

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. APRIL 11, 2006

MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was designated as present. Mr. Hedgecock said the invocation and Mr. Reece led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Hedgecock, seconded by Steve Yokeley.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- March 14, 2006

Minutes of March 14, 2006 were unanimously approved on a motion by Chris Yokeley, seconded by Jerry Weavil.

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: David Rickard, campaigning for the Register of Deeds position; and David Grice, running for re-election as Sheriff of Davidson County. Mr. Rickard spoke first and said he wants to make improvements so people from Wallburg don't have to drive to Lexington to get things done! Sheriff Grice said he has been in law enforcement for 35 years and a brief synopsis of his school and work record. He asked for voters to consider him when they vote. Public Session was closed at 7:13 p.m.

REPORTS:

1. FINANCIAL REPORT AND BUDGET REPORT

.....Chris Yokeley

Chris Yokeley updated the council on the town's finances in the checking account, Property, Building and Reserve funds and in the Money Market.

2. ZONING BOARD REPORT

.....Dean Coe

Dean Coe presented a report on the Planning/Zoning Board. The first Planning Board meeting was held April 3rd with 5 out of the 6 members present. They attended a seminar where they learned a lot of procedures. They adopted Rules of Procedure. They voted unanimously to recommend amending the Landscape

and Buffer ordinance – the change replaces one page but the rest would remain the same. The proposed change would be a little more stringent than before and offer more options by offering more buffers. The Planning Board recommends approval. A public hearing will need to be held, and advertised, with the proposed changes.

Kevin Young, a petitioner, has requested that the town consider the amended ordinance for his business. Mr. Coe asked the council's approval to send a letter to John Mendenhall on behalf of Mr. Young. Mr. Coe said that Mr. Mendenhall has to enforce the ordinance as it stands and to accept different landscape buffers other than what is currently on the books for Mr. Young, he would need an approval letter. Attorney Clinard thought this not a good precedent because it couldn't be approved unless the ordinance has been changed. Kevin Young asked to speak and said that by allowing him to do this he would not have to plant 30 or 40 shrubs. Either way, Mr. Young said he would do what was required. Mayor Todd contemplated signing a letter but Mr. Hedgecock said he would strongly advise not signing such a letter. More discussion about the amount of trees/shrubs and the sizes of what was required in the buffer area continued. Mr. Coe said the next meeting will be the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wallburg Community Center.

MOTION: TO GET RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE ORDINANCE CHANGE AND TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEXT MONTH'S REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 9TH.

BY: JERRY WEAVIL

2ND: LYNN REECE

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. WALLBURG CONTRACT(S) INFORMATION UPDATE

.....Aaron Clinard

Attorney Clinard reviewed the government contract with Davidson County and said that the agreement is still current. He recommends leaving the agreement like it is until planning and zoning changes are completed.

4. NC-109 UPDATE / STATUS

.....Zane Hedgecock

Mr. Hedgecock spoke with someone knowledgeable of the NC-109 project who said that they had gone through the citizen recommendations but haven't made any other recommendations at this time. Mayor Todd mentioned that NC-DOT's website was updated last week but that they were still in limbo on what route it was going to take. He thought the DOT representative would be at the June town council meeting to brief the council on the status of NC-109. He specified that the rep will answer questions only from council – this is not a public forum.

Everything is still up in the air and he doesn't want to answer hundreds of questions from citizens at this point. Andy Brinkley spoke from the audience and said that NC-109 project is on the DOT website and there is a link from the Town of Wallburg's website to the DOT site.

5. WINSTON-SALEM MPO REPORT

.....Allen Todd

Mayor Todd read a prepared statement concerning the MPO report and prefaced his reading by saying it was a technically oriented process. His report said:

The Town of Wallburg is a voting member of the Winston-Salem MPO. The MPO stands for Metropolitan Planning Organization. Former President Nixon way back in 1973 signed legislation that gave any city with 50,000 or more the legislative power to create what has become as MPO, the main function of this group is to study and make recommendations as to the transportation needs of an area. I've attended 3 meetings and find the function of this organization to be very intense and a step by step process for each proposed project that encompasses many details, that quite frankly are based on a lot of projected needs. Air quality, road needs, bike ways are just a few of the many things discussed at the MPO meetings.

As your Mayor, I find the proposals for the most part to be on projected needs that have a promise of federal funds and other funds from whatever source available. The March MPO meeting discussed the I-40 project around W-S, updates on I-74 and a number of smaller projects. I didn't find any thing that would affect our community directly. I do believe that the NC-109 project will eventually require the attention of the W-S MPO with respect to the Hwy 52 interchange. I know that the citizens of Wallburg would like more clarity on the 109 routes but I too would like a more precise plan from the D.O.T.

There are so many requirements that have to be met when a road project is proposed that I am amazed that any roads ever get built. We as taxpayers, for the most part, can't imagine the bureaucracy that not only gobbles up time but eats away at revenue while we are simply wanting clarity so we as citizens can move on with our lives. I do believe at this time the citizens of Wallburg made the correct decision to become a town because at least we can control what goes on in our town limits, and how our money is spent.

6. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTING

A. MAYOR / MANAGER MEETING - Allen Todd

B. WALLBURG SCHOOL MEETING - Allen Todd

Mayor Todd said he had met with several grades of school kids at Wallburg School and he was very impressed with the level of education they were receiving. He stated that the kids "are being schooled extremely well." They track kids very well – there is computer info on each child. We should be proud of Wallburg School. However, he is worried about the influx of students from the new houses being built in and around Wallburg – there are no answers on how this will tax the school system.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DAVIDSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN

This resolution is a three year update – it will not cost the Town of Wallburg any money. However, we need to accept this resolution or have our own waste site.

MOTION: **TO APPROVE DAVIDSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN
AS PRESENTED**
BY: **STEVE YOKELEY**
2ND: **CHRIS YOKELEY**
VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

2. CREATE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT -
 - A. NUMBER OF MEMBERS
 - B. TERMS
 - C. DUTIES

The Town of Wallburg probably needs a Board of Adjustment. Attorney Clinard said that part of Dean Coe's recommendation is that the Planning Board be the Board of Adjustment. To which, Mr. Hedgecock responded that he had gone to Planning School and they had said it may be hard for someone who made a decision to change "hats" and listen to it again. It may be better for someone else, maybe the Council, to be the Board of Adjustment. None of the people he had spoken with had members on both the council and the board. Mayor Todd said that the NCGS pertains to a Board of Adjustment and that perhaps the council should look at the statutes, study them and come back next month. Attorney Clinard said to have the Planning Board look at this and make their recommendations to council. It's all in the same area of concentration. Mr. Hedgecock agreed that the Planning Board should come back with a recommendation. Mayor Todd requested that the Planning board report their findings at the next council meeting.

3. TOWN AUDIT UPDATE / PROPOSALS

Chris Yokeley spoke to this issue. He sent out four RFQs -- to Gibson and Company, Dixon Hughes, Canon and Company, and Eddie Carrack. Dixon and Hughes declined the invitation to bid. Chris will meet with the auditors on April 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Wallburg Community Center. Bids are due back by May 5th. Council needs to review the bids or the Finance Committee can look at the numbers and come back with a recommendation, which is what was decided.

4. 2006-2007 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS
 - A. CURRENT ISSUES TO ADDRESS
 - B. FUTURE ISSUES TO CONSIDER

It was encouraged that any current issues concerning the budget should be brought to the next meeting.

The next Finance Committee will be held April 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wallburg Community Center.

Mayor Todd commended Chris Yokeley and the Finance Committee for the superb job on the proposed budget. Chris said the budget needs to be approved at the June meeting. He said a comprehensive budget will be

discussed in May and brought to the June meeting for approval.

5. **TOWN SEAL UPDATE / PROPOSALS**

There were no Town Seals proposed at this meeting so this topic was continued to the next council meeting in May.

Mayor Todd then commended Steve Yokeley for the great work he did on getting town "boundary" signs. Citizens have been asking for those signs for quite a while. Mr. Weavil asked if a personal citizen could buy the signs and Steve told him that citizens could buy signs – about \$50 per sign. Mayor Todd responded if anyone wished to buy a sign – contact Steve Yokeley!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:**
2ND TUESDAYS @ 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on:
- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR:**
MAY 9
JUN 13
JUL 11
AUG 8
SEP 12
OCT 10
NOV 14
DEC 12
- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS (?)**
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS (?)**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:25 P.M.
BY: CHRIS YOKELEY
2ND: STEVE YOKELEY
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG

By: _____
Lynn McKinnie, Town Clerk

By: _____
Allen Todd, Mayor

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