting Session
05-18-04 3:00 p.m. Library (Actual Meeting)

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE:

06-02-04 4:30 p.m. Town Hall

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

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MISCELLANEOUS OTHER:

05-19-04 7:50 a.m. Town Council and Staff – Lowe’s Grand Opening
05-31-04 Holiday Memorial Day Holiday for Town Hall
08-28-04 10:00 a.m. Walkertown Community Day in the Park Festival

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:07 P.M.

BY: Sarah Welch

SECOND: Dot Duggins

VOTE: Unanimous

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

By: _____
Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

By: _____
Kenneth R. Davis
Mayor