



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
Website: townofwalkertown.com
Walkertown Town Council Special Called Meeting
For Budget Workshop and General Topics
Walkertown Town Hall

TUeSDAY

3:00 P.M.

ApRil 26, 2005

MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 3:02 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, Councilmembers Warner, Duggins, Welch, and Larrimore. Also present were Linville and McKinnie. In the audience were former mayor E. A. Jumper, Marilyn Martin, and Bennett Holleman from the Kernersville News.

Discussion for the first part of this meeting concerned policing as well as fire protection for the Town of Walkertown. Forsyth County Sheriff Bill Schatzman was asked to come to the meeting at 3:30 to explain his position on the COPS program and the crime situation facing Forsyth County in general and Walkertown in particular. Fire protection was touched upon lightly. With the addition of the 9 3-story apartment buildings that are proposed for the area behind the Winn-Dixie shopping center, it was stated that the Walkertown Volunteer Fire Department could not handle buildings that high. Even if the 3-story building must be “sprinkled”, it would still be a hazard.

Sheriff Schatzman arrived at about 3:15 p.m. and discussion continued on the policing program. The Sheriff explained that there are six municipalities in Forsyth County and it is impossible for the Sheriff’s Department to cover the areas needing protection at all times. Walkertown alone had 157 felony cases over the period of March ’04 through March ’05. Only 71 of those cases were assigned to CID. There were numerous misdemeanor cases. The Sheriff requested 79 positions during this budget cycle from the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners rejected the 79 positions for this budget year. He said he would accept that these 79 positions be spread over a two year period – 49 this budget year (2005-06) and 30 for next budget year (2006-07). In order to help alleviate the shortages, Sheriff Schatzman has asked each individual municipality to fund the following dedicated officers:

- Clemmons
1 Patrol Officer and 1 Detective

- Lewisville
2 Patrol Officers and 1 Detective

- Rural Hall, Bethania, and Tobaccoville (Combined)
4 Patrol Officers and 1 Detective

- Walkertown
4 Patrol Officers and 1 Detective

The costs associated with each patrol officer (Sheriff Deputy) are shown in the enclosed attachment referenced as Exhibit A and made a part of these minutes.

Sheriff Schatzman explained that each deputy would work a 12-hour shift. In many cases, if not most, the deputy usually works a side job on his days off. This is known as “hustling” and he said this means that essentially a deputy works half a year and then is off half a year. Councilwoman Duggins asked Sheriff Schatzman if the dedicated officer, would be allowed to “hustle” in another community and if so, asked if this could affect job performance for the officer working his normal 12-hour shift in Walkertown. The Sheriff agreed that it could possibly be an issue.

In order to fund any type of Sheriff officer, the Council agreed that taxes in Walkertown would need to be raised, which no one wished to do. Councilman Warner stated that pressure needed to be exerted on the County Commissioners to put the ball back in their court. Mayor Davis asked if we did fund any officers, would the liability revert back to the Sheriff’s Department or stay with Walkertown. Sheriff Schatzman said that that was a legal question but he thought that since he was ultimately in charge of the deputies that the liability issue would stay with the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff Schatzman also said that they were trying to hold the County Commissioners politically responsible for providing the public safety for citizens. The Council agreed as a whole that most Walkertown citizens feel like we don’t have enough police protection. As everyone agreed, certain levels of crime take precedence over other levels.

Mayor Davis asked what the council thought should be done with the information we have and it was decided that a Public Hearing was definitely needed in order to disseminate information. It was suggested that Sheriff Schatzman and Gloria Whisenhut and County Commissioners should be included in the Hearing. Dialogue between the citizens and the Sheriff and Commissioners and Council is extremely important at this juncture. It was said that negotiation is also very important. The manager was asked if there were any grants available to help fund crime prevention and he said there were none at all.

It was agreed that a flyer needed to be sent in a Mail-Out. Addresses could be obtained from the Tax Office. A form could be included for citizens to submit their concerns or questions. But the council felt it was extremely important to include citizens in the dialogue between the town and sheriff. They need to hear the information. The website needs to be updated to include any information on this subject.

In Part II of the Special Called Meeting, the budget was discussed very briefly. Because it was getting late, it was suggested another budget meeting be held – but no date was set.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

By: _____
Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

By: _____
Kenneth Davis
Mayor



COMMUNITY POLICING COSTS - PATROL DEPUTY

Salary and Fringe		Vehicle and Equipment	
Salary	\$ 29,899.00	Ford Crown Victoria	\$ 21,000.00
COLA	1.5% \$ 448.49	Mobile Data Computer	\$ 5,200.00
<i>Estimated 2006 Salary</i>	<i>\$ 30,347.49</i>	Siren Box	\$ 200.00
Fringe	33.1% \$ 10,045.02	Center Console	\$ 180.00
Separation Allowance	5.0% \$ 1,517.37	LED Rear	\$ 220.00
401(k)	5.0% \$ 1,517.37	Safety Shield	\$ 400.00
<i>Total Salary & Fringe</i>	<i>\$ 43,427.25</i>	In car 800 MHz radio	\$ 3,750.00
Uniform and Personal Equipment		LED Lightbar	\$ 1,400.00
Long sleeve shirts	\$ 111.00	Shotgun Rack	\$ 10.00
Short sleeve shirts	\$ 105.00	Fire Extinguisher	\$ 35.00
Cargo pants	\$ 360.00	Wig Wag (Headlamps)	\$ 65.00
Sweater	\$ 43.00	Switch Box	\$ 75.00
Coat	\$ 100.00	LED Front	\$ 110.00
Tie	\$ 3.50	Mirror Strobes	\$ 135.00
Campaign hat	\$ 110.00	Decals	\$ 165.00
Raincoat	\$ 70.00	Corner Strobes	\$ 170.00
Glock Model 21	\$ 500.00	<i>Total Vehicle & Equipment</i>	<i>\$ 33,115.00</i>
Remington 870 Shotgun w/case	\$ 300.00		
800 MHz Radio	\$ 3,880.00	<i>Total Salary, Uniform & Vehicle Cost</i>	<i>\$ 83,293.75</i>
Ballistic Vest	\$ 400.00	Annual Fleet Costs	
Uniform Badges	\$ 140.00	Fleet Operating Costs	
Hat Badges	\$ 40.00	(20,000 miles @ \$0.209/mile)	\$ 4,180.00
Outer duty belt	\$ 55.00	Fleet Capital Recovery	
Inner duty belt	\$ 20.00	(\$21,000 cost, 5 year life)	\$ 4,200.00
070 Duty Holster	\$ 95.00	Credit: Surplus (\$2,000)	\$ 400.00
Double ammo pouch .45	\$ 36.00	Annual Capital Recovery	\$ 3,800.00
Handcuff case	\$ 35.00		
S&W Handcuffs	\$ 25.00	<i>Total Fleet Costs</i>	<i>\$ 7,980.00</i>
21" Asp with holder	\$ 70.00	Indirect Administrative Costs	
Glove pouch	\$ 20.00	Total Administrative Costs @ 8.55%	\$ 7,803.91
Stinger Flashlight	\$ 90.00		
Flashlight holder	\$ 35.00		
Namplate	\$ 10.00		
Damascus gloves	\$ 30.00		
Beltkeepers	\$ 20.00		
Watch cap	\$ 8.00		
Traffic direct cone	\$ 10.00		
Firstaid kit	\$ 30.00		
<i>Total Uniform and Personal Equipment</i>	<i>\$ 6,751.50</i>		
Total First Year Costs		Recurring Annual Estimated Costs	
Salaries, Uniform & Equipment	\$ 83,293.75	Salaries & Fringe	\$ 43,427.25
Fleet Costs	\$ 7,980.00	Uniform & Personal Equipment	\$ 622.50
Administrative Costs	\$ 7,803.91	Fleet Costs	\$ 7,980.00
		Administrative Costs	\$ 4,448.54
<i>Total First Year Costs</i>	<i>\$ 99,077.66</i>	<i>Total Annual Recurring Costs</i>	<i>\$ 56,478.29</i>