



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF WALKERTOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 15, 2011 7:00 P.M. @ WALKERTOWN LIBRARY

Mayor Doc Davis **called the meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m. Present were the Mayor, Wayne Hester, Peggy Leight, Randy Mendenhall, and Sarah Welch. Also present were Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was lead by Randy Mendenhall.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY MOTION OF PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY SARAH WELCH. THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- NOVEMBER 17, 2011– REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY ON A MOTION BY RANDY MENDENHALL AND SECONDED BY PEGGY LEIGHT.
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)

PUBLIC SESSION

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Public Session was opened and closed at 7:04 by Mayor Davis with no speakers.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. **RESOLUTION: #11-039**
TO ACCEPT 2010-2011 AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY GIBSON & CO. TO THE COUNCIL AT THE DECEMBER 1, 2011 COUNCIL WORKSHOP.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT 2010-2011 AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY GIBSON & CO.
BY: SARAH WELCH
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HESTER,LEIGHT,MENDENHALL,WELCH)

2. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
NOVEMBER, 2011

Mayor Davis makes note of the line items that are at or over 100% because they are annual payments. One example is the onetime payment for the new phone system installed at the Town Hall.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2011 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)

3. ****SWEARING-IN CEREMONY****
FOR MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Davis introduces the HONORABLE JUDGE RONALD SPIVEY.

Judge Spivey says it is an honor to be returning to Walkertown to swear-in the re-elected officials. He says that community service as elected officials is special and comes with awesome responsibility. He continues by mentioning past Mayors, professionals from Walkertown, and past community leaders.

SWORN IN BY THE HONORABLE JUDGE RON SPIVEY:

1. RE-ELECTED: MAYOR DOC DAVIS

JUDGE SPIVEY READS THE MAYOR OATHS OF OFFICE,
MAYOR DAVIS ANSWERS "I WILL",
BIBLE HELD BY PAULA DAVIS.

2. RE-ELECTED: COUNCIL MEMBER WAYNE HESTER

JUDGE SPIVEY READS THE COUNCIL OATHS OF
OFFICE, MR. HESTER ANSWERS "I WILL"
BIBLE HELD BY RANDI HESTER.

3. RE-ELECTED: COUNCIL MEMBER RANDY MENDENHALL

JUDGE SPIVEY READS THE COUNCIL OATHS OF
OFFICE, MR. MENDENHALL ANSWERS "I WILL"
BIBLE HELD BY KAREN MENDENHALL

Mayor Davis thanks Judge Spivey for always making time in his busy schedule to come to Walkertown when asked and for his outstanding support of civic responsibility. Doc also thanks Ron for being a "people person".

Mayor Davis announces a recess for refreshments at 7:17.

The meeting including the newly elected is called back to order by Mayor Davis at 7:51.

**4. NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL PROCEDURES:
FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

**1. MOTION: TO APPOINT WAYNE HESTER AS MAYOR PRO-TEM
/FINANCE OFFICER**

**BY: RANDY MENDENHAL
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)**

**2. MOTION: TO APPOINT PEGGY LEIGHT AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
PIEDMONT TRIAD COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)**

**3. MOTION: TO APPOINT RANDY MENDENHALL AS REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE WINSTON-SALEM MPO TAC COMMITTEE & PEGGY
LEIGHT AS ALTERNATE**

**BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)**

**4. MOTION: TO APPOINT SARAH WELCH AS REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE LEGACY 2030 COMMITTEE**

**BY: RANDY MENDENHAL
SECOND: WAYNE HESTER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)**

**5. MOTION: TO APPOINT RANDY MENDENHALL AS THE 2012
WALKERTOWN FALL FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN**

**BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)**

**6. MOTION: TO APPOINT SARAH WELCH AS REPRESENTATIVE TO
THE HOUSING CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE**

**BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHAL**

**VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)**

**5. FOR ACTION:
APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD**

Mayor Davis thanks the current Planning Board members Al Slater Chairman, Robert Butler, Larry Marshall, Jenny Morris and Don Whitaker whose term is expiring.

The Walkertown Planning Board has recommended that the Council appoint Don Whitaker to continue his membership on the Walkertown Planning Board.

The Planning Board made no recommendation to fill the three expiring terms for the alternate positions.

**MOTION: TO APPOINT DON WHITAKER TO A THREE YEAR TERM ON THE
WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD EXPIRING ON DECEMBER
31, 2014**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
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**6. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
DATES**

Town Manager Scott Snow says the Council Meetings are held in the Walkertown Library at 7:00 on the fourth Thursday of every month, except when conflicting with major holidays as noted in the agenda. He suggests that the location be changed from the Library to the Booe House unless a larger venue (Library) is needed.

**MOTION: TO CONTINUE MEETING ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 7:00 AND CHANGE THE LOCATION OF REGULAR MEETINGS
TO THE BOOE HOUSE. SPECIAL MEETINGS WOULD CONTINUE
TO BE IN THE WALKERTOWN LIBRARY.**

**BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: SARAH WELCH
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
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7. SET WORKSHOP MEETING DATE FOR JANUARY

The Council is unanimous in its decision to hold the JANUARY Council Workshop on 01-12-11 and the JANUARY Council Meeting on 01-26-12 at the Booe House.

8. MISC. UPDATES

On December 14, Doc, Scott and Rusty met with Jeff Johnson for the pre-construction meeting for Town Center Park. Also at the meeting, representatives from S&S Building and Development and Matt Osborne from DENR.

Scott says S&S has a notice to proceed on Jan. 3rd. They will start with storm water control.

Doc says S&S has 130 days to complete the Park. The Park will be behind the Town Hall and have a ¼ mile walking track, a Gazebo and 2 picnic shelters. The Park will be partially funded by a DENR grant.

Doc attended a Roundtable/Dutch lunch event for local leaders with the Speaker of the House, Thom Tillis. One of the topics discussed was Video Sweepstakes. The lawmakers have given up trying to make them illegal and decided to let the free market rein, charge them and enjoy the tax. Doc says that is exactly what Walkertown is being forced to do. The Council voted to charge each sweepstake location \$2,500.00 and \$500.00 per machine beginning July 1, 2012. Scott says this fee will be more in line with surrounding communities. Of the six video sweepstake shops trying to open in Walkertown, only one has the proper permits as of today.

Mr. Tillis on education; 60% of students must take some form of remedial education to stay even.

The short session of the House starts in May and will finish by July 4th.

Scot refers everyone to the e-mail in the agenda concerning the Federal Wage Rate. All projects utilizing federal funds are still on hold. May be Jan. or Feb. before this issue is resolved, requiring an updated schedule for the Darrow Rd. project.

Doc asked Scott why he thinks the Friendly Road project should be funded solely by the Town. Scott says there would be fewer Federal and NCDOT restrictions, resulting in savings for the Town.

Scot says that Peggy will be attending SOG class in February and Rusty will be attending Clerk School in January, both in Chapel Hill.

Peggy says that she and Sarah attended the December Planning Board meeting for the Legacy update. Forsyth County's population is expected to grow by 120K in the next 10 years. She would like to have the Legacy planners show their PowerPoint to the Town Council.

NWP-COG MEETING UPDATE

Our COG representative, Peggy Leight, says the financial statements were

accepted. They picked a central meeting place in Kernersville, Triad Park & Botanical Gardens. They now have 70 members from 12 counties. PART has asked to join COG.

Doc asks Scott if he had checked out Martin St. yet. Scott said he had not walked it yet but had made a drive by only.

Doc reminds everyone to make note of the Town Hall holiday schedule, closed December 26 & 27 and January 2. Also, remember the January 4th Planning Board Meeting.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Walkertown Library @ 3:00 Jan. 4th (Wednesday)
PLANNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES-

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:18 P.M.
BY: WAYNE HESTER
SECOND: RANDY MENDENHALL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(HESTER, LEIGHT, MENDENHALL, WELCH)

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk