

Town of Walkertown, North Carolina

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Walkertown Town Council Meeting

Walkertown Library Auditorium

THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

MINUTES



1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Davis. Present were Mayor Davis, Councilmembers Warner, Welch, Duggins, and Larrimore. Also present were Town Clerk Lynn McKinnie and Attorney Steve Garland. The audience was full.

2. INVOCATION was said by Mayor Davis and Horace Warner led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED

**BY:** HORACE WARNER

**SECOND:** SARAH WELCH

**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

· August 25, 2005

**MOTION:** TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2005 AS PRESENTED

**BY:** DOT DUGGINS

**SECOND:** HORACE WARNER

**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. PUBLIC SESSION

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Public Session was opened at 7:03 p.m. with three speakers.

1. Arlyn Wilson  
4701 New Walkertown Rd.  
Walkertown NC

You know I've been here before representing the Forsyth County Aging Service Planning Committee and I've helped write a few grants in the last two or three years and this committee is always "putting it together" -- putting things together - for the senior citizens. I stand before the council tonight to ask of all of you to think of Walkertown and "putting it all together". When you receive monies for recreational purposes, and for the citizens of Walkertown, please remember us senior citizens - or the *young at heart* !! We are young, but we're young at heart. Help us to ... I know that the hot dog carts and the scoreboards are very important for the young people and I worked with young people for forty years in the school system and it's wonderful that you want to do these things and we should, but remember, we've got a lot of seniors living in this town and this community also. And we're growing in numbers! You know that the quality of life is getting expanded. We're going toward an inner age for us seniors - not inner space - we're getting our inner space... Last century, and when we were younger, we planned for outer space. Now, we're planning for the inner space. I talked with Mike Anderson and he's the Director of Forsyth County Recreation - well, I guess he's the main director - and he ... you know the track and the

Walkertown Park is wonderful. It's used, I would almost bet, probably, the most of any park in Forsyth County. If it isn't the most, it's one of the most used! We have several things over there that need to be done and that would benefit everyone as well as benefiting us seniors. A simple thing of just winterizing those bathrooms. You know, we have to use a Port-A-John over there. I walk every day -- winter, summer, fall, spring. We use Port-A-Johns in the winter and they're very, very uncomfortable for us senior citizens! First of all, we can't get in and out of them and then, if you ever tried to stand up alone in one of them, you've got another problem!! And it seems the older we get, the more pit stops we have to make, too, so just winterizing that bathroom facility would really help us older citizens. And I talked with Mike and Mike said he had put it in his budget for several years and the county just did not have the money to do it! And he said he would be glad to work with anyone from this community or town. He said it would probably be close to \$5,000 to do this. Another problem we're having at the park, and he said he had put that in his budget also, is that early in the mornings, we have people parked on both sides of Darrow Road plus the side streets because they're wanting to walk before it gets too hot and they are parking there and the maintenance people have not opened the gates. Mike informed that in one of the parks here in Forsyth County, and it had been very successful, they had put an electronic gate; where that they would set the clock at, say, 4:00 in the morning, and a car could, after that time, drive up to the gate; the gate would open; after the car goes in to the parking lot, the gate would close. He said that was also had been on his budget and there had not been enough money for that. So, I'm asking you to think --- and he said that would probably run between \$15,000 and \$20,000 - because you'd have to re-do the gates and several other things.....

Mayor: .....Ms. Wilson, we've got to ask you to summarize, please.....

Ms. Wilson: .....Okay. I could go on and on. The track needs a lot of work. But, just remember that us seniors are young at heart and we would love some of that recreation money, too! Thank you.

Mr. Warner: May I ask a question. Did he say anything about the possibility of matching funds from the county and.....?

Ms. Wilson: He said he would work with you folks any way.

Mr. Warner: That may include that.

Ms. Wilson: That may include that.

2. Shirley Wheeler  
Melvin Lane  
Walkertown NC

I live on Melvin Lane and most of the residents are here tonight. I've talked to most of ya'll on the phone about this several times - and it's been years! Melvin Lane is only like .2 of a mile long and it's dirt road and we really would like to get it paved. I have a petition signed by all the residents and homeowners and I'd like to present that to ya'll tonight. I guess that's it.

Mr. Larrimore: Did you present one before?

Ms. Wheeler: Yes. It was several years ago.....

Mr. Larrimore: .....I wanted that on the record.....

Ms. Wheeler: .....Okay. It was and it got misplaced, or lost or something. That's when we were trying to get Forsyth County to help with paving, also. So, we're presenting another one tonight.

Mr. Warner: Have you presented one to the Department of Transportation?

Ms. Wheeler: No. When we were originally talking to Forsyth County, after we were in Walkertown. They said that Walkertown should be the one to pave the road. So, that's when.....because they won't even talk to us now! Forsyth County will not even talk to us.

Mr. Warner: I'm talking about the Department of Transportation, not Forsyth County. They'd be the ones that would be appropriate to have that....

From the audience: I called them.....COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HER TALK.

Mr. Larrimore: It's Walkertown's problem.

Mr. Warner: It works this way. Walkertown takes over the responsibility of certain roads on the Powell Bill.....and this has not yet.....

Ms. Duggins: .....Horace, will you speak into the microphone, please?

Mr. Warner: .....And this has not yet been taken over. And, then, normally, it's brought up to standard and that's the reason I said the D.O.T. would be the one.....course we'd be glad to support you in that petition to the D.O.T.....and of course you say they won't talk with you, but I would hope that we could go that route, which is the appropriate route.....

Ms. Wheeler: .....Well, if they won't talk to us, what do we do, then?

Mayor: We'll be glad to receive your petition tonight and we have been looking into it. We've not turned a deaf ear. Ms. McKinnie's been making calls for several weeks. We've contacted D.O.T. It's a situation where we run into quite often, with these roads and subdivisions where the roads were never brought up to standards and no one wants to take ownership. But the road has got to belong to somebody and we're trying our best to find out what measures have to be done to get your paving done. I don't know what it's going to take, but we've not turned a deaf ear to it. We are working on it. And we'll be happy to accept your petition tonight.

Ms. Wheeler: Okay. But it is a state maintained road.....

Ms. Duggins: When Lynn gets the information, we will make sure that she types up a sheet giving you the particulars of how the town handles what the policy is on how to pave the road. We've talked, and I've told you what our policy is. I'm pretty positive that's our policy and soon as she gets a price, and I think she has asked them to do a work-up and come back to us with some recommendations and when she does, we will send you a copy.

Ms. Wheeler: Okay. Thank you.

3. Peggy Leight  
5150 Sullivantown Rd.  
Walkertown NC

I am here to urge the council to action. There is an outstanding bequest from the Spencer Waggoner estate that the executor is ready to distribute. That \$100,000 bequest was made to Walkertown for recreational purposes. I see from the agenda that Wallace Larrimore is going to speak to that subject but I also wanted to express my opinion, as well. I think it would be great to see if we could get a grant to double the money but I think that time may be running out. No one has investigated the possibility of a grant or begun the lengthy process of getting and completing the necessary paperwork that most grants take. If Walkertown doesn't act soon, we won't just be missing a matching grant - but, we also may lose \$100,000 as well! I would love to see a community center built at the ball fields, my opinion, but I also know that a true community center would cost more than \$100,000. If we can't come to an agreement on a community center, then that money could be divided up into ten \$10,000 grants, or twenty \$5,000 grants. There are numerous sports leagues, civic groups, clubs, young-at-heart, that could use these funds! Walkertown should have a list of requests from the various groups and associations in the area for funding various events or fixtures that they would like to see. This leads me to my second point. The reason we haven't begun to compile such a list, as far as I know, is the lack of a town manager. While we are saving roughly \$3,000 a month on a manager's salary, we are hurting ourselves in other ways. We are exhausting Lynn - expecting her to cover her responsibilities and those of a manager; the Planning Board has had numerous questions, or items that require

investigation into statutes, laws - but no one to do the legwork; the Land Use Committee has had similar issues and we have to count on the City-County staff to find the materials we need instead of having an in-house source. I believe the request made right here would be the perfect example for the town manager, where they can investigate what the rules and laws are for finding out who owns the road and who should pave the road. There's no one from Walkertown at the City-County Planning Staff Inter-Departmental meetings, where they go over every single zoning request. Aaron is from the City-County staff and he is our representative, but he's not aware of all the issues in Walkertown and we can't expect him to push for items that Walkertown wants. There is no one from Walkertown attending local, regional, or state meetings where other municipal town managers are attending...no one to talk to developers or commercial enterprises about coming to Walkertown....but, most importantly right now, there's no one at the North Carolina D.O.T.'s doorstep checking on the proposed bypass. This is the largest project in Forsyth County and they are coming right through Walkertown. At some point, 158 will be closed and Old Belews Creek Road will be the detour. We need to have someone there discussing the alterations of these roads and intersections, like 158, Darrow and Old Belews Creek. It would be a drop in the bucket for the D.O.T. to add turning lanes at that intersection, since they're going to be improving and upgrading that road anyway. If we wait until the project is done, or try to do it on our own, the cost would be much higher and we would have to coordinate with the D.O.T. anyway, since it is a D.O.T. road. It's issues like this that should have a town manager constantly monitoring to find out what's happening, what's changing, what's the new schedule, and what other unforeseen issues have arisen. However, we don't have a town manager! We are sitting by passively and by doing nothing, it is tantamount to losing many thousands of dollars and many opportunities. I may not agree with all the decisions that the town council has made, but Gandhi once said "*Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress.*" Unfortunately, on these two different issues, we are not making any progress and by inaction, I believe that the town is being penny-wise but pound-foolish! And if there are any sands of time left, I want to encourage everyone to come to the Land Use Public Hearing which will discuss the long-term plans for Walkertown next Thursday, here at the library, at 7:00 p.m. - or 6:30, sorry! Thank you.

## 6. WHITEHALL SUBDIVISION - UPDATE

.....By Request -- Mr. George Sowers, Developer

Mr. George Sowers spoke.

You all had passed the Whitehall Subdivision in July. I wanted to come back in August, but my schedule didn't allow me to do so. I wanted to come back tonight and speak to you a little bit more about the Whitehall Subdivision and Phase I and Phase II. I have made some notes here but I feel like that I need to tell you my priorities. You see, I work by the FFCB - that's my motto - because I think your priorities in life has to be your **Faith**, your **Family**, your **Community**, and your **Business** --- in that order. If your priorities in the first three are not correct, your business will fail. I just want to say that. I could almost have said what I have to say in the public address but I think your little thing over there might be running a little bit fast, Doc! I wanted to speak to you about sewer - that's one thing that I've seen over the last 25 or 30 years; I've been dealing with other small identities, towns, that spring up from major cities, like Walkertown, and done a lot of work in that area. What happens - the larger cities extend their services and anywhere that you have sewer, you're going to have change. I have no idea how the sewer got here but when sewer comes in, you're going to have change. You're either going to have *orderly* change or *unorderly* change - but you will have change! We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and our thinking along those lines needs to be like the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I want to pass out something that I received in the mail the day after we had the public hearing and I want to put the original copy on public record with the minutes of this meeting (NOTE: LETTER FROM PHILLIP W. MARTIN ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" AND REFERENCE AS A PART OF THE MINUTES.) This is a letter that confirms what Mr. Stewart said representing the property owner when we were here in July and what the Planning Staff told the Board in July. If Whitehall Subdivision had not passed, Walkertown would have received 150 houses without any rezoning on it to meet the code

as the Staff had told you. That could have been done without any rezoning and I thought that you needed to know because I figured that piece of property, if that had happened, would be suicide for Walkertown on the installment plan. I wanted you to have that and have it on the record. George Jones had a hit song not long ago "Choices". Ever who sits here, this Board or the next Board, the choices that you make are going to be choices that people are going to live with for 30, 40, 50 years. If you make good choices, then you have made good choices for your community. And I could've said some of these things at the July meeting but I felt strongly that what I presented had to stand on its own without me getting up here ranting and raving about just "talking" and that's the reason I purposely didn't bring up some of these items there because I think every petition for rezoning that comes before you has to stand on its own merits - not what I say.... not what somebody else said .... but for what it is. So I think you can see by that letter that the Board did make the right decision in July. I want to get the tax value, and I stand corrected on this, but according to the information that I pulled up, the current Walkertown tax base is \$324,800 - that's according to the information I got - and I do stand corrected on that. On the 55 acres that we will be doing on Phase II of this project, using the same density level, and using the same upscale housing, if my figures are correct, you will raise your tax base about seventy million dollars. That equals about 21.5% of your current tax base of Walkertown. I want to talk to you about land use. I'm glad to see ya'll are working on land use. I would hope that as you move through your land use program, and I've worked on some myself at different places --- I would hope you would keep your standards high. If you keep your standards high, your tax base will continue to go up. I want to talk to you about D.O.T. I've worked with these folks about twenty-five or thirty years. I have seen cities who had an ongoing dialogue with D.O.T. and were very successful. I've seen other cities that didn't choose to have an ongoing dialogue with D.O.T. D.O.T. is not going to be the loser. As we start with the planning of Phase II of the Whitehall Subdivision, I have had - on one side of this property is your county park, on the other side is the proposed new high school. I've spoken to Dr. Martin; in fact, I have a meeting with him the first of October. We will be working with him to see if we can get some access to the public road that will come through that will connect 66 over to Sullivantown Road in order that the school buses can travel from 66 over to the high school more safely. We will have ongoing dialogue; I've already spoken to Mr. King about that, and the Planning Staff. So as we start doing that, we will be having an ongoing dialogue with the county school system and Dr. Martin, ever who he appoints me to when I meet with him. Secondly, I have spoken to Walter Bowden, who, I understand, is heading up your Little League, or has done a lot of work in this area. I've been out and visited your site out there. I, over the years, have worked with Little League in Arcadia, Reedy Creek, and North Davidson for many years and I will be looking forward to working with you all to enhance that park, once we get started there. I will be having my engineers working closely with him to get sewer provided to that park. That's what's needed as I see it. It's sort of hard for the kids, as some lady mentioned before - I'm sort of getting old and it's hard for me to get out of the Port-A-Johns too! That's all I have and I'm here to answer any questions that any Board member may have and look forward to working with you. And let me say one other thing. This property currently is in the county. My opinion is, it needs to be in the city, as the other was. We will so move forward to do that at the proper time.

Ms. Duggins: A lot of people have contacted me that are older and want to make sure that you are going to build some town homes that are one level.....

Mr. Sowers: Yes. I think I said that in the beginning. That is the first objective in this whole thing, is to build them single level because, as Ms. Wilson is well aware, that when you look at the senior population through, I think it's 2013, that we're studying on it now, on that board. The senior population and the need for senior town housing will definitely be the first priority. And when you're in sales, you're going to build what will sell and we know that the study's already been done; we know that there is a need for senior housing in this area. In fact, that's why we're here. That will certainly be our first priority.

.....I want to leave you with a question to ponder.....I read from the public record: Mr. John

Thompson of 3216 Ruxton Drive, Walkertown. At the Public Hearing, he says, "*Wonder why the people are turning around and making U-turns in my yard when they pick up their kids from school?*" ..... I wonder why they're making U-turns in my yard when they pick up their kids from school???. I leave you that question to ponder. Thank you.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING #1** **WA-UDO-5**

Advertised August 18, 2005

ORDINANCE #05-019

Zoning Text Amendment proposed by City-County Inspections Division

To amend various sections of Chapter C, Article VII - EROSION CONTROL of UDO

so ordinance meets state mandated requirements

Aaron King of the City-County Planning Staff spoke:

This is a text amendment for the UDO. It was initiated by the City-County Inspections Department. It's basically to get our ordinance back on track with what the state sets forth as their model program guidelines. After a recent audit of the City-County Inspections Department, it's been placed on probation until it's brought into compliance with the state regulations, the state requirements. Just a couple of benefits of having local authority is being able to review, approve and permit all land disturbing activities within the jurisdiction. It also benefits the development community by reducing delays and additional costs involved in the state's review process. Rather than going through the whole verbiage of this amendment, I'll just kind of hit on a couple of the highlights that it does propose. These are on pages 2 and 3 of the staff report, if you're reading along. It does provide editorial changes to correct and incorrect section references and typos and to change the title of local official responsible for administration of this section, from Superintendent of Inspections to Director of Inspections -- basically just kind of housekeeping issues on some of those items. It modifies and adds several definitions. It eliminates provisions for buffer zones in proximity to designated trout waters - there are no trout waters located within Forsyth County. It provides a new section to address and define acceptable field materials. It modifies the time frame for establishing sufficient ground cover after land disturbing activity from 90 calendar days to 30. It also modifies the language relating to requirements for graded slopes, storm water outlet protection, erosion control plans and notice of violation. And the last one, it does provide a new section to allow the director to require a person engaged in land disturbing activity and fail to retain sediment generated from activity to restore the waters and land affected by this failure. At the September 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting, Planning Board voted unanimously to approve this request - and no one spoke for or against the request. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m. and closed at 7:35 p.m. with no speakers.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #05-019**

**ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY CITY-COUNTY**

**INSPECTIONS DIVISION TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF**

**C, ARTICLE VII - EROSION CONTROL OF UDO SO**

**MEETS STATE MANDATED REQUIREMENTS**

**CHAPTER**  
**ORDINANCE**

**BY:** **DOT DUGGINS**

**SECOND:** **WALLACE LARRIMORE / HORACE WARNER**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. **RECREATION MONEY ISSUE (Waggoner Estate)**

.....By Request --- Councilman Larrimore

Councilman Wallace Larrimore spoke:

I've got a copy, and it's here in here too, and it's from the lawyer, Womble, Carlyle, Rice and

Sandridge. They send me the letter because I'm the financial person. I don't know why all the commotion is going over at the Love's Church. I even took a check over to there to them from this same group because they were having a little bit of time finding who to take it to and whatnot. That was just a sidebar there but Love's Church got a nice gift from this family here - this Spence Waggoner. And the checks that came with it have a code on it relaying back to the actual will. When it says, *"This bequeath shall be used only for recreational purposes."* It can include anything that was mentioned tonight but I can see where we need a ---- we've got football, we've got girls' softball, we've got the park down there that's our park, that's leased, but it still belongs to us and it's got all the problems you're talking about out here at this other park. In fact, it's a lot more of the problems. Walter has, well, to give you an example, expense that can come upon you. The last five years, Walter has spent --- or the group down there --- has spent \$15,000 on Port-A-Johns. He's got all his records and he's also purchased 30 x 30 building. It's already paid for. All they got to do is ship it. He got held up because he didn't have sewer. He's got water. He's got power. He's got everything but no where to put it because of a few regulations like, you don't have a septic tank. Now, the way I see it, if Mr. Sowers is going to be a long time, some of these kids will be in college before we get them something besides the Port-O-Let and they'll be in college before he can sit this building down that he's got bought already. It's paid for! It's got room to make sandwiches. It's got room for the girls and boys restrooms. And we need to do some serious thinking about what to do with this money we got come in. I just want to give you some examples. I don't know if .... Lynn and I've been working on this....we've talked to this law group three times. They've made it known that they want something done with this about recreation because it was two different things - one of them was \$100,000 that the town could use anyway you wanted to. The other \$100,000 was specified only for recreation and that's the way the will reads. And I'm not trying to.... I'm just telling you facts. And we come over here to the hotel occupancy fund that this \$100,000 went into can only be spent for that and certain things for the town. It can't be spent for paving. It can't be spent for salary or nothing else It has to be spent that way! And I want to give ya'll a little hint. We get \$18,000 a year from this state, in this fund. Alright, you take \$100,000 that they gave us....\$297,000 that's in this fund. How long did it take to get there at \$18,000 a year? We have not even spent the interest! And that is not good tax money.....I don't care how you look at it or what. We have put \$18,000 - this year, I think it's \$21,000, because things change a little bit; but we haven't got that \$21,000 - all of it - yet; but when we do, it's going to be over \$400,000 in this fund that can only be spent for kids or whatnot like she was saying. We could, with this, we could give him everything he wanted and some other people all they wanted and we could get the old people - old ladies - that's older than me.....

(Ms. Duggins said she believed she heard some men needed it to!!!)

Mr. Larrimore continued..... We need it, too!!! But, like it was said by Mr. Sowers, what it's going to add to the bottom line of the town -- Joyce's family's farm down there has got twenty-something houses built on it now. The cheapest one is \$219,000. It's going to be 144 down there when they're done. The bottom line, we're going to be like New York before long. We're only charging six cents now and the other part of the twenty goes to the fire department. See what I'm saying? We're going to have our own police department and I'll be \_\_\_\_\_ So, what I'm saying....and Lynn and I have talked about this. The first three line items on this account here - and the year just started on July 1<sup>st</sup> --- we've got the whole rest of this year to add to this tax-wise. We haven't even got none of our property tax, hardly at all, on to it. What I'm saying - Walkertown is in great shape. We've got no complaints. I make a motion that we take this as it's written. That's what it says over here for me to do, right?

Ms. Duggins:           Take what is written?

Mr. Larrimore: Well, the financial statement. I done went over the financial statement, down in Number Ten. But this recreation money has got to be addressed because the lawyers for this Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice want something done because the way the will is written. And whatever - we can hold it til the cows come home and somebody else can give us a little more money. We can add to that \$400,000. See what I'm saying? Anybody got anything to say?

Ms. Welch: Is there any time length on that, when we're supposed to spend it?  
Ms. Duggins: .....The letter doesn't say so.....  
Mayor: .....There's nothing indicated here.....  
Mr. Larrimore: .....It don't say so but it was just that they emphatically underlined "only" and it points you to the check that's here if you want to see the check and it points you to Article So and So in the will - the way it was written up in the will. I didn't see the will but it points to the Article.

Someone from the audience spoke: "Mr. Mayor, I thought he made a motion."

Mr. Garland: I actually, and correct me if I'm wrong, Wallace, I understood that you were moving to adopt the financial statements and then decide that really wasn't what you were doing. That goes up under Item #10 so there really was no motion.....  
Mr. Larrimore: ....I talked so much about the budget - I was over in #9....  
Mr. Garland: .....But there was no motion then because that was premature.....  
Mr. Larrimore: .....Right...

## 9. PROCLAMATION

In honor of the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Warner: If you would allow me, I'd like to move that we approve this proclamation and I'd also like it to be read into the record. And, if I may have a third part to that, I would like to ask the mayor to present this to the fire department, to the chief and the board, at their first meeting in October. We're very proud of them and appreciate so much what they do. Thank you.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION STATING THAT OCTOBER IS WALKERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTH AND TO REQUEST THAT MAYOR DAVIS PRESENT THE PROCLAMATION TO THE WALKERTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF, CHIEF AND BOARD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER**

**BY:** HORACE WARNER  
**SECOND:** SARAH WELCH  
**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Duggins: I'd like to say that I am very proud of our Walkertown Fire Department. They are very diligent in their work, and their service to the community. I have never known of them to shirk any part of responsibility to help any citizen of the Town of Walkertown. And we certainly do appreciate it!

Mayor Davis read the resolution/proclamation.

**WHEREAS**, the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department is a group of highly dedicated people who serve the citizens of the Town of Walkertown and the Northeast Fire District in Northeastern Forsyth County in the Northern Piedmont section of Northwest North Carolina by providing fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical-assist services.

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department is to protect and serve the citizens of

its fire and rescue district from the ravages of fire and any other hazards that may occur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department, staffed with volunteer members and paid part time day shift staff, provides prompt service immediately in response to any need within its district - be it fire, rescue, medical emergency, haz-mat incidents, or other emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department takes pride in providing much needed emergency services to those in times of need and has a genuine concern for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the area.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Walkertown Town Council does hereby proclaim October 2005, as Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department Month and expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the valiant men and women who serve in the Fire Department.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2005.

10. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
AUGUST, 2005

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED BY TOWN CLERK**  
**BY:** SARAH WELCH  
**SECOND:** DOT DUGGINS  
**VOTE:** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **UPDATE ON DILLON STREET WELL**

Lynn: I just put this item in here to update you on where we are with selling the well.  
Mayor: Can you find us two or three more of these for us to sell???  
Mr. Garland: For the folks that don't have the packet, there have been bids and upset bids.  
Mayor: We're on bid #7. We've advertised six times from the bidding process and it's hotter than the depot stove, as we can tell right now. Everybody wants a piece of Dillon Street! As you'll recall, this is where the Dillon Street water tank was located and it was removed and this property is now being sold. We'll continue -- who knows, maybe by the end of the year, we'll have a lucky bidder! Thank you, Ms. McKinnie.  
Ms. Welch: Keeps going up every time, doesn't it?  
Mr. Warner: I believe we ought to get the preacher to check what kind of water that is!!  
Ms. Duggins: Maybe we better hook back up!!  
Mayor: Hadn't thought about that! Only you would've come up with that, Mr. Warner! You must know something we don't know!!

12. **PURCHASE OF TOBACCOVILLE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**  
RESOLUTION #05-026

Lynn: On this one, I just wanted to get a resolution in order to buy these because Dan has asked if we are still buying the Christmas decorations. I wanted to make sure you guys are still on the same page as I am.  
Mayor: Are we in the market to buy some?  
Lynn: Yes. I think Toby had talked with him before he left to buy 16 decorations.  
Ms. Duggins: Has anyone checked them out.....?

Mr. Warner: .....As far as the condition.....? Are you talking about the condition of them?

Ms. Duggins: Right.

Mr. Warner: That's what I wanted to know. Does anyone know what the original cost would've been?

Mayor: Do you have that for us, Ms. McKinnie? Anything about the original cost?

Lynn: No. I am just following up with Toby's.....

Ms. Duggins: .....Well, this says \$75.00 each - sixteen of them.....

Lynn: .....That's the cost Dan is selling them to us for -- not the original cost.....that is what we would pay now.

Mayor: Are these like what we have?

Lynn: Yes. They're supposedly exactly like what we now have.

Mayor: Okay. So they're additional and could be replacement.

Lynn: Yes. They're a newer version of what we have - is what I was told.

Mayor: If I understand you correctly, Toby had made arrangements to make this sale?

Lynn: Yes. I'm just following through with what was done. And if you remember Kerry McDuffy -- Dan said if we don't want the lights, Kerry does. I just wanted to follow through with this before Christmas is on us.

Ms. Duggins: I do think we ought to check up on these and see what kind of condition they are in..... before we decide to buy them.....

Mr. Warner: .....I agree with you.....I think we can make the resolution based on checking and confirming the condition.....

Lynn: .....I think Dan was already told that Walkertown would buy them.....

Mayor: .....Or would you want to, if they're in good condition, go ahead.....would ya'll feel comfortable in making such a motion as that?? Would you want to send Barry over and have him look at them?

Lynn: .....Well, Toby looked at them and said they were in good shape.....and I think Toby would know.....

Mayor: .....Okay.....Okay. What's the council's pleasure on these Christmas decorations? It'll be here before we know it.

**MOTION:** **TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FROM TOBACCOVILLE, CONFIRMING THE CONDITION AS ACCEPTABLE AS TOBY HAS INDICATED**

**BY:** **HORACE WARNER**

**SECOND:** **DOT DUGGINS**

**VOTE:** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Welch: Have we come any closer to the Code Enforcer?

Mayor: I think Ms. McKinnie has taken our ordinances to Kernersville. We've been talking with the Kernersville management staff....

Lynn: Jeff Hatling and Ken Whitaker.....

Mayor: It appears that they are going to get back to you on some pricing, is that correct?

Lynn: I took the ordinances to them Monday; and they're going to review them and then get back to me as soon as they can.

Ms. Duggins: Did they indicate how long?

Lynn: No. They didn't. Ken indicated there would be no problem so it shouldn't take long.

Ms. Duggins: We need to move on a code enforcer. We've got several things that are pending.....

MAYOR: LET'S HAVE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS, PLEASE. WE NEED TO HAVE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

Recess was called at 7:55 p.m.

Back into open session at 7:57 p.m.

14. PUBLIC SESSION  
THIS SESSION IS FOR ANY TOPIC

Public Session was opened at 7:57 p.m.

1. Peggy Leight  
5150 Sullivantown Road  
Walkertown NC

I've never done twice in one day before! Unfortunately, a bunch of people left. What I wanted to do was the very last thing I had said at the end of the Public Session, and this time I am speaking as a Planning Board member and a Land Use Committee member - is to encourage everybody to come here next Thursday at 6:30 --- I had the wrong time --- for the Public Session, where we will be discussing the Land Use Draft Plan. Now, this is a plan the Committee has been working on for over a year and there'll be a short PowerPoint presentation about what the recommendations are for the town and there'll be huge maps on the wall and then it's an open session for you to ask any questions, make any comments, find out what we were talking about. Now, this is the plan for Walkertown for the next 5, 10, 15 years and we want your input. Right now, it's been mostly the committee's input, but now we want to have all the citizens come. And it's not just Walkertown citizens --- it's the whole Walkertown area that we are looking at. And if we don't get comments, if people don't come and say, "*I do like this.*" --- "*I don't like this.*" the Draft Plan will be presented to the Planning Board, to the Town Council, and to the City-County Commissioners. So we would like for everybody to come, and speak, and listen, and tell us what you think. Thank you.

Lynn: And let me add that the tentative Plan will be on the Town's website tomorrow, as soon as I can get it to Ron.

2. Wendy Dudley  
5138 Reidsville Rd.  
Walkertown NC

Most of you know me. I'll be quick --- by looking at your faces, you're needing to go. I just want to reiterate --- the Town needs a town manager! We need to get this done! We need to get it done now! The town wants it - I know the council needs to get it done - Lynn needs the help. I'm up there all the time --- she is swamped! So, to better our town, we've got to have someone to manage it. And that's all I wanted to say.

Public Session was closed at 7:59 p.m.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Recycling in Walkertown continues every two weeks.  
OCTOBER 3, 17, AND 31
  
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS)  
7:00 p.m. at the Library Auditorium on:  
10-27-05  
11-17-05  
12-15-05
  
- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: (1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY)  
10-04-05 3:00 p.m. Library (Actual Meeting)  
POST-MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING
  
- LAND USE COMMITTEE:  
09-27-05 - Walk through Plan with Heath & Martin  
NOTE:  
**PRESENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**SEPT. 29<sup>TH</sup>, FROM 6:30 P.M. TIL 9:00 P.M.**  
**AT THE WALKERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY**
  
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE:  
As Needed

