

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
THURSDAY 7:00 P.M. NOVEMBER 10, 2005

MINUTES

APPROVED 12-08-05

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jack Craven.

- DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present were Mayor Craven, Councilmembers Hedgecock, Swaim, Bailey, and Rogers. Also present were Attorney Clinard and Clerk Lynn. (Councilmember Sue Martin arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

- INVOCATION by Mayor Craven.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Mayor Craven.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Ronnie Bailey and seconded by Daphne Rogers.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 13, 2005

The minutes of October 13th, 2005, were unanimously approved by motion from Mark Swaim and seconded by Ronnie Bailey.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND COUNCIL

As they were verbally recognized, congratulations were extended to the newly elected Mayor - Allen Todd, and the Councilmembers - Zane Hedgecock, Chris Yokeley, Lynn Reece, Steve Yokeley, and Jerry Weavil.

PUBLIC SESSION

Public Session was opened at 7:03. Sheriff David Grice from the Davidson County Sheriff Department was in attendance and he introduced his associates who had accompanied him to the meeting - Captain Doug Loflin, Captain Tony Roberson and Major Brian Grubb. Sheriff Grice spoke on the sheriff's coverage of Davidson County, how it was broken down into zones, that Wallburg encompasses Zones 9 and 1. Asked by Councilmember Rogers as to how many deputies were in Wallburg, Sheriff Grice responded that there was one in each zone, 24/7. He mentioned that the jail's capacity is 309, but an average of 280 inmates are in the jail every day - they feed an average of 280 inmates three meals a day. The number one crime in Davidson County is property crime - breaking and entering.

Councilmember Bailey asked what happens if an officer needs back-up. The Sheriff responded that any or all other officers would come from other zones to help out in a situation.

Some of the many duties the sheriff department is responsible for, besides the obvious - fighting crime - include transporting mental patients, the D.A.R.E. program, issuing permits, checking on sex offenders, checking on gambling machines in stores, transporting prisoners - so their job duties are varied and numerous.

In closing, Sheriff Grice said that the Sheriff Department will continue to provide the same if not better, service to Wallburg in the future as it has in the past. He asked that if anyone had any questions or concerns to please feel free to contact him.

Public Session was closed at 7:20 p.m.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. SHERIFF COVERAGE

This item was covered in the aforementioned Public Session.
No further comments.

2. UPDATE - AD HOC RESIDENTIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

.....**Ronnie Bailey and/or Daphne Rogers**

Councilmember Bailey reminded the council that the residential moratorium expires January 31, 2006. The Ad Hoc Residential Planning Committee will continue to meet. The next meeting is Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 at the Fire Station. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

3. HIGHWAY 109 UPDATE

.....**Zane Hedgecock**

Councilman Hedgecock deflected this topic to Mayor Craven, since the mayor just attended the D.O.T. meeting this afternoon. Mayor Craven handed a questionnaire and comment sheet from the D.O.T. meeting and asked each citizen present to fill one out with his or her comments and choices. He said the D.O.T. wants everyone's comments - pro and con. The questionnaire can be mailed to the address on the paper

NC 109 Improvements Study

P. O. Box 30923

Raleigh NC 24622

The same questionnaire will be passed out at the meeting at Ledford. Putting your name and address on the paper will enable you to receive any future informational mailings.

The council along with citizens in the audience then discussed the different routes that the future Highway 109 could take, with the advantages and disadvantages of each route.

Some of the discussion **heard** included:

- The State might be leaning to the yellow route;
- Speed limit would be 45 mph or less on one route and around 60 mph on another route;

- The highway would actually be 250 feet wide, with the two lines representing 1,000 feet;
- Friendship/Ledford route would carry 70% of the traffic where other routes would carry less.

The timing schedule would be: (THIS TIMING IS APPROXIMATE!)

- Do an environmental study in Dec, 2007.
- Do a Record of Decision in Fall, 2008.
- Do right-of-ways – no amount of money is to be appropriated until after 2010.
- Construction will not begin before 2012.

Discussion then turned to the MPO asking for a decision on which route would be best and most citizens at the meeting thought it was too premature for the town to be making that decision. It would require more study and more information before a decision could be made. The citizens were asked to attend the informational meetings sponsored by the NC-DOT. It was also suggested that with Dell and Union Cross Shopping Center coming, the town could make a recommendation but if necessary, change that recommendation later down the road.

No action was taken.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT for OCTOBER, 2005

.....**Mark Swaim**

Finance Chairman, Mark Swaim presented a short detail of the town's finances and passed out a copy of the Checking Account for review. It was decided that the auditors would present the 2004-2005 audit at the December 8th meeting under "Old Business". He said the auditors had suggested that the Town Clerk and the Finance Officer be bonded as they are in other municipalities and it was recommended that Mr. Swaim contact the North Carolina League of Municipalities regarding the cost, etc., to bond the two.

Ms. Rogers thanked the Finance Committee for looking after the town's money and making sound investments.

From the audience, Mr. Leigh Gill, thanked the outgoing council members and mayor saying he appreciated all the hard work and that it had been a tough year and half for everyone.

Mayor Craven said he appreciated all that has been accomplished – the town has covered a lot of territory.

Mr. Hedgecock stated that the public doesn't know how much time the mayor and council has put in from the very beginning and that the town owes a debt of gratitude to Jack Craven – thanks very much!

Mr. Bailey said those were his thoughts exactly...thanks, Jack!

Ms. Rogers said the same and also thanked Attorney Aaron Clinard and Town Clerk Lynn for all their help.

PUBLIC SESSION

Public Session was opened at 7:43 p.m. and closed at 7:44 p.m. with no speakers (other than the ones listed above after the Finance Report.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (2ND THURSDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on: 12-08-05
The Installation Meeting for the new council and mayor will be held at this meeting.
- **AD HOC RESIDENTIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**
6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on 12-06-05

The public is welcome and invited to attend both meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. upon a motion by Ronnie Bailey and seconded by Sue Martin.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG:

By: _____

**Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk**

By: _____

**Jack Craven
Mayor**