

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. MARCH 14, 2006

MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Allen Todd. All members were present, including attorney and clerk. Mr. Reece gave a short invocation after which Mr. Hedgecock led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #10 was added to the agenda – “WALLBURG COMMUNITY CENTER” for discussion upon a motion by Steve Yokeley, seconded by Chris Yokeley and approved unanimously.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA AS AMENDED BY ADDING ITEM #10,
WALLBURG COMMUNITY CENTER**

BY: STEVE YOKELEY

SECOND: LYNN REECE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 14, 2006

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2006

BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK

SECOND: CHRIS YOKELEY

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC SESSION

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK AND LIMIT TALK TO 3 MINUTES. Public Session was opened at 7:05 p.m. There were two speakers:

- Terry Price
No address given

Mr. Price is a candidate for Davidson County Sheriff. He said he has been 32 years with the Highway Patrol. He lives in Arcadia. He would like to bring professionalism back to this department. He has heard from many residents dissatisfied over the previous administration and he wants to remedy that dissatisfaction. The primary election is May 2nd. There are 6 republicans and 3 democrats running for sheriff. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and urged the townspeople to get out and vote in the election.

- Robert Motsinger
540 Rolling Green Drive
Winston-Salem

Mr. Motsinger invited everyone in Wallburg to his Republican Rally at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8th, at the Motsinger Barn. (Directions as per his flyer are: Travel Highway 109 to Gumtree Rd. Turn west on Gumtree Road to Friendship Ledford Road. Travel South on Friendship-Ledford Rd 1 mile. Barn located on the right.)

He wants everyone to show up and bring friends, relatives, and anyone else! All the County Commissioners have agreed to come except for one and state level folks will be there also. Wallburg will be host to the state!! This is a big event for such a small community and he would like all townspeople to be there to support. A barbeque dinner will be furnished; there will be patriotic and gospel music. So come and enjoy yourself! He also said that donations would be accepted and if anyone wants to help, he'd appreciate that, too.

Public Session was closed at 7:11 p.m.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. BOUNDARY SIGN REPORT UPDATE

.....Steve Yokeley

Steve Yokeley stated that he met with Mr. Couch from D.O.T. regarding town limit signs' locations. D.O.T. cut us down from 11 signs to 6 signs. Mr. Couch said we were getting a tremendous deal on the cost of the signs and advised that we should go ahead and order all 11 signs because some signs will disappear due to mishaps or to people wanting souvenirs. The total cost for 11 signs – with 6 of those signs installed in concrete – posts and hardware for 6 signs from J & L Sandblasted Signs would be \$930.07. All locatings (cable, etc.) have been marked. It was stated that if the installer hit a cable, etc., outside of the marked area, the installer is not liable.

J & L requires a 50% deposit (\$465.04) to start and upon completion, the other 50% (\$465.03) and the time frame for installing the signs is two weeks from start date. Chris Yokeley asked if J & L could add Wallburg to the Certificate of Insurance as “additional insured” and Steve said he would check on that.

MOTION: TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH J & L SANDBLASTED SIGNS TO PURCHASE ELEVEN (11) SIGNS WITH SIX (6) SIGNS INCLUDING HARDWARE AND POSTS TO BE INSTALLED IN CONCRETE AND TO APPROVE PAYING DOWN PAYMENT OF 50% OF PURCHASE PRICE TO START INSTALLATION

BY: STEVE YOKELEY

SECOND: JERRY WEAVIL

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. FINANCIAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

.....Chris Yokeley

Chris Yokeley brought the council up to date on the town's finances as of March 8th. He noted that the budget process will begin this month.

Audit selection process has begun with Gibson & Co., Canon & Co., Dixon Hughes, and Eddie Carrick being mentioned as top candidates. It was stated that audit prices are based on town population. In an informal survey of a few towns, Denton - being quoted - paid a little over \$10,000 for their last audit. Their population is less than ours but they agreed that their audit cost was pretty much based on population.

The Finance Committee is planning meeting monthly to receive checks and balances from Lynn to make sure everything is okay and stays okay.

Bonding of the Mayor, Clerk, Finance Officer, and check signers is underway. Lynn is working with Mountcastle Insurance to bond each of those people for \$50,000 as per the mayor's instructions.

3. HIGH POINT MPO UPDATE

.....Lynn Reece

Mr. Reece attended the High Point MPO meeting today. Fred Sink from Davidson County was the chairperson. Mr. Reece said that this committee, as one of its major functions, advises how to build better roads. The only thing of concern to Wallburg, he said, is that Highway 109 is on schedule.

4. SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING

.....Jerry Weavil

Mr. Weavil attended a Davidson County Solid Waste Management meeting on February 28th. This meeting concerns the County's 10-year plan, which is updated every three years. Steve Swaim is the Recycling Marketing Coordinator for Davidson County. Mr. Weavil was advised that the Town of Wallburg needs to adopt the Davidson County Management Plan; otherwise, Wallburg would have to come up with their own plan – something that could be a very intense project. Mr. Weavil said that Lexington, Thomasville, and Denton were already on board with Davidson County on this issue. The County Commissioners have a Public Hearing planned for Monday, April 3rd and it was decided that a resolution would be placed on the April agenda after the Public Hearing. It was also suggested that someone from the Wallburg Council needs to be at that meeting. Mr. Weavil recommended adopting the Davidson County Solid Waste Management Plan and If Wallburg does so, a resolution needs to be sent to Mr. Swaim before May 12th. The finalized version of the Plan will be ready for distribution around June 5th. Attorney Clinard requested that Lynn make copies of the Plan and give to each councilmember.

This item could be discussed again at the next meeting.

5. WALLBURG COMMITTEE REPORT

.....Dean Coe

Mr. Coe is on the Wallburg Zoning Overview Committee and, according to him, on February 14th, they held a brief and informal meeting, at which the committee voted Mr. Coe as Chairperson and Wayne Wall as Secretary. This committee

plans to work with Guy Corman to get the UDO wording changed from *Davidson County* to *Town of Wallburg*. Mr. Coe said there is a training session schedule on March 30th to be held by the people from Raleigh. The committee will wait until after this session to hold their first meeting. They will post the schedule of meetings on the Message Board and will advertise as required. Once the committee becomes a Planning Board, they plan to look at the subdivisions that will come.

6. TOWN SEAL DISCUSSION

Mayor Todd brought up a discussion of the Town Seal. This issue has been discussed off and on for quite a while. The North Carolina General Statutes says a town needs a town seal. He requested that everyone kick around ideas – if anyone has a specific suggestion for the design of a seal, bring it to the next town meeting or contact one of the councilmember’s. He would like to have a seal design by June or July.

Mr. Weavil said there is a “Town Seal Committee” already in place and that this committee has several ideas and logos they have discussed, with no recommendations being made to the council as yet. Mayor Todd asked the town attorney if standing committees remain in place when a new council takes over and Mr. Clinard said that all committees change when a new council takes over. This item could be discussed again at the next meeting, per Mayor Todd.

7. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF 1.5 – 2.5 ACRES OF LAND FOR FUTURE TOWN HALL

Mayor Todd said that he and Chris Yokeley have discussed the purchase of land for a future town hall. He thought that money designated in the line item for a town manager could be applied to the money already being set aside for a future town hall, and this money could be used to purchase land. The reasoning is that it doesn’t seem likely that a town manager will be needed, or hired, in the near future – there’s no place to put him; there’s no office, no computer; no activity required that isn’t being handled at this time.

The two acres next door to the fire station would be a reasonable alternative to the \$200,000 per acre it would cost to purchase land at the 109 and Gumtree area. The house on the land next door would need to be demolished but the land would be a very good investment. The mayor asked each member to independently research various properties before the next meeting to see if there were other available properties the town could consider.

This topic could be discussed again at the next meeting.

8. LEXINGTON PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT FOR WALLBURG PLANNING BOARD REQUIREMENTS

.....Mayor Allen Todd

9. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WALLBURG PLANNING BOARD

...Discuss parameters of Planning Board

Mayor Todd and Chris Yokeley attended a meeting with Guy Corman to understand more about what the County expects from Wallburg as a township. It

was a productive meeting. Davidson County would do zoning and we would accept Davidson County ordinances. Mr. Corman stated that they want Wallburg to have a Planning Board in place – Davidson County does not want to set policy for Wallburg. Mayor Todd said that the Town needs to take the existing Overview Committee and turn it into a Planning Board. Other discussion concerned Board of Adjustment issues and how those issues would affect the Planning Board and/or the Town Council. Many suggestions and ideas for Planning Board responsibilities and Board of Adjustment responsibilities were discussed, thrown around, or discarded. When the issues have been actually decided, the minutes from that meeting will reflect the decisions of what each Board's actual responsibilities will entail.

Bottom line is that the Planning Board will hear zoning requests and make their recommendations to the Town Council and the Council will make the final decision.

The question of contracts with various agencies came up – what the cost is for each contract, with whom are the contracts, etc.? Mr. Clinard said with the reduced activity with Davidson County, now would be a good time to renegotiate contracts with all involved.

Chris Yokeley asked if Davidson County had mentioned the “*lost revenue*” which occurred when Wallburg incorporated as a town and the mayor responded that nothing had been said to him about that issue.

Dave Fencil's expertise in planning and zoning was requested on helping out with ordinance codification and policies and procedures. Dave has already said he would be very willing to help – it would be a nice gesture if Mayor Todd would call Dave and ask if he could help the town out –

Other discussion continued on the Planning Board versus Overview Advisory Committee versus Board of Adjustment.

There is a training session on March 30th at 5:30 p.m. at the Government Center.

MOTION: TO AMEND AND CHANGE THE CURRENT WALLBURG PLANNING AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE TO THE WALLBURG PLANNING BOARD – GIVING THE PLANNING BOARD LEGAL EFFECT WITH NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES

BY: JERRY WEAVIL

SECOND: CHRIS YOKELEY

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Dean Coe and Aaron Clinard will present information on the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment at a future council meeting.

10. WALLBURG COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

This item amended the agenda.

Wallburg has set up Boards and committees which need places to meet. It was decided that, although the Town of Wallburg is very grateful and appreciative that we are able to use the Fire Department for town meetings it's not feasible to pay an additional \$150 per meeting. However, the Wallburg Community Center has graciously agreed to let the town use that facility for other town meetings at a

cost of \$200 deposit and \$50 per meeting day/night. Lynn Reece and Steve Yokeley spoke with the Community Center people about this. They said there are 75 chairs and quite a number of tables which the committees could use. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Center remains open until 10:00 p.m. The question arose as to whether the \$50 “per” meant per “meeting” or per “day”. Steve Yokeley said he would get back with the Community Center to clarify this but that he thought it would cover a “daily” cost. Mr. Clinard said he would write a *Letter of Agreement* covering what we understand to be the arrangement between the Town and the Community Center. In the meantime, Clerk Lynn can type up a resolution stating the facts as:

- Council approves a rental agreement with Wallburg Community Center
- with a \$200 refundable deposit and
- \$50 per meeting night with terms and
- conditions to be approved by legal counsel and
- not limiting the number of meetings per night and
- scheduled meetings as adopted by Planning Board and
- other than regular town council meetings and
- Finance Committee meetings and
- Planning Board meetings

MOTION: **TO AUTHORIZE RENTAL OF THE WALLBURG COMMUNITY CENTER FOR TOWN BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

BY: **ZANE HEDGECOCK**

SECOND: **CHRIS YOKELEY**

VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

Resolution #06-004

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (2ND TUESDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on:

2006 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR:

APR 11
MAY 9
JUN 13
JUL 11
AUG 8
SEP 12
OCT 10
NOV 14
DEC 12

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:27 P.M.

BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK

SECOND: LYNN REECE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG

By: _____
Lynn McKinnie, Town Clerk

By: _____
Allen Todd, Mayor

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