



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
TUERSDAY 5:30 P.M. MAY 20, 2008
WALKERTOWN TOWN HALL

SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, Council members Wayne Hester, Randy Mendenhall, Sarah Welch, and Marilyn Martin. Also in attendance was Town Clerk McKinnie and a guest, Sammy Evans.

Discussion began promptly on the following items:

- **COMMUNITY HOUSE INFORMATION AND UPDATE**

Licensed Contractor Sammy Evans briefed the council on the expenses involved in upfitting the house at 5135 Sullivantown Road in order to rent it out. Mr. Evans stated that renovating this house for rental would fall under the "...criteria of government standards" --- a much higher classification in terms of cost. Some of the issues involved would be ensuring everything in and outside the house would be handicapped accessible; HVAC would need to be changed out and upgraded for fresh air requirements; floor loads would need to be evaluated and calculated by a licensed engineer; and the occupancy rating would determine many other factors. The mayor and council were stunned at the required changes and the cost it would take, and so, decided to hold off on this project.

- **CAN WE PUT UP A STREET SIGN TO SHOW WHERE MAIN STREET CUTS OFF FROM NC-66RANDY**

Randy Mendenhall requested a street sign here – the original had been removed. Other street signs needed included New Walkertown Road/311 and 311 at Friendly. Lynn has already ordered (and received) most, if not all, of the signs requested. The maintenance man has the signs to put up.

- **SELL ROAD – PAVING??RANDY/DOC**

Sell Road residents have requested paving an approximately 500-foot section which would be in front of four houses. Doc and Randy will review the area again and Lynn will find out if the section is in the town limits. If so, the road would need to be "up to standards" and then the paving would need to go by the paving policy previously adopted by the Walkertown Council (a match of 50/50 or in special cases, 75/25).

- **ILLUMINATED SIGN FOR CHURCHJERRY GOODE**

Lynn said Jerry Goode had requested permission to illuminate a new sign proposed to be purchased by his church for his church. Mr. Goode was advised by City-County Planning that this would cost him approximately \$2,500 and that a text amendment variance would be required. The mayor and council disagreed with this decision and asked that Mr. Goode come to the council meeting, state his situation, and that the council should approve or reject based on a case by

case basis. The council tentatively agreed that an illuminated sign such as Mr. Goode proposed would be no harm to the community.

- REQUEST FOR MONETARY HELP WITH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING (DECORATIONS, ETC.) - \$1,000TOM LANE

Tom Lane had asked the clerk for this amount to help with the Community Christmas tree lighting. The council refrained from making a decision, however, until, Mr. Lane provides more information.

- WANTS TOWN TO TAKE OVER STREETS IN HIGH KNOLL SUBDIVISIONOLIN CRANFILL

Lynn explained that this subdivision developer has asked that the streets be taken over by the Town for maintenance. The major problem is that according to Mr. Cranfill, a former town manager had street lights placed in the right-of-way therefore causing NC-DOT problems in taking care of the streets. To move the lights would cost the town money. If the town took over maintenance of the streets, the lights in the R-O-W would make no difference. Lynn was asked to find proof that the manager did actually approve the placement of the lights in the right-of-way.

- VLAHOS – DRIVEWAY PERMIT – IS DRIVEWAY OKAY WITH TOWN?STEVE CAUSEY (ALLIED ENGINEERING)

Steve Causey, of Allied Engineering, has requested that the town provide approval of the current driveway. The council has asked for further information on this issue and each one was advised to go look at the driveway to see if it meets their expectations.

- PICTURE OF WALKERTOWN FOR NCLM 100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK?NCLM

The NCLM, in celebrating their 100th anniversary has requested that towns send in a picture of some specific place, person, or historical significant for inclusion in a special “anniversary” book. The council agreed upon the town hall as being the item for a picture.

- OTHER ISSUES?

1. At this time, the group walked the park area behind town hall and visited the “old” fire station to get a feel for what was needed in the future.
2. The July 4th hot dog day was discussed with minor revisions and additions to the previously discussed plans.
3. Lynn was requested to ask someone from Alley, Williams, Carmen, & King (the engineering company that did the topographical survey) to attend the council meeting on May 22nd.
4. It was decided to clean up the clump of trees and vines and other wild growth along the small creek out back and to plant grass seed so that it would be safe and look nice for hot dog day.

At approximately 9:31 p.m., the council adjourned the meeting by consensus of all present.

ADJOURNMENT @ 9:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted.

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk