



Town of Walkertown, North Carolina
Website: townofwalkertown.com
Walkertown Town Council Meeting Minutes
Walkertown Library Auditorium
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 18, 2004

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Doc Davis

• DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Mayor Davis
Dot Duggins
Wallace Larrimore
Horace Warner

Staff: Sarah Welch
Toby Linville
Lynn McKinnie
Steve Garland

• INVOCATION

Reverend R. J. McBride
VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

• PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Sarah Welch

2. APPROVALS:

• AGENDA ADDITIONS / CHANGES AND APPROVAL

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA AS WRITTEN

BY: DOT DUGGINS

SECOND: HORACE WARNER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

• APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 28, 2004

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES

BY: HORACE WARNER

SECOND: DOT DUGGINS

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. PUBLIC SESSION

Public Session opened at 7:06 p.m.

Jerry White

3064 Main Street

"I would like to know when it's going to be finished up. They've put in the sidewalk like I asked and fixed the driveway back and now it's been laying there about two weeks, there tore the ground up again, there's no grass seed down or hay covering it. The holidays are coming up and I'm ashamed to invite anybody to my house the way my yard looks. I've talked to the state and they said about our water meter, I told ya'll it got buried under all that dirt and everything, ya'll told me it was a state project and they should do something about it, I talked to them and they kicked it back to you, said it was the town's obligation to find it.

Public Session closed at 7:10 p.m. hearing no further public comment.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

RESOLUTION #04-034

To Approve Christmas Holiday Schedule For Year 2004

For Town Staff per Personnel Benefits Policy

Mayor Davis said the holiday schedule for Town Hall employees will be as follows. Christmas Day will be observed as December 27th and the floating holiday will be observed as December 28th. Horace Warner said it troubles him that the town office will be closed for that length of time and when scheduling holidays we want to minimize closing of the office for the benefit of the people

MOTION: TO APPROVE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

BY: DOT DUGGINS

SECOND: WALLACE LARRIMORE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

RESOLUTION #04-036 To Set Date of Public Hearing For Annexation #9

Toby Linville said these are annexation petitions that we have had for five or six months, they have been certified, and at the time we were discussing voluntary annexations we said the best two times to approve annexations was either June or December so these have been put on the back burner. This resolution sets the date of the public hearing and in December we will actually have a public hearing concerning these petitions. Mayor Davis asked if David Smith were not already annexed into town. Linville replied no, and Davis said he understood that he were already in town and had welcomed him into town. Councilman Warner asked if they were charged Walkertown taxes on the recent billing. Linville said no, they have not been annexed yet. Warner said he understood that this is the last thing to do to have these all annexed. Linville said that would be the last step to annex the property but the properties would be converted from Forsyth County zoning to

Walkertown zoning.

MOTION: TO SET DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNEXATION #9
BY: DOT DUGGINS
SECOND: WALLACE LARRIMORE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Update of Special Meeting of November 12, 2004

Mayor Davis said there was no materials concerning the special meeting discussing town property and the council could wait on the minutes to discuss those items. He said he had not met with the engineer he discussed at that meeting to offer any direction to the council. Linville said we could say that the gist of the meeting was to try to dispose of the well properties and see if we can get those back to the original owners if they are interested but we have to follow all the proper rules and procedures to do that. Davis said there was only one property discussed that we would not dispose of at this time and that was the Dillon Street well until it was cleared. Councilman Warner moved to table this item to the next meeting.

MOTION: TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE DECEMBER 23RD MEETING
BY: HORACE WARNER
SECOND: DOT DUGGINS
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

RESOLUTION #04-037

Walkertown Town Council Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2005

Mayor Davis said this would be the fourth Thursday for 2005 except for November and December to adjust for holidays and the resolution should be corrected from reading the first Thursday. Linville said the Planning Board had discussed changing to the first Thursday and that is why the resolution had that mistake.

MOTION: TO ESTABLISH 2005 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR
BY: HORACE WARNER
SECOND: DOT DUGGINS
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- Financial Statements for OCTOBER, 2005

Mayor Davis said everyone should have gotten a copy of the financial statements. Councilman Larrimore said on the first page, second item, the CCB checking account reconciled balance Lynn took 90,000 dollars out of checking to the Cash Management Trust fund account to accrue interest. Lynn is a good steward of the Town's money. Horace Warner noted that the \$23,000 expenditure charged to

paving was to pay for the sidewalk which will be reimbursed by NCDOT. Warner said I don't know what our procedure is, that will probably just stay there and be recorded as revenue when received. Then we will have to reconcile that by budget amendment. Warner said, I don't want us to look at this next year and say we spent so-and-so last year and budet accordingly to adjust for that. Linville said we knew we were going to be in a defecit when we approved the budget this year. Warner said the same situation occurred where we paved after the sewer installation. Larrimore said he made a comment last month that no one had these sheets to see, the first three line-items show \$1,679,446.57 compared against our total expenses for 04-05 of \$1,093,390 so the Town is in good shape and the year is just started for our income. Larrimore said we have \$662,512.45 for paving and 273,187.57 which can be spent for economic development or recreation. Steve O'ferrell asked if there was money in CCB and LSB. Larrimore said our savings was disbursed among both of our local banks.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BY: WALLACE LARRIMORE

SECOND: HORACE WARNER

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

Festival Update

- Bank Statement showing balance of \$450.82
 - No bill rec'd for stage rental
- Set date for Festival-2005?

Mayor Davis said the Day in the Park statement is included minus the bill for stage rental. Linville said as he understands it the stage was secured by Steve Amos and when they picked it up they said not to worry about the bill but if the council wants a statement and the City of Winston-Salem gets a request we will have to pay. Mayor Davis said there was no need to antagonize the agreement. Horace Warner moved to table the item to the next meeting and set a date for next year.

MOTION: TO TABLE FESTIVAL DISCUSSION UNTIL DECEMBER 23RD

BY: HORACE WARNER

SECOND: WALLACE LARRIMORE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS

Discuss Committees:

- Water
- Safety
- Public Works
- School

- Beautification

Councilman Warner said that in December 1997 the new council rescinded all committees and at that time wiped the slate clean. We then nominated two committees, the Safety Committee and Public Works Committee. The Safety Committee never met and the Public Works Committee met once. First we need to purge those two committees, we have a School Committee, Planning Board, and Land Use Committee. Dot Duggins added the Housing Consortium. Warner noted and said we don't want to eliminate any of those committees but we could have some other committees. Warner added that in 97-98 the town had a code enforcement officer that was a part-time independent person who was paid \$5,000 per year and if we had a code violation, turn it over to him, he would take care of it. We may want to consider going outside, at that time when he left, Kernersville said they would offer that service but they would charge for it. Let's think about the possibility of engaging someone. Duggins said several people have mentioned having someone to call on for such things. Warner said it will cost money but if we can avoid something that happened to our neighbors down here and could have happened here it will be money well spent. We need someone that is an outsider to enforce violations. There is one other committee that could serve our town which would be a R&A Committee which is a Rule and Advisory Committee, the more advice we receive the better off we are. The Water Committee is a good example of that, they did a lot of detailed work and came back with a recommendation. This will have to be a responsible function or it will be just a name only. The Safety Committee doesn't have to be removed at this time but we need to either remove them or make them active.

**MOTION: TO TABLE COMMITTEES / CODE ENFORCEMENT
DISCUSSION UNTIL JANUARY 27RD**

BY: HORACE WARNER

SECOND: WALLACE LARRIMORE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- Manager's Updat

Linville said Gibson and Company came and had their exit interview this afternoon so our audit will be presented at the December meeting. Warner added that the delay in the audit is due to the new regulations.

Warner asked about the Christmas Lights this year. Linville said they are going up right now.

Warner said at the NWPCOG meeting, they've asked that local governments consider a letter of support on the Dell location into Forsyth County. They will send further information into the manager's office about who it should be directed to.

They also said that anything we can say that might favor Forsyth County they would ask us to support. They also gave us some material for an example. The letter of support must be in by November because the decision will be made by December 31st.

MOTION: TO DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DELL LOCATION IN FORSYTH COUNTY

BY: HORACE WARNER

SECOND: WALLACE LARRIMORE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. PUBLIC SESSION

- PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO 3-MINUTES OR LESS.

Caroline Miller said that last week a Sheriff's Car was parked in the turning lane in front of the school and it did so much good for the traffic and crossing guards. Drivers stopped when they were told to. Miller said she was wondering if we could have a Sheriff's car out there once a week so drivers won't speed through the area. Mayor Davis said we can mention that to the Sheriff's office.

Peggy Leight said the Library Christmas party will be December 9th and the Christmas Parade will be December 4th at 2:00 p.m. Wallace Larrimore said he wanted to commend Peggy Leight for doing a great job as Chairwoman of the Planning Board. Larrimore said Mike Warren will do a good job starting in January but he wanted to thank Peggy for a job well done.

Marilyn Martin wanted to thank the council for distributing copies of the financial statements for the audience.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Davis read the following announcements.

- Recycling in Walkertown continues every two weeks.
11-01, 11-15, 11-29, 12-13, 12-27
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (4TH THURSDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Library Auditorium on:
12-23-04
- PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS: (3RD TUESDAYS)
12-20-04 4:00 p.m. Town Hall – Pre-Meeting Session
12-21-04 3:00 p.m. Library (Actual Meeting)
- LAND USE COMMITTEE: (1ST AND 3RD THURSDAYS)
12-02-04 7:00 p.m. Library
12-16-04 7:00 p.m. Library
- SCHOOL COMMITTEE:
None scheduled

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

- NOVEMBER: Thursday, the 25th
Friday, the 26th
- DECEMBER: Friday, the 24th – Closing at 11:00
Monday, the 27th
Tuesday, the 28th
Friday, the 31st

Town Hall will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for Thanksgiving.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE NOVEMBER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
BY: HORACE WARNER
SECOND: WALLACE LARRIMORE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Attest:

Town of Walkertown:

By: _____
Toby Linville, Town Manager

By: _____
Kenneth R. Davis, Mayor