

**SPECIAL CALLED WORKSHOP MEETING
6:00 P.M. @ TOWN HALL
MAY 7, 2009**

Minutes

Mayor Davis opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Present were the mayor, Wayne Hester, Sarah Welch, Marilyn Martin, Randy Mendenhall, Lynn McKinnie, and Scott Snow. No one else attended the meeting.

- 1. SHOPPING CENTER – STREET BUMPS – SEND LETTER** MARILYN
Discussion concerned the amount of traffic and the speed of traffic that goes through the Food Lion shopping center. People are using the cut-through to avoid traffic on NC-66 and also on Darrow Road. Several council members told of their near-accidents from speeding vehicles.
ACTION: The council asked that the shopping center owners be contacted by phone and then by letter to ask that “speed bumps” or “speed humps” be installed.
- 2. DEAD END SIGN AT EAST MARTIN STREET AND NC-66** SARAH
Sarah Welch asked that a “Dead End” or “No Through Street” sign be installed to prevent people from “dumping” refuse and other debris at the eastern end of Martin Street.
ACTION: The council directed that a “Dead End” sign be installed at NC-66 and “east” Martin Street.
- 3. BOOE HOUSE – PROPOSALS REC’D**
Discussion on the Booe house revolved around the work needed to bring it up to code to use for small groups (around 25-50 people). Proposals for the work to be done were reviewed and it was decided to go with the “Design/Build” option.
ACTION: The council decided that work on the Booe house to bring it up to code needed to be accomplished – “fast and cheap”. They said to get done what is needed to be able to use for “small” groups – up to 25 people. Go with the “Design/Build” option. See what Evans Builders, who has done work for the town before, has on his proposal.
ACTION: The council agreed to continue buying pieces of furniture as good deals are found, either via donation, auctions, or private purchases.
- 4. TOWN HALL - SECURITY CAMERAS FOR BACK – ADT**
Due to vandalism at the back of Town Hall building, research into putting in a security camera was done. The cost to install one camera was about \$2,000 plus about \$1,000 for the computer to go along with the

surveillance. Mr. Mendenhall stated that a camera can be purchased from Sam's or Radio Shack at a much cheaper cost.

ACTION: The council agreed that staff should research more prices before finalizing this action.

5. TOWN CENTER PARK – PARTF GRANT UPDATE

The PARTF grant decision has been put off until July 24th so the town still does not know if we will get any grant money for our Town Center Park. The Grant Authority Board will advise after the decision is made (07-24). In the meantime, the grant writers said it would help if the council contacted area senators and representatives and let them know that Walkertown has a grant request out there and ask for their help.

ACTION: Mr. Hester will contact Larry Brown. Mayor Davis will contact Dale Folwell and Pete Brunstetter. Ms. Martin will contact Linda Garrou.

6. STREET SYSTEM – VARIOUS ISSUES:

A. STREET MAINTENANCE NEEDS

A list of "Needs for Walkertown Street System" as prepared by Rick Austin updated the council on various issues facing Walkertown streets and Mr. Austin's estimated needs and costs for updating. This issue was discussed at length.

ACTION:

1. Add Main Street to the list. This involves the roadway across from Clyde Webster's house which was broken up during other repair work. Needs to be fixed soon.
2. Poindexter Street – Re-seed shoulder – don't do this one because this is something our maintenance man can do.
3. Ola Lane and High Knoll Drive Intersection – this would need to be annexed into the town before anything can be done on it.
4. Annie Lane – the cost of \$18,000 should be reduced to "spot treatment" rather than full treatment and cost about \$1,000.
5. Christian Circle – the cost of \$13,000 should be reduced to "spot treatment" rather than full treatment and cost about \$1,000.
6. The council agreed work should proceed on all roads on the list from Amarillo Lane through Christian Circle.

B. MELVIN LANE – PETITION AND STREET MAINTENANCE RANDY

The discussion on this issue involved several issues – the Petition from residents stating they do not wish to take on the expense of paving Melvin Lane; the petition from residents giving reasons for not being able to afford the expense; the town's policy on paving; and the most important fact that Melvin Lane is a DOT street – not a town street. The town's position is clear – the town cannot and will not pave a DOT street.

ACTION:

1. Contact DOT to see what they can do.
2. Encourage DOT to tar and gravel Melvin Lane.

C. DAVIS ROAD – SPEED LIMIT TO CHANGE TO 45 MPH FROM 55

By petition request from residents along Davis Road, they have asked that the speed limit be reduced to prevent the speeding of cars down Davis Road.

ACTION:

1. The speed limit from a point approximately 0.97 mile south of NC-66 northward to NC-66 will be reduced from 55 mph to 45 mph.

7. SEWER SYSTEM RATE CALCULATION INFORMATION AND AGREEMENT COPY

A copy of the “Sewer System Construction and Operation Agreement” along with an explanation of the “Rate Differential” amounts was provided to the council in answer to questions concerning the revenue reimbursement for the DENR loan.

ACTION: Council was advised to read through the information and contact Lynn for answers to further questions.

8. BUDGET UPDATE / DISCUSSION

The council reviewed the tentative budget as proposed by Lynn. Various entries were revised to accommodate updated information.

ACTION: Budget will be updated to reflect new information as received. Budget should be completed and ready for presentation at the June council meeting.

9. MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

- Wickenham contract – If we pay 5% upfront (\$15,000) on the contract, we can get a 3-year warranty rather than a 1-year warranty.
- The website is still showing members of the last council. Council members were urged to get their picture taken and get it to Lynn so she can get updated information on the town’s website.
- Next workshop meeting will be June 11th at 6:00 p.m.
- The outhouse on the school property that Lynn got approval from Bill Powell for the town to have – must be moved to town property!
- “Retention” pond – one that runs into a stream.
- “Detention” pond – one that sits on dry land.
- Williston Road has a number of street lights that are not working.
- New Street, at the far end, has a street light that is missing a globe.

On a motion by Randy Mendenhall, and seconded by Sarah Welch, approved by the council, the council went into Closed Session at approximately 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Wayne Hester, and seconded by Marilyn Martin, approved by the council, the council returned to Open Session at approximately 8:33 p.m.

At 8:35 p.m. the workshop meeting was adjourned on a motion by Wayne Hester, seconded by Randy Mendenhall, and unanimously agreed upon.

Submitted by:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk