

**SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL
NOVEMBER 6, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Kenneth Davis. All council members and office staff were present.

Results for meeting were as follows:

- DEMPSEY DRIVE (Copy of map attached)

RANDY MENDENHALL

This was in response to a request from a citizen to close this very small – and very undeveloped – road. There is nothing to correlate the grassy nondescript area as a road or street. The council decided to close the entire “road” from Martin Street to the end. A resolution is to be presented at the November council meeting to initiate the “Close Street” process.

- HIGH KNOLLS STREET LIGHTS (AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS)

This is a request from a citizen to install street lights on the road(s) on which he lives – Knollview Drive and Walker Ridge Drive. The council requested that street light be installed on Walker Ridge Drive to Knollview Drive to High Knoll Drive – up Knollview and up Walker Ridge – according to Duke Power’s lighting process. The council also agreed to staff developing a policy for street lighting for adoption with room for exceptions.

- HEAVY EQUIPMENT RENTAL TAX

This tax would replace for municipalities the revenue lost from the result of legislation removing certain heavy equipment from property tax base. Walkertown will most certainly not be affected by this action so the council decided not to do anything about enacting a resolution covering the tax actions of the Senate.

- DAVIS ROAD - SPEED LIMIT (Map attached)

A citizen on Davis Road had requested that the speed limit be reduced on Davis Road. The council requested that the petitioners’ petition be sent to the NC-DOT with the recommendation from the town that the DOT lower the speed limit on a portion of Davis Road.

- NEW STREET – SPEED LIMIT

A resident had asked that the speed limit on New Street be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. The council responded with No Action on this request.

- LEE HAVEN ROAD – STREET LIGHT REQUEST

A resident of Lee Haven had asked that the current street light be moved from one area to another. The council said to “move the light”.

- CHAPEL STREET - PAVING

The owner of property on Chapel Street has requested this street be paved. It was felt that this small street coming off NC-66 is actually a private drive and council determined that “No Action” on paving would be forthcoming.

- MELVIN LANE – PAVING
- SELL ROAD – PAVING

These two roads have been discussed for paving for years. They are NC-DOT roads. Council said to have them inspected for improvements needed, then if any are needed, have DOT fix before the town takes over. After they are up to standards and the town takes over these two roads, the residents will be asked to contribute 25% of cost of “tar and gravel” – as per our paving policy.

- MAPLEBROOK ROAD
- BOXWOOD

These two roads were brought up by a council member as needing attention due to potholes. Council determined that our maintenance man should be directed to fill the potholes with hot-patch a.s.a.p.

- NC-66 (OLD HOLLOW ROAD) SPEED LIMIT (Map attached)

NC-DOT has furnished their results of a speed limit study done on NC-66 and their recommendations included reducing the speed limit on NC-66 from Hwy-158 to Main Street to 35 mph and from Main Street to Walkertown town limits just passed Davis Road to 45 mph. Council decided that this was unacceptable and responded that the speed limit should be reduced to 35 mph on NC-66 from Hwy 158 to Hwy 311 or leave as is.

- GRANT REQUEST FOR:
WALKERTOWN WOLFPACK CHEERLEADERS (\$12,060)

The Wolfpack Cheerleader organization has requested financial support of \$12,060 for a trip for their cheerleaders for competitive cheerleading. After much discussion, the council decided that the Town will give a “donation” of \$500 upon proof of selection of qualification to compete in the National Cheer Competition in Florida. Money will be given at that time. A motion by Randy Mendenhall, seconded by Marilyn Martin and unanimously approved finalized this action.

- GRANT REQUEST FOR:
WALKERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHELTER (\$14,000)

The Elementary School has requested financial support for a shelter which would cost \$22,500. Again, after much discussion on this issue, the council decided unanimously on a motion by Randy Mendenhall and seconded by Wayne Hester, to give a “donation” of **\$5,000** to be used on building the shelter only. A letter is to be sent advising the school that when the structure is completed and the school is invoiced, that the town will send a check to cover the \$5,000 donation.

- OLD FIRE STATION

SARAH WELCH

The council (and staff!) would like to use the “old” fire station as their meeting place; however, it must be granted a Certificate of Occupancy. In order to obtain this CO, certain improvements must be made to the building. The council directed the staff to follow through with getting the CO as well as getting a new fuel oil tank to heat the building with and to definitely get the bathroom(s) put in.

- BOOE HOUSE

SARAH WELCH

Council has stated they would like to see the Booe house be improved in order to be used for very small groups of people. Staff was directed to get improvements made and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy to enable a minimum number of people the opportunity to use this building.

- PARK PLANNING UPDATE

Surveys were sent out and even though many were returned unopened due to incorrect names, we have received about 100 back. Many residents are in favor of a “quiet” park – not so many want a dog park. Council agreed to conception of a 5-year plan to include the park, Wickenham Park and the “old” fire station. We should continue with what we are doing and the “plan” can be tweaked as we go along.

- SIDEWALK UPDATE

Sidewalks are progressing nicely. Friendly, Ruxton, and Morris are on track for getting done by early spring. The mayor recommended that sidewalks stay on the south side of Friendly, the east side of Morris, and the south side of Ruxton. After those get done, the plan for other streets should be followed.

- Ordinance for prohibiting graffiti (Samples attached)

Sample graffiti-prohibited ordinances were presented. Mayor asked if council was on board for this issue, which they were. Using Kernersville’s ordinance as a prototype, staff is to present at the NOVEMBER meeting, an ordinance prohibiting graffiti in the Town of Walkertown.

- Ordinance to require fencing around retention ponds (Sample attached)

There were not many ordinances around the state for retention pond fencing ordinances. Staff will talk to Winston’s Planning Department and Inspections to determine if an ordinance exists that could be tailored to Walkertown’s use. This was asked to be put on NOVEMBER council agenda.

- North Carolina Festival

A list of festivals in and around North Carolina was presented. Walkertown would like to have a 2009 festival around the 2nd or 3rd weekend of September, preferably the 3rd weekend. The festival list does not go beyond July or August of 2009. Ongoing effort will proceed on this issue.

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:

- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

MOTION: TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:10 P.M.

BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

• MISCELLANEOUS

RANDY MENDENHALL

MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:34 P.M.
BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.
BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

REMEMBER!!!

- Meeting:
Upcoming Piedmont Council of Governments meeting at Love's UMC
November 18, 2008 at 12:00 – Noon
"IS YOUR COMMUNITY SENIOR-FRIENDLY?"
The Council and Town Staff are especially invited.

Submitted by:

Lynn McKinnie, CMC
Town Clerk