



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
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Walkertown Town Council Meeting
Walkertown Library Auditorium
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. JANUARY 24, 2008

MINUTES

PROTOCOL:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davis at 7:00 p.m. Present were the mayor, Sarah Welch, Randy Mendenhall, Marilyn Martin, and Wayne Hester. In attendance for the Staff were Lynn McKinnie and Attorney Amy Lanning. Mr. Mendenhall said the Invocation and Ms. Martin led the Pledge to the flag.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Hester, the agenda was unanimously approved which was amended by adding 4A – Annexation for Earl B. Hester and #11 Closed Session for personnel issues.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

Minutes for

- DECEMBER 20, 2007 – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- JANUARY 17, 2008 SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

were approved unanimously on a motion by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mr. Mendenhall.

PUBLIC SESSION

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Public Session was opened at 7:03 p.m.

1. Kathy Whicker
Food Lion Community Affairs Contact Person

I'm here tonight to tell you a few things and to do a "challenge". North Carolina is rated #17th – highest rate of adult obesity in the nation. We're #5 highest rated in childhood obesity. Our health care costs are all at an all-time high, mostly due to obesity related illnesses – cardiovascular disease, diabetes, stroke, etc. If unhealthy eating and sedentary habits continue, experts warn that this generation of children might be the first whose life expectancy is shorter than their parents. With this in mind, Lynn is passing out some information – it's just facts about obesity and the health care and the problems that we're having. And Walkertown is a part of it – I'm a part of it! So one thing that Food Lion pledged to all their associates is that we are excellence every where every day and a part of that is our eating habits and some of us haven't done that. With Guilford County, I had the opportunity to get information on their GET HEALTHY GUILFORD and they have challenged their town council, their mayor and etc., and been very successful with this. So Food Lion challenged me yesterday – and I said Walkertown's a great community to do this – because Walkertown is so community-involved, with their town council, with their churches, with their schools and with everybody within our community – then if we make a contact, this is a great thing! Because when good things happen, it spreads! (Right, Doc??) So with this in mind, what I would like you to do is go to the very last page and what it's called is GET HEALTHY WALKERTOWN and while you're all here, I'm going to challenge all of you also! Okay?? And what it is – our goal is to eat smart, and move more every day. Everyone tries to go on a diet at the beginning of the year but we need to do this every day. We need to think about healthy foods,

etc., and our store – we’re going to have a great list of opportunities – of great ways to lose weight – to be more nutritious – and, we would like, at this time, to first – we know that our town leaders are someone that we look up to. And if we have our town leaders to step up and lead by example, by doing a 10-week program – and what this program is, you don’t have to lose weight, but you sure can volunteer and sign up and set an example. Ten pounds in ten weeks – that’s not a lot – but that’s a healthy way – because you’re losing one pound. Here’s a great way – you can eat moderate portions, fruits and vegetables nine times a day – adults, 30 minutes – that is just 30 minutes more of activities – and our kids, if you will take the challenge from Food Lion and set the example so we can put your names up really big in the store, saying: Our Town Council is stepping up and leading by example – then we can go to the schools, we can go to the churches. We can go to the Civic Club – we can go to all the Little Leagues, the boosters, and what a great emphasis this will look on Walkertown. Because what Guilford County wants us to do – is we’re going to be so proud to say, “We are a great community in Walkertown.” Everyone here, right? If you lead by example, then we’re going to challenge Winston-Salem and Kernersville. But we have to do it a 100% the right way, the good way. (Right, Doc?) And I think it would be great if all of ya’ll would step up to the challenge, okay?

MAYOR: Let me get this straight ---- the food store wants us to eat less, is this right?

MS. WHICKER: Right!!!

(LAUGHTER ALL AROUND!!)

MAYOR: Have I got this straight???

MS. WHICKER: Yes. And that’s showing you just how much Food Lion cares about the community. It’s not all about the business – it’s all about caring and getting our community involved!!

MAYOR: And it won’t hurt? It’s not like pricking your finger?

MS. WHICKER: No!! Because, you know, Curves has new products.

There’s a lot more fruits and vegetables. We’re still right in there with helping our community. But we just think it’s better for everyone to start eating healthier and I’m one of the great examples because I want my kids to eat healthier. But we are so busy within this environment – we’re stopping at all the fast foods, you know, McDonalds, Burger King – and all those, and it’s starting to add up to all of us. If we don’t set the example, it’s not going to happen. I took the challenge. All of our associates at the store are taking the challenge, but we would like for our town council, so that we can tell everyone, is taking the challenge. You don’t have to lose the weight. You don’t have to sign up to lose the weight --- but it sure would look good to get our program started on it! And the other thing is we’re not going to put your weight up there – we’re just going to put, if you’ve lost a pound or two! The other great thing – every single person that signs up for the program, including the schools, is eligible for a great grand prize! A great grand prize! And all the schools and stuff – we’re going to have a different prize for each school so that we can get them participating but we don’t know any other way to get this program started than for you to step up and lead by example. Will you take the challenge.....tonight.....to sign.....?

MAYOR:All right, council, you’ve heard the challenge.

What do you think?????

MS. WELCH: I’ll accept!

MR. HESTER: Hey. You giving a grand prize for all the schools, different areas and all....how about a grand prize for the council?

MAYOR:I think the grand prize, she’s going to tell you, is you’re going to live longer.....

MS. WHICKER:The town council will also be eligible for a prize at our store.....

MR. HESTER:I mean, amongst the council people.....who loses the weight.....or whatever.....give them a grand prize.....

MS. WHICKER:You know what? I will accept that challenge – that everyone, if you all agree, that we’ll have just a prize just for the town council member that loses the most weight! That sounds like a great deal, right? And I accept that challenge gladly!!!

MAYOR: We going to weigh in on your scales? Not his??

MS. WHICKER: Right!!! You weigh on at our scales on a weekly basis.

And at the end, we’re going to have a great big celebration with a walk for everyone! Okay?

MAYOR: Any motions?

MR. MENDENHALL:Wait a minute.....! That McDonald’s isn’t going to be open the next ten weeks, is it?.....

(LAUGHTER AGAIN!)

MS. WHICKER:Right! You've got ten weeks, okay? So can I get a challenge from everyone of you? Tell me one way or the other. This is great! This is great for you to set for all generations and all diversity – this is great for you to accept the challenge!

MS. WELCH: I always have to do this every year – after Christmas!

MR. HESTER: I'll accept the challenge.

MS. MARTIN: I guess so.

MR. MENDENHALL: Yes. I can lose ten pounds easier than any of ya'll!!!

MS. WELCH: Yes.

MR. HESTER: We'll accept the challenge.

MS. WHICKER: And Lynn has already told us she would accept the challenge! Thank you!! I think you're doing a great thing for the community – to set the example! Thank you for your time.

MR. HESTER: Well, the good thing is, Doc – she said you didn't have to lose the weight ---- you just have to make the effort.

MAYOR: But that's really the only way she's going to tell you made an effort!!!

MR. HESTER: Are you going to do it like the Biggest Loser – is it going to be body percentage, or whatever they do? Not the most weight.....

MAYOR: You going to give us the details on weighing in and all that, right?

MS. WHICKER: Yes. I will get back to all of you.

MAYOR: Did we hear from Town Hall? Are "they" participating?

LYNN: I was the first one to tell her!!

MS. WHICKER: I talked to her today.....

MAYOR:We didn't hear it in public, though!..... We want the public to hear.....

LYNN:I am accepting this challenge – and I'm beating Doc!! I just have one problem, though! I don't mind the weight listing – but the **age???? Aaaaakkk!** (ha ha)

MS. WHICKER: Well, the reason for that is because we want to give all the data that we have entered from everyone participating to let them know how much weight Walkertown --- no names will be in the data ---it'll just be from what age group – we're seeing how much diversity we have in Walkertown!

MAYOR: They don't have your name – but they have your DNA!

MR. HESTER: I was going to say – you can lose weight, but you put your age down, you can't lose age!!!

LYNN: That's right!!!

MAYOR: Okay, Kathy, thank you so much. We'll be indebted to you if we live an extra day or two here!! Now, I assume you're going to look to the council to spearhead this into the schools, is that right?

MS. WHICKER: Well, it would be great because what we want to do is we want to have a walk for every student to be involved, like Walkertown Elementary, and I thought it would be great if the town council would lead the walk!

MAYOR: That would be good! So is this going to be, "Are you leaner than a fifth grader?"

Public Session was closed at 7:15 p.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT FOR APPROVAL

.....GIBSON & COMPANY

RESOLUTION – TO ACCEPT AUDIT

Mr. Harold Gibson introduced himself and his partner, Mr. Monty Pendry and he thanked the Town of Walkertown for allowing them to do the audit – this is the 9th consecutive year they have performed the audit on Walkertown.

Mr. Pendry gave a brief overview of the results of the audit for the year ending June 30, 2007.

"We want to point out some of the highlights of the audit for the current year. On page 1, I would like to point out our independent auditor's report. This statement or report basically says that we have audited the financial statements of the Town of Walkertown as of June 30th. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. And in our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Walkertown at June 30, 2007. And this is what we call an "unqualified opinion" which is the best opinion we can give – it's a clean opinion, which basically means everything is okay, financially. The next exhibit is on page 13 – Exhibit 1 – this is the Statement of Net Assets, or the town-wide balance sheet, if you will. You'll see here that your total assets at June 30, 2007, were \$5.2million, primarily consisting of cash at \$3.6million; \$158,000 in receivables; and \$1.3million in capital assets, which are your land, buildings, equipment, computers – and that number is net after depreciation. Coming on down, you'll see your total liabilities at June 30th were \$1.8million and that primarily consisted of Accounts Payable of \$136,000 and primarily a \$1.4million loan that is outstanding with DENR.....(that's for the sewer – town's biggest liability). Taking your total assets less your total liabilities, you come down to your total net assets, the bottom figure, of \$3.3million at June 30th. And the net assets number is further broken down between your investment and your assets (the \$1.3million). Your restricted net assets, which is your \$104,000 for your recreation funds, \$376,000 of your cultural and recreation funds, which is primarily your occupancy funds, and your unexpended Powell Bill monies (which is restricted for streets) and that's the \$911,000 figure – which leaves you with unrestricted net assets of about \$660,000 at June 30, 2007.

(MAYOR: Before you leave that--- Council, be sure to remember, that Powell Bill was reduced pretty dramatically when we paid off those liabilities that we show in short term – current liabilities were about \$90,000, wasn't it, Ms. McKinnie? So that Powell Bill came down to well under in the low \$800,000. But this is as of six-thirty which is he has to do it this way. Excuse me. Continue.) Okay.....turning over to page 14, Exhibit 2 – this is the statement of activities or the townwide income statement. In summary of this statement, you had total revenues of \$1.9million and that primarily consisted of your Powell Bill revenues of \$131,000; the donated value of your town hall – about \$285,000; and \$1.2million in property taxes, sales and franchise taxes, and interest income of about \$180,000. Had total expenses of \$1,074,243 with your public service expenditures of \$613,000, making up the biggest single departmental expense. So, taking your total revenue, less your expenses, you had a change in net assets or net income, of \$889,000 for the town.

(MAYOR: And that, again, would change after two months later when we sell and buy property – so that's as of June 30th.)

MR. PENDRY: Yeah. That's for the year ended 06/30. If you will go over to page 18, Exhibit 6 – This is the budget to actual revenue statement for the General Fund only. You'll see that you budgeted total revenues of \$1.3million; you actually received \$1.6million, so you had a \$301,000 favorable variance. You actually received more money than you budgeted. Coming on down, you'll see that you budgeted \$1.6million in expenditures – you only spent \$1.4million, so you, again, had a favorable variance of \$193,000. The net change in fund balance was \$56,000 in the General Fund, which was also a favorable variance. And another way to look at this schedule is that you always budget a break-even when you do your budget and you actually ended up to the good by \$56,000 for the year in the General Fund.

That was a brief overview of what we wanted to talk about, but in summary, I did want to say that at June 30, 2007, you had cash of \$3.7million, net assets of \$3.4million. You increased your net assets by \$889,000. Your revenues exceeded expenditures and the budget by \$56,000 in the General Fund and all in all, we feel that the town is in good financial condition.

(MAYOR: Do you have any recommendations for us at all? Anything we need to do different, that you would recommend.)

MR. PENDRY: We think the accounting records are in good shape and we didn't find any internal control problems so – all in all, even though you do have the loan outstanding, we feel you're in good financial condition.

(MAYOR: Council, do any of you have any questions? Mr. Pendry's been very thorough with it.)

(MS. MARTIN: I had a couple of questions but I went to town hall and Lynn explained everything to me.)

(MAYOR: She's trying to do his job, isn't she??) (ha ha)

(MS. WELCH: I think everything looks good.)

(MAYOR: Wayne, you're the financial officer, you have any comments to make?)
 (MR. HESTER: Not I. It all sounds good.)
 MR. PENDRY: Any time you are looking over the statements and you have any questions, feel free to give us a call at the office. We should be able to answer them!
 (MAYOR: Ya'll do a lot of towns.....how do we – I'm not saying rank per se by town – but are we average, better than average, in the way we handle our funds? What's your best guess?)
 MR. PENDRY: Actually, we do have a few statistics that they put out and they're basically as of 06/30/2006 – after they get all the town financials statements in – the Local Government Commission does the stats for all the municipalities in the state and the stats are based on an average of your population and for instance: for the cash at 06/30/07, you had \$3.7million and the average for a town with 2,500 to 9,999 at 06/30/06 was \$4.1million – so you're right on base with the cash amount. That goes up to towns that are little bit larger – with 9,999 people – so you're right on point with that. Your tax rate at 06/03/07 is 20-cents. The average for towns in your size is 32-cents so you're actually 12-cents under the property tax rate for towns of your size. And, also, regarding your fund balance – at June 30, 2007, your unreserved General Fund balance was \$2.5million and the average for a town your size is \$1.7million so you're actually doing good in that respect. So, you're basically about 123% over the average, looking at your General Fund expenditures as a percentage of your unreserved General Fund balance – you're 123% greater than the average for towns of your size. So that's just some stats – I don't know if that answers your questions....
 (MAYOR: Yes. It lets us know where we stand. Thank you, Monty. Thank you, Harold. We need a motion.)

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT AS PRESENTED
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOA) FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Anybody want to tell us about that, Ms. McKinnie?
 LYNN: There are four revisions to the MPO.
 1. Changes to comply with the State Open Meetings Laws
 2. Apportionment of the local match
 3. Revision of the voting structure
 4. Addition of Midway as a voting member
 MAYOR: Any questions on that? Just adopting these changes? That was a question.
 Marilyn, are you all right with this?
 MS. MARTIN: Yes. I actually talked to Lynn earlier and she explained it all to me. I had a lot of questions.
 MR. MENDENHALL: It's laid out pretty straight.
 LYNN: Walkertown will retain their vote – they were trying to take smaller town's voting rights away but finally decided not to.
 MAYOR: Right. All towns would have, wouldn't they?
 LYNN: No.

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOA) FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM

**URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (MPO) AS WRITTEN**

**BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

MAYOR: Items 3 and 4 and 4A involve resolutions directing the clerk to investigate petitions requesting annexation. Annexations are usually officially done twice a year in June and December. We approve these as they come in and she collects them and does them all at one time. For annexation 4A, the owner had been in the town for a number of years – Earl Hester – and there was some confusion along the way and he got dropped from the town by a previous manager – and he’s wanting back to where he was as a resident of Walkertown.

3. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION DIRECTING CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION
SAMMY LEE AND ELIZABETH A. STEWART
920 WALKERTOWN-GUTHRIE ROAD
BLOCK 5357 LOT 078A

4. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION DIRECTING CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION
PAUL REX AND SYLVIA ESTELLA TRUELOVE
5004 OLD BELEWS CREEK ROAD
BLOCK 3252 LOTS 102 AND 103

4.A **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
RESOLUTION DIRECTING CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION
EARL B. HESTER
3164 WILLISTON ROAD
BLOCK 3232 LOTS 002A

**MOTION: TO APPROVE DIRECTING THE CLERK TO INVESTIGATE
PETITIONS REQUESTING ANNEXATION FOR:**

- (1) **SAMMY LEE AND ELIZABETH A. STEWART**
920 WALKERTOWN-GUTHRIE ROAD
BLOCK 5357 LOT 078A
- (2) **PAUL REX AND SYLVIA ESTELLA TRUELOVE**
5004 OLD BELEWS CREEK ROAD
BLOCK 3252 LOTS 102 AND 103
- (3) **EARL B. HESTER**
3164 WILLISTON ROAD
BLOCK 3232 LOTS 002A

**BY: SARAH WELCH
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

RESOLUTION #08-____

REPLACING MARILYN MARTIN WITH APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR
DOC DAVIS TO ROADS AND STREETS COMMITTEE

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Marilyn Martin has requested that she not be on this committee. She would rather be on the "tea party committee". That leaves myself and Randy Mendenhall, is that correct, Ms. McKinnie? We're shoveling the ice and Ms. McKinnie's driving the truck.

LYNN: No! I'm throwing the salt out!!

MAYOR: That's right. She's got the salt shaker. Any motion?

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION REPLACING MARILYN
MARTIN BY APPOINTING MAYOR DAVIS TO ROADS
AND STREETS COMMITTEE (WITH RANDY
MENDENHALL)**

BY: MARILYN MARTIN

SECOND: WAYNE HESTER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

RESOLUTION 08-____

TO APPOINT (1) BRENDA MABE AND (2) KEVIN BRIGGS AS
ALTERNATES TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

DISCUSSION:

None

**MOTION: TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BRENDA MABE AND
KEVIN BRIGGS AS ALTERNATES TO THE PLANNING
BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ENDING DECEMBER
31, 2008**

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

FIRE ADMINISTRATOR LIAISON FOR TOWN AND FIRE DEPT.

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: If you see the job description, you may want to look over it or we can use it as a personnel-type matter at a Closed Session. This is public safety, fire and emergency services part-time. He would be only a part-time independent contractor. He would be advisor to the council, mayor, manager and clerk on emergency services issues throughout the corporate limits – or incorporated limits – in the Town of Walkertown. The general description would be that the administrator advisor of the affairs of the fire and emergency services provided to the town, both on a business level, enforcement level, and

suppression level. The Fire Administrator would be responsible for assisting local governments with fire and emergency services provided to the Town of Walkertown. It is a part-time position, reporting to the manager, mayor, and council. You can see the job duties down there outlined as it has been discussed. Is there any questions on this?

MS. MARTIN: Is this something we can leave for the Closed Session?

MAYOR: Well, we need to go ahead if you want to approve or disapprove, we can finalize the details in Closed Session, but this is something we need to deal with in Open Session.

MS. WELCH: I'd like to make a motion that we accept this position as stated for Fire Administrator.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FIRE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AS LISTED

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BEFORE THE VOTE:

MS. MARTIN: I just have some questions about this. We've been bantering back and forth for a code enforcement person. Will this help that situation in any way?

MAYOR: Only as it would relate to fire and it would not to aesthetics, such as some of the problems we have had. Most of our code enforcement problems have been junk cars, trashy yards, overgrown yards. But, as far as code enforcement, yes – this person would be empowered to do that, would they not? Are you saying not?

LYNN: I can't imagine that this guy would be involved in the town's code enforcement issues – junk cars and overgrown grass, unless maybe grass fires??

MS. MARTIN: I wouldn't think so, either.....

MAYOR: No. I said he would not on that! But he would be for emergency services only – like fire hazards, that type – but he would not be involved in junk cars, overgrown lawns, and trashy yards – he would not be involved in that. He would be involved in the hazardous conditions concerning dwellings or businesses or the like of that. Does that answer your question?

MS. MARTIN: Yes, it does. That's an entirely separate thing.

8. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

RESOLUTION #08 - ___ TO DECLARE 1987 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER DUMP TRUCK AS NOT SURPLUS AND FOR TOWN TO KEEP AND REPAIR RESCINDING RESOLUTION #07-052

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This truck was once upon a time declared surplus. We would like to declare it back on the active duty list, bring it out of mothballs and repair it as some minor repairs needed, and get her ready for the big one that's coming. We found that the truck believed to be rusted out and beyond repair is really not quite that bad! We worked on it over the weekend and got it running good so we are recommending to the council to do this. Is there a motion?

MS. WELCH: And you didn't even have to use it!

MAYOR: No, we didn't have to use it! Ready – but didn't use it!

MOTION: TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #07-052 – DO AWAY WITH THE SURPLUS READING ON THAT – AND DECLARE IT USABLE AND MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: SARAH WELCH

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 2007

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: They are in your packet. Mr. Financial Man – you got anything to tell us?

MR. HESTER: No. Just like the audit – everything is looking good. You have the figures right in front of you. If there's no questions, I make a motion we accept the financial statement as it is presented.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED BY THE TOWN CLERK

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SESSION

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Public Session was opened and closed at 7:43 p.m. with no speakers.

MAYOR: Well, do I have a motion to go into Closed Session?

LYNN: Wait. Did you want to discuss the item concerning the Walkertown Warriors? I did receive their grant application today.

MAYOR: I had two of the council members mention that since this came in today, we ought to take this up at the February meeting. If you'll look in your packet there is a request for financial support from the Walkertown Warriors. Why don't one of you council members that said we ought to do this in February make a motion now.

MOTION: TO TABLE THE GRANT REQUEST FROM THE WALKERTOWN WARRIORS TO THE FEBRUARY MEETING

BY: WAYNE HESTER

SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MAYOR: This request for funding was received today so if you would, review it – and, Ms. McKinnie, put this back on the agenda for February since it was only received today. I think that would be the best.

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

SEPARATE PACKET ATTACHED:

**** AUDIT REPORT BOOKLET FROM GIBSON & COMPANY**

BEHIND INDEX # 10

- Planning Board Meeting Minutes for JANUARY 8, 2008

OTHER INFORMATION INCLUDED:

- Email from Karen Watson ref: Walkertown Warriors
(Note: No Grant Application has been received from this group)

MAYOR: Let me take just a minute to mention the recycling for the public to hear. We have changed the recycle – it is all on Monday now, rather than a Monday/Tuesday. All recycle's on Monday. Route A is on one Monday and Route B is the next Monday – so it's not a Monday/Tuesday in the same week.

LYNN: There's never been a Tuesday pick-up!!

MAYOR: Beg your pardon – it's always been on one Monday but now they've split it up. Half the route, similar to the garbage, half of it's on one Monday and half the next Monday. So you see Route A - in February is the 11th ad 25th.... There was supposed to be some information in your recycle bin but there was not in ours.....

MS. WELCH:Wasn't in mine either.....

LYNN: I asked Jennifer at Waste Management to re-do the process and put the cards back in the bins and she agreed to do so.

More discussion took place about the recycling but the major thrust was to call or go by Town Hall if you have any questions about recycling.

• ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **RECYCLING** in Walkertown has been changed. Refer to card received in recycling bin for your pick-up schedule.

FEBRUARY

“A” - 11 and 25

“B” - 4 and 18

MARCH

“A” - 10 and 24

“B” - 3 and 17 and 31

APRIL

“A” - 7 and 21

“B” - 14 and 28

IN A NUTSHELL:

A includes 66 from 311 to 158, , Darrow, 158, and roads connecting to 158 and Darrow, and Walkertown-Guthrie, and roads connecting to Walkertown-Guthrie such as Wrangler, Martin, Rock Lane, etc.

B includes 66 from New Walkertown Rd. to Day Acres, and streets along the way, area including New and Old Walkertown, McGee, and roads east of 66 such as Sullivantown, Leake, Winthrop, Friendly, etc.

CALL TOWN HALL FOR MORE INFO

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (4TH THURSDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Walkertown Library Auditorium on:

FOURTH THURSDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

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SEPTEMBER	25
OCTOBER	23
NOVEMBER	20 – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER	18 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:**
Library @ 3:00 p.m. On 1st Tuesday of month

MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:43 P.M.
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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:

(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.

MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:15 P.M.
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

AFTER RETURNING TO OPEN SESSION THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS CAME FROM THE CLOSED SESSION:

1. FIRE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

MOTION: TO APPROVE A JOB POSITION FOR FIRE ADMINISTRATOR AND TO SET THE PAY FOR ADMINISTRATOR AT \$400 PER MONTH
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. LABORER POSITION

MOTION: TO APPROVE HIRING A CONTRACT PERSON FOR \$15.00 PER HOUR FOR FIRST PERSON AND \$10.00 PER HOUR FOR SECOND PERSON
BY: RANDY MENDENHALL
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PARK PLANS

LYNN HAS RECENTLY EMAILED KEN STAFFORD REQUESTING STATUS OF PARK SITUATION. SHE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH HER REQUEST AND ADVISE THE COUNCIL.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALKERTOWN:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Kenneth R. Davis
Mayor

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES TO BE DONE BY ATTORNEY AMY LANNING.