MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Davis, Randy Mendenhall, Wayne Hester, Sarah Welch and Marilyn Martin.

Invocation was said by Pastor Steve Autrey, Morris Chapel UMC.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Marilyn Martin.

Mayor Davis requested one addition to the agenda – the request by Walkertown Elementary School for a donation to shelter the walkway that the children use. The amended agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Randy Mendenhall and seconded by Marilyn Martin.

The following minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Wayne Hester and seconded by Randy Mendenhall:

- August 28, 2008 – Regular Meeting
- September 16, 2008 – Special Workshop Meeting
- September 16, 2008 – Closed Session Minutes

PUBLIC SESSION

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER.
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Public Session was opened at 7:06 p.m. with one speaker:

1. Blanche Blowe
   3815 Kilberry Court
   Walkertown
   Ms. Blowe thanked the council for the cleaning up of the entrance to Walkertown. It looks really nice.

Public Session was closed at 7:07 p.m.

BUSINESS

1.-A. WALKERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REQUEST FOR FUNDS
Dr. Neil Raymer, Principal of Walkertown Elementary School, briefed the council on their request for funds. He said there is a new pod out front, which services eight classrooms, and the school system has provided a concrete walkway of about 50-feet from the school out to the pod as well as landscaping around it.

They had planned on purchasing a covered walkway from the back of the school to the entrance on the back side of the pod to shelter the students and teachers as they come and go from the pod. The school system has a matching funds grant program which will match up to $5,000 on a capital project – and the school is applying for this grant, with the deadline for applying as October 3rd . This grant is eligible for each school *every other year* and Walkertown did not apply for it last year so it is anticipated that the school will secure this grant. There is a one bid on the project in the amount of $29,000 from Tri-City Awning (company which does all the awning services for the Forsyth County School System). He is looking at two additional bids, which he was told, the Town would require for its grant request. The PTA has promised $10,000 for the project, which brings the total in hand to $15,000. The Lion's Club has promised $500 and they have approached the Civic Club. He said they have filled out the Town of Walkertown grant request and turned it in, asking for $14,000. Dr. Raymer said there are no hard and fast deadlines for the monetary request from the town but he would like to move forward with this project as soon as possible.
Mayor Davis said – for the record – that there was a big misunderstanding about a trailer – no one from council ever wanted the trailer to be moved. It was miscommunication and the council didn't care where it was put.
BY CONSENSUS OF COUNCILL, THIS TOPIC WILL BE CONTINUED TO THE OCTOBER MEETING AFTER THE SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED TWO MORE BIDS.

1.-B. CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR **OCTOBER** TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FROM: WALKERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
TO: "OLD" FIRE STATION (5135 MAIN STREET)
DUE TO LIBRARY BEING USED AS AN "EARLY VOTING PRECINCT"

The October 23rd council meeting will be held in the meeting room of the old fire station because the library auditorium is needed for election issues.
Ms. Welch said she would like to see the drains in the "old" fire station covered – too many people have gotten their heels caught in drains – and this needs to be addressed.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLERK TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING – OCTOBER 16, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT WALKERTOWN LIBRARY

A resolution is needed to authorize the clerk to set a public hearing to discuss the new town park. This hearing is required by the grant procedures in order to apply for a matching funds grant. Information on the park will be available at the meeting.
A motion by Marilyn Martin to authorize the clerk to set a public hearing for the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan meeting was seconded by Wayne Hester and unanimously approved.

3. HIGH KNOLL SUBDIVISION STREET(S) ISSUE

This involves the developer's request for the town to take over the streets in the subdivision, which is located off Highway 158. The issue now is deciding what constitutes the subdivision being "complete". Ms. Martin said that it looks to be about 1/3 completed. She would like for more completion before taking over the streets for maintenance purposes because of the fact that there will be heavy equipment still being traveled along the subdivision roads. She recommended 2/3 - or 75% - completion before taking the streets in. Mr. Hester agreed that 75% would be a good figure – very close to finishing. Mr. Mendenhall suggested putting a time limit on taking over – such as, in five years from now, it's not 75% complete, do we just leave it hanging the way it is? Mayor Davis reminded the council that the letter from a prior town manager was written on October 17, 2003 promising *"….street repair, snow removal, and street lights*." At what point does the clock start ticking? The economy is affecting housing. Ms. Martin said it's not that the town does not want to take care of the streets, but if we take over this subdivision before it is finished, what happens with White Hall Subdivision? We need to protect our streets.

Marilyn Martin moved that the Town of Walkertown take over the High Knolls Subdivision streets when it's 75% complete or if subdivision is not complete, a maximum of five (5) years (to take over streets) **from when this motion is approved. Wayne Hester seconded the motion.**

(Mayor Davis asked when did the clock start ticking because the letter was sent in 2003……or were they discussing ***now***. The motion was amended to include the details.) Mr. Mendenhall said that these are citizens of the town and as such, pay taxes to the town, and they are not getting their due. He felt this should be taken into consideration. With the slowing of the economy, the subdivision may not be finished in five years.

At this time, for road repairs, etc., the cost would be borne by the developer and the homeowner. The council was reminded that Powell Bill funds cannot be used on private roads, which is what these roads are considered to be until dedicated to the town.

REPEAT OF MOTION:

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Motion passed unanimously with Martin, Hester, and Welch voting for the motion and Mendenhall abstaining (counts as "for" vote.)

4. RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE ANNEXATION PETITION

The council was asked to approve the resolution authorizing the clerk to investigate the address 5028 Wrangler Drive to be annexed into the Town of Walkertown. If found to be sufficient, annexation would not conclude until December 31st.

Wayne Hester moved to direct the town clerk to investigate voluntary

annexation petition received under G.S. 160A-31 for 5028 Wrangler Drive, with Randy Mendenhall seconding and unanimously approved.

5. PARK UPDATE

The town manager gave a brief update of the park (which could not be heard very well on tape). The public hearing of October 16th is to get comments from the citizenry on what they would like to see in a park. In the next week or so, a questionnaire will be sent out to citizens by Town Hall asking for comments. The town's deadline for the PART-F grant is January 31, 2009.

6. SIDEWALK UPDATE

The manager gave a brief update saying sidewalks on Main Street would cost around $100,000. The Sidewalk and Pedestrian Coordinator, Todd Peterson, said Walkertown would not likely receive any funds this fiscal year, 2008-2009, but could possibly be allotted funds in 2010-2011.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 2008

The Financial Statements for AUGUST 2008 on a motion by Wayne Hester, and seconded by Randy Mendenhall were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC SESSION

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Public Session was opened and closed with no speakers at 7:50 p.m.

OTHER

The Town of Walkertown is in need of purchasing tables and chairs for the meeting room at the "old" fire station. Also, a new mixer board is needed.
Tables and chairs and a mixer board were authorized by consensus of the council to be purchased.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling – every other week Monday

Town Council meetings:

Fourth **T**hursday @ 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 16 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING @ LIBRARY

OCTOBER	**23**	**<u>"OLD" FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM</u>**
NOVEMBER	**20 – CHANGED DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**	
DECEMBER	**18 – CHANGED DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**	

Planning Board meetings:
Walkertown Library @ 3:00 on 1st Tuesday

COME TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MEETING AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THURSDAY – OCTOBER 16, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. AT THE WALKERTOWN LIBRARY

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion from Marilyn Martin and seconded by Sarah Welch.

Submitted by:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk