



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL

JANUARY 28, 2010

Mayor Doc Davis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were council members Randy Mendenhall, Sarah Welch, Wayne Hester, and Peggy Leight. Also in attendance were Lynn McKinnie and Scott Snow.

Mr. Mendenhall did the invocation and Ms. Welch led the pledge to the flag.

Approval of Agenda as Presented

Under Committee Updates, Mayor Davis asked to add an item: Sheriff Meeting Report. Ms. Leight asked to add an update on the Census Committee. Mayor Davis asked to also add sidewalk update.

With those additions, the agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Mendenhall and seconded by Ms. Welch.

Approval of Minutes as Presented

- DECEMBER 17, 2009 – INSTALLATION MEETING
- JANUARY 14, 2010 – WORKSHOP MEETING

On a motion by Ms. Welch, seconded by Mr. Hester, the minutes for December 17, 2009, and January 14, 2010 were approved.

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 and closed at 7:04 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **RESOLUTION**
TO APPOINT AS ALTERNATES TO PLANNING BOARD
 1. JENNY MORRIS
 2. MOLLY BOVENDER
 3. WENDY DUDLEY

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Davis recognized Jenny Morris and thanked her for attending this meeting as well as her willingness to serve on the Planning Board as an alternate. The other two alternates, Molly Bovender and Wendy Dudley, had other engagements and could not make the meeting on such short notice. The council was asked for any comments and Mr. Hester responded by saying he was glad to have her here and glad that she shows an interest and was interested in coming to the meeting. In saying that, he also made the motion:

MOTION: TO APPROVE AS ALTERNATES ON THE WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD, SERVING FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2010 FROM JANUARY THRU DECEMBER:
1. JENNY MORRIS
2. MOLLY BOVENDER
3. WENDY DUDLEY
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **RESOLUTION:**
TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN APPLYING FOR NORTH CAROLINA PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND (PARTF) GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$_____ TO BUILD A RECREATION AREA/PARK BEHIND TOWN HALL

DISCUSSION:

This grant is through the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and is a matching 50/50 grant. The Town is applying for a grant in the total amount of \$945,945. Half would be paid by PARTF if the Town receives approval from PARTF. This is another try for the grant and minor adjustments have been made to improve the grant application. Deadline to apply for the grant is Monday, February 1, 2010.

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

3. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
✓ DECEMBER, 2009

DISCUSSION:

Financial statements for December were presented for council approval. Mayor Davis mentioned the article in the Kernersville News and said the famous Walkertown statement, "Walkertown is in good shape for the shape we're in."

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS SUBMITTED
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **PUBLIC NOTICE: FEB. 18, 2010 6:00 P.M.**
TO ANNOUNCE:
JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING WITH WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL, WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD, AND GARY ROBERTS (WS/FC PLANNING BOARD) – TO DISCUSS UDO TEXT AMENDMENTS

DISCUSSION

This is the public notice to announce the joint workshop meeting with the Town Council and the Planning Board to meet with Gary Roberts, our Planner with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning Board. We will be discussing various UDO text amendments that the Town of Walkertown may or may not wish to adopt for the Town of Walkertown. The meeting will be held at the Library auditorium and, as usual, the public is welcome to attend.

✓ **MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

NOTE: IF NO MEETING – NO COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. **NORTHWEST PIEDMONT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT**

(REP: PEGGY LEIGHT)

Ms. Leight attended the meeting and one of the people who spoke was Reginald McCaskill, Director of the Service Corp. This is a group that takes “at-risk” youth and puts them to work for a fee for governments, for commercial, and for residential – anybody who wants to use them. They do light construction, landscaping, and yard clean-up, etc. Ms. Leight thought we, the Town, could possibly use them to contract for fall leaf pick-up that has been discussed previously – or for anything else we might have. They are willing and able to do any kind of work like this. This is a “fee for service” and they have all the equipment needed – trucks, materials, etc. She said they could not “build” a house but they could certainly “fix” and do other things. Ms. Leight will contract the director to find out what they will charge and what the process would be for doing leaf pick-up, etc. Council members agreed unanimously with this.

2. **CENSUS UPDATE**

(REP: PEGGY LEIGHT)

Ms. Leight stated that we met with a Census Staff member on January 21st and just to get some of the dates out – starting sometime in February, Group Quarters (rest homes, shelters, colleges, hospitals) to get those people counted first. That’s the first group of people they’re working with. Forms will get mailed to individuals April 1st – starting point. They won’t begin door-to-door until after May 1st – and it could run anywhere from May 1st through July. They will only go door-to-door if they have not received back the form in that time period.

Mayor Davis summarized the procedure as:

- They will mail the forms to every household;
- Every household is asked to complete it and return it by mail;
- If they don’t, then they will send out workers to try and get the information to get a count and the names of the people.

Ms. Leight agreed and said they will do paid training for those individuals who

will be doing the door-to-door and depending on what job you will be doing, it will be three, four, or five days of training, after you've been approved to be a census taker. You have to pass a test first. They will take applications probably through April for census takers. At some point, at the end of March, they plan to survey the "homeless" people and they wanted us to designate specific areas that we know of in Walkertown that may or may not have homeless people. They will be going – one night, from 7pm until midnight – to interview homeless people. They are coordinating with municipalities and with the police but the police will not be going with them.

3. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE CALL WITH ALL MAYORS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

(REP: MAYOR DOC DAVIS)

Mayor Davis spoke of his conference call with Sheriff Schatzman and all the local mayors and some of the County Commissioners.

He said: "The Sheriff says we are well *understaffed* in the County; that we have .7 officers per capita and it should be 1.5 and they can outfit 22 officers with equipment but they need payrolls for these officers. They're calling on all the mayors and all the towns to get involved and cough up money to pay officers for payrolls. It was then decided to have a meeting and one was scheduled for February 3rd. Included in the .7 number per whatever the figure was that was given – are the 14 community policing officers that are involved with Clemmons, Lewisville, and Rural Hall. It was pointed out on at least two occasions that Tobacoville, Bethania, and Walkertown had no community policing. The County Commissioners would probably love for the towns to cough up. When you go into policing, it means *increased taxes*. Clemmons is looking in the next few years at having their own police force, similar to what Kernersville has. Instead of the national average of 1.5 per thousand, I think Winston has 1.4 and Kernersville has 1.8 (they're overmanned!). This is what's coming. We're going to be faced with something along these lines soon; either divvying up money, and I don't think we're near ready to take on a police force.....They're looking for a figure of approximately between \$1million and \$2million for 22 officers."

Mr. Hester said we are furnishing them a building to use. He felt that no decision can be made at this time – we would need to discuss this after we see what ideas they come up with.

Mayor Davis said the Sheriff's Dept. has a grant to pay for the equipment but no grant to pay for personnel (with benefits). The Sheriff's Dept. is looking to increase number of "*boots in the field*" - "*uniformed officers in the field*".

Ms. Leight asked that of the three communities that have community policing, what do they pay? No one knew for sure but it was thought that Rural Hall pays about \$125,000 for their two officers.

Of the total fourteen community police servicing local communities, Lewisville has 5, Clemmons has 7 and Rural Hall has 2.

Mr. Hester said he felt that paying for a community officer would be double taxation – which was resoundingly agreed upon by the council and mayor.

Mayor Davis stated that this issue would likely be addressed in the "*Listening Tour*" meeting (scheduled for February 25th.)

He said he would be attending another sheriff meeting February 3rd and he would update the council sometime after that.

4. **SIDEWALKS**

(REP: MAYOR DAVIS)

Mayor Davis updated the sidewalk situation in Walkertown by saying that sidewalks are going forward. One sidewalk is about 95% complete; one's about 45% complete and one has not gotten started.

(Morris Street is waiting for more consistent weather and can be completed within a week or two.)

5. **FALL FESTIVAL**

(REP: RANDY MENDENHALL)

The Fall Festival, according to the Festival Chairperson, Mr. Mendenhall, seems to be going fine but it is still early so still slow. He said it was decided to have shirts and hats – and that's already in the works. He will be getting with each council member within the next month to assign specific duties so that no one person will be overwhelmed.

A worthwhile update should be forthcoming in the next month or so.

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NOTE:

1. The workshop meeting on February 18th will be set up to allow Gary Roberts to present his UDO text amendments at the beginning of the meeting and discuss any town issues after Mr. Roberts' presentation.
2. Mayor Davis alerted anyone interested that the snow removal crews are ready – trucks are loaded with sand; chains are on; and full of fuel. We are ready, he said!!

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:38 P.M.
BY: SARAH WELCH
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Submitted by:

**Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk**

MISCELLANEOUS MINUTES AND INFORMATION:

- 1. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES –
 - JANUARY 5, 2010
- 2. FALL FESTIVAL MINUTES
 - JANUARY 11, 2010
- 3. CENSUS COMMITTEE MEETING
 - JANUARY 11, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WORKSHOP MEETING** – 6:00 P.M. - FEBRUARY 18, 2010
LIBRARY
- **RECYCLING** – every other week – Monday

FEBRUARY
ROUTE A – 8TH AND 22ND
ROUTE B – 1ST AND 15TH
TOWN HALL IS ROUTE B

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Fourth Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY	25
MARCH	25
APRIL	22
MAY	27
JUNE	24
JULY	22
AUGUST	26
SEPTEMBER	23
OCTOBER	28
NOVEMBER	18 DUE TO THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER	23 COULD BE CHANGED??

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS:

Walkertown Library @ 3:00 on 1st Tuesday - - - -

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