



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL APRIL 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doc Davis at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were the mayor, Wayne Hester, Peggy Leight, Sarah Welch, Lynn McKinnie, and Scott Snow. Randy Mendenhall was out of town.

Mayor Davis said a brief invocation and then led the pledge to the flag.

Before approving the agenda, Mayor Davis requested the addition of a Closed Session at the end of Business.

BY CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL, THE ADDITION OF A CLOSED SESSION WAS APPROVED TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED
BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes as Presented

- MARCH 25, 2010 - - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
- APRIL 6, 2010 - - - - WORKSHOP MEETING

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES OF:
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APRIL 6, 2010 - - - - WORKSHOP MEETING
AS PRESENTED
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
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PUBLIC SESSION

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Public Session was opened at 7:03 p.m. with one speaker:

1. Mary Ingram
Walkertown Commons Apartments
(No further address given)
I don't know if anybody has been aware or not – but we've been having a lot of break-ins in the cars and in the apartments and we feel like the ones that live there, that we have really no protection. We really want to ask if there will be cameras put up. There have been a lot of things going on out there – I've been calling the Sheriff's Department and when they come out, everything is scattered around. There have been drug dealings out there. This community is in the heart of your town and I'm sure when they finish breaking

in there, they're going to scatter out to the parking lots and to the shopping centers. People are not going to want to come. You're going to lose money there. It's going to go to the houses next, because no one's staying in one particular area when there are robberies. Once they get started, they scatter out to the rest of the community. I'm new in the community and I like your little town and I think it's quiet – and it should be quiet and the country life – the reason I moved here. But I am also aware of the city and I know when gangs start, that it's a problem for everything. It's not just going to stay in that community and I'm hoping that, at least, we can get some cameras put up out there so that you can see what's going on and that way, you don't have to take anybody's word for it. The sheriffs there, they're hands are tied because when they come out, everything's normal. But if you do have cameras out there, you got something to prove that what we're saying is right. And I know you want to keep your town safe – not only for us – but for the rest of the people that come in that part of town and it's in the heart of your town! And nobody wants a slum in the heart of their town – at least, I know I wouldn't! And we're just hoping that you can talk to the people that are part-owners in it because I know that your voice would be a lot bigger than mine. And ask them if they would please put up some cameras out there – and that, you know, give us a little self-reliance when we're going to the cars at night. Some people work at night. When we're going to the mailboxes...when we're going to the dumpsters. So, when you know that there's a problem, you get kind of frightened, you know, living in your own home and it shouldn't be that way. Thank you.

Public Session was closed at 7:06 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. RESOLUTION: TO SUPPORT NC-DOT REQUEST FOR DEPOT STREET AND MAIN STREET

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: This is the – has nothing to do with the Sullivantown at all, then, does it? It's just a resolution for the Depot and Main.

SNOW:

MAYOR: This is pretty much what we discussed during the work session. Okay. Is there a motion of support for this resolution?

MOTION: TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE NC-DOT REQUEST FOR CHANGES AT DEPOT STREET AND MAIN STREET

BY: SARAH WELCH

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

✓ MARCH, 2010

DISCUSSION:

MAYOR: Any comments on the financial statements?

HESTER: Not right now there's nothing. But Lynn and I'm going to be working with her on it, trying to work on something to straighten some other monies out – help us as far as budget goes. And we'll take that up at the next meeting.

MAYOR: You mentioned budget, Wesley and I have been working quite diligently on the fire service breakdown. Is there a motion to receive the financial statements as presented?

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2010
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. SET WORKSHOP MEETING DATE FOR MAY 6, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M. AT TOWN HALL

✓ **MONTHLY MISCELLANEOUS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**
NOTE: IF NO MEETING – NO COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. PEGGY LEIGHT – COG UPDATE

LEIGHT: One of the things that the Council of Government is doing is to look into combining the Northwest Piedmont Council of Gov't with the Piedmont Council of Gov't (which is Greensboro, Burlington, High Point – that 9 counties surrounding Greensboro). I'm actually on the sub-committee to review that report and decide whether the two councils can merge, because it was about thirty years ago the two Council of Gov'ts split – it was one – and it split because most of the communities/municipalities in this current Council of Gov't were much smaller, except for Winston-Salem, and they felt like they weren't getting any representation on the Council. So that's one of the major issues – deciding if we want to merge the two together.

One other thing that you might hear mentioned is something called "aerotropolis" and there's something called the "Aerotropolis Leadership Board" and it's something they're looking at for the Greensboro airport; mainly having to do with FedEx coming in, FedEx Ground coming in, is they're – this group asked the Council of Gov't to look at large parcels of property that could be used for suppliers and other commercial purposes that are near major highways or interstates that could then feed and supply anybody working within the airport area. So they're doing a current study right now of what area - what large tracts of land – anything from 10 to 200 acres – are in within a 10, 15, and 30 mile radius of the airport. One of the other things mentioned was that the Piedmont Airport – the Winston-Salem Airport – is actually going to be used as a FedEx "minor" hub. But they also mentioned that railroad was very important to them – but they mentioned that there is no railroad in this area!! I was thinking, "Yes, **there is!**" There's a big railroad that goes right through.....

MAYOR:There happens to be a 300-acre tract beside the railroad, just north of Walkertown!!!!

WELCH:Goes right down to the airport!!!

MAYOR:And the owner of that is D.H. Griffin.....

LEIGHT:So if you have information on that – because that is the next step – is to isolate this into very specific pieces of property, that might be good for companies where they want to come in and do that. So, if you do have that, I can take it back.....

MAYOR:I know he has 300 acres right there.....

HESTER:That'd be about as convenient being right next to the airport.....

LEIGHT:And right with the railroad..... So, anyway, that's what Aerotropolis Leadership and that's what they asked for the study for.

2. MOBILE JOBLINK INFORMATON

MAYOR: Ms. Welch has some information she'd like to share.....
WELCH: This is about the Mobile Joblink that's going around. They've already been to Kernersville and they're wanting to come to Walkertown, and I think it's a good idea. We need to decide what location – either Town Hall..... You don't think that's a good one???

LEIGHT:I think this place is the best location. He could set up the desks - - - town hall doesn't have a whole lot of space.
WELCH:We'd have to get permission from William.....because they have a mobile home that they're going to bring out.....
HESTER:Is that what they're going to do it in, the Mobile Joblink, is it going to be in a big bus or something? So they just need a place to park it?
LEIGHT:Oh, okay. So they don't need extra space??
WELCH: It won't be inside here – they'll have it inside that. That's my understanding. And they asked if we're interested in bringing it to Walkertown.
MAYOR:And it actually is to help people find jobs.....link up with the jobs??? Sure!!
WELCH: Uh huh. They're at Kernersville on Fridays, Reidsville on Mondays. There'll be no charge to anyone.
LEIGHT: I think it's a good idea.
HESTER: Yep! Just pick out a day and
MAYOR:All we'd need is the normal Certificate of Insurance to be sure we're covered.....
LEIGHT:I think the parking lot here.....you'd get more people walking by.....
HESTER:Yeah – it would get more coverage than it would up at town hall.....
MAYOR: ...I'm sure we could help them find a place if there is someone problem with the Library – I'm sure we could help them find another spot. Ours is too open, but we've got plenty of space there at town hall, but that's not very visible. Yeah, I think we can do it. Is Council agreeable for Ms. Welch to look into it and find out what day they would want to come?

IT WAS AGREED BY CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL TO HAVE MS. WELCH FOLLOW UP WITH MOBILE JOBLINK

3. PLANNING BOARD MINUTES – APRIL MEETING WAS CANCELED DUE TO NO BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION

4. FALL FESTIVAL MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2010

MAYOR: I did want to make sure everyone is aware that the Fall Festival will be October 15th and 16th. We'll have – the plans are coming together for vendors and musicians – different groups. There will be a stage; there will be lots of different activities on the evening of the 15th and all day on the 16th. So this is just to bring you up to date. The committee meets once a month to iron out

details and keep them before us to make sure everything comes together at the proper time when we're ready for it.

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Public Session was opened and closed at 7:17 p.m. with no speakers.

*******CLOSED SESSION*******

MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:18 P.M. FOR THE REASON OF:

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.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1981, c. 831; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 5; 1991, c. 694, ss. 3, 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2.)

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

CLOSED SESSION WAS ENDED AT 7:25 P.M. BY MOTION:

MOTION: TO CLOSE CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 7:25 P.M.
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:26 P.M.
BY: SARAH WELCH
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SUBMITTED BY:

**LYNN MCKINNIE
TOWN CLERK**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECYCLING – every other week – Monday

MAY - 2010

ROUTE A – 3rd and 17th
MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY –
Monday, May 31, is holiday for Recycling –
They will pick up Tuesday, June 1, 2010

ROUTE B – 10th and 24th

NOTE: TOWN HALL IS ROUTE B*
**TRASH PICK-UP REMAINS THE SAME –
NO CHANGES FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY!**

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Fourth Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.
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 - - - -
May's meeting will be Monday, May 3, 2010