

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. JANUARY 9, 2007
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

APPROVED 02-13-07

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Todd, Steve Yokeley, Zane Hedgecock, Jerry Weavil, Clyde Lynn Reece, and Chris Yokeley. Also in attendance were Attorney Clinard and Clerk Lynn. As Mayor Todd asked Lynn Reece to say a brief invocation, he asked that everyone remember the fire fighters in their prayers. Chris Yokeley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED
BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- DECEMBER 12, 2006

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2006 AS PRESENTED
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: CHRIS YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SESSION

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Public Session was opened at 7:03 p.m. with one speaker signed up.

1. Leigh Gill
580 Oaklawn Dr.
Winston-Salem NC

Mr. Gill said he thought the new town seal was really neat. He showed a commemorative tile given to him by a company he previously worked for and thought it would be neat if the town would be interested in getting the town seal on a tile or some coffee mugs, etc. He would volunteer to find out information on the cost and availability of that type of products if the town were interested.

Mr. Steve Yokeley said Lynn was looking into the possibility of license plates and other stuff like that.

Public Session was closed at 7:05 p.m.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

TYCO ELECTRONICS - PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE FOR WALLBURG'S FIRST BI-ANNUAL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**Benny F. Yarboro
Plant Manager
5568 Gumtree Road
Netconnect Business Unit
Tyco Electronics**

**Ken Vance
Materials Manager
(PIE Management Liaison)**

**Keith Albert
Senior Training Specialist
(Tyco Representative Davidson County Workforce Development Committee)**

**Cynthia Minor
Human Resource Advisor
Netconnect Business Unit**

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Todd initiated this subject by saying that Tyco Electronics has been a part of the Wallburg area for a number of years. Mayor Todd said that they have been supportive of our school system; they've been supportive of our entire community. This Town Council decided last year that we would try to recognize businesses within our township that had made a contribution to our area. We felt like they were good corporate citizens; we felt like that they were what every town in the nation would like to see as a corporate partner or neighbor. And at this time, we did vote to have a Bi-Annual (six months) business of the year. Each six months a business would be recognized and we chose Tyco Electronics as the very first one ever in this township. Wallburg was incorporated in 2004 and in 2005/2006 we got a new council and with that we have chosen Tyco Electronics. At this time, I'd like to ask our all Councilmembers to come up and recognize some folks from Tyco.

He introduced the folks from Tyco:

- Mr. Benny Yarboro (Plant Manager),
- Mr. Ken Vance (Materials Manager),
- Mr. Keith Albert (Senior Training Specialist), and
- Cynthia Minor (Human Resource Advisor).

Mayor Todd said: This is the first plaque – we've had it specially designed for Tyco Electronics from the Town of Wallburg. We realize that you folks have worked with the school system. You've worked with the community. You keep a very neat looking place. You employ people here. You pay taxes here. And with that, we want to congratulate you all on your efforts. And thank you so much from

all citizens of the Town of Wallburg, the Town Council, and everybody within this community. Congratulations on **Tyco Electronics** as the **First Bi-Annual Business of the Year from the Town of Wallburg.**

Mr. Yarboro responded: “Thanks a lot from Tyco. Tyco is a major company – it used to be Amp, Inc. It’s a good company. We do take pride in being a good neighbor in Wallburg and North Carolina. We do spend a lot of time and effort to try to make sure that with our shift changes and times we can try to be a good public neighbor. We employ 378 people on three shifts. In the past, we have worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week – somebody’s there. I’ve been there since the plant was built in some capacity or other. It was built in 1975 and opened in 1976.

On a side note, Mayor Todd recognized Elliott Duke with the Thomasville Times.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**
HIGH POINT URBANIZED AREA THOROUGHFARE PLAN

Advertised in Winston-Salem, Thomasville, High Point and Lexington
RESOLUTION #07-____

TO ADOPT THE HIGH POINT URBANIZED AREA THOROUGHFARE
PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF WALLBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

Greg Venable - High Point Transportation

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Todd opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. and introduced Greg Venable from the High Point Transportation Department, and Guy Cornman, Planning Director for Davidson County Planning Department to lead the discussion on this topic.

Greg Venable gave a brief background of this project. He said that as part of the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) we are required by federal law to do transportation planning. The MPO boundaries are on the map in white and it includes four counties – Forsyth, Davidson, Guilford, and Randolph, and six municipalities – Wallburg, Thomasville, Trinity, Archdale, High Point, and Jamestown. The reason we’re bringing this before you tonight is we have an existing plan but our boundary has changed. Every census, they look at the urbanized area and they base our boundary on what is urbanized. The last census in 2000, a little portion of Forsyth County was considered part of the High Point urbanized area. At that time, they were not part of our MPO and we’re changing our boundary to include that section of Forsyth County in our MPO. Also, with that, the boundaries have shifted a little to the south – they’ve shifted to the west over to 220. Everything on the map in yellow are changes that have been made to the plan. A lot up there in the corner, Forsyth County, which were just roads that were in Winston-Salem are not included in High Point MPO. The plan shows minor adjustments – some roads that were not on the plan as far as they were existing roads but were not classified are being classified as minor thoroughfares, one being Old Thomasville Road, that runs between High Point and Thomasville. Just minor changes – just roads in Forsyth County that were not a part of the plan before are now a part of the plan. We are here to ask for your approval of this plan.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE PLAN:

Steve Yokeley said that this is a plan but nothing on this map is written in stone – a projection or an estimate of what is needed in the next fifteen or twenty years. Mr. Venable agreed that is correct – the planners looked at the areas and looked at traffic volumes in certain locations and tried to figure out where the needs are and where we need to be in the future and this plan is what we think is needed in the future. There is no funding tied with this – This could shift – could change. Just about every five years, we will come back and update this plan. The state will start a new process – this is just looking at highways – they'll go on to look at pedestrian, bikeways, transit – all of that has to be included on the plan as well. Mr. Cornman said that if the town had a particular project that it really wanted to be included on the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) then it needs to be shown on the Thoroughfare Plan and formally adopted because that's going to be one of the first questions that the Department of Transportation would ask, "Is it on the Thoroughfare Plan?"

Mr. Reece commented that this was a pre-existing map – this didn't just get made up. He asked how old this map was?

Mr. Cornman said he has been Planning Director for the County since 1986 and the Thoroughfare Plan has been there at least since he's been Planning Director although it has been revised through the years.

Mr. Venable thought the last revision of this plan was in 2001.

Mr. Cornman said Thomasville has a bypass shown as around the western side of their city that's on the Plan but it's not funded – it's an unfunded project. In order for this or any project to be constructed, then a great number of environmental studies would have to be carried out by D.O.T. and by the engineers in order to finalize the route. This is just more or less lines on a map for future planning purposes.

Mr. Reece said quite a number of people have taken part in creating this map, to which Mr. Cornman agreed by saying that there have been numerous Board of Commissioners and Thomasville City Council through the years that have participated in the formation of this thoroughfare plan.

Mr. Hedgecock said one road on the Plan was very controversial with Davidson County. Mr. Venable said it used to be called the Westside Connector and now is called the North/South Connector. Mr. Cornman said he remembered when it was originally called the "Cucumber Road" connector. It originally was much closer to the county line but over a period of time, it's kind of fluctuated. It actually got moved and incorporated as part of 109 and then it eventually got shifted back over closer to High Point. Mr. Hedgecock asked why they didn't leave it over there where 109 is already there – Mr. Cornman said there were two different purposes for the road – this was originally designed to shift traffic off Highway 68 and bring it in to the north High Point area, where their growth has taken place over the past twenty years. The NC-109 was more of a regional project that was actually getting commuter traffic from Thomasville north to Winston-Salem.

Steve Yokeley said the second one was really more for the benefit of High Point than Thomasville. Mr. Cornman agreed saying it was designed primarily to get traffic shifted off of 68. He continued by saying that there is a great number of commuting traffic from Archdale, Trinity, Thomasville and south of Thomasville that would actually potentially use this North/South connector in order to look for an alternate way to get to the airport and to the Kernersville area. Our Board of Commissioners last night voted to accept the Thoroughfare Plan with the

exception of the North/South Connector. The majority of the Board felt that at this present time, because it is a road to the future, they chose not to include it because they felt like it is not needed at this present time. But I think it's a timing issue. Over a period of time, as this area develops, there will be a need of some sort of road to help get that traffic – particularly if the Heart of the Triad project moves forward – and that Kernersville area continues to develop at a rapid pace as it is currently. There will be some sort of need for a commuting road.

Chris Yokeley reaffirmed that there is no funding in place at any time for any of these projects (Mr. Cornman agreed) so feasibly we could be looking at ten, fifteen, years or longer, before any of these ever come about purchasing land – building the road. (Mr. Cornman agreed again, and said that NC-D.O.T. has no money for any projects currently.)

Mayor Todd asked with this North/South corridor, that's 68, this road those lines don't mean anything on that map. It could go toward Wallburg, toward High Point, completely around the area, is that correct? Mr. Cornman said these lines represent basically like a 1,000-foot corridor generally in that area. We show 109, we show a bypass around Wallburg – but we do that to represent that there is a proposed road that will go somewhere south of Wallburg over to Winston-Salem. It's got to be on the Thoroughfare Plan in order to get the funding. Chris Yokeley said this plan is still subject to change ... no matter how we vote tonight and Mr. Venable said, that's correct – it could change and probably will change. We might come back in five years and there may be other needs that will go on the map or that will come off.

Mr. Reece asked what kind of road it would be and Mr. Cornman said it was his understanding that additional studies would have to be done to determine whether it would be an actual divided facility. It would probably be some sort of multi-lane facility, similar to what was done for 109 but whether or not it would be actual divided highway with limited access – that has yet to be determined. David Hyder estimated the speed limit would be 55 miles per hour. The map is showing four potential interchanges but again this is subject to change.

Mr. Weavil brought a moment of laughter by saying he remembered in the 1970's when they were trying to get the four lane bypass at US-311, from Winston-Salem to High Point and the old 311 was in sad shape. As soon as they got the new four-lane 311 in, they came in and repaved the Old Highway 311 – it is now just as smooth a highway as the new 109!! Having said that, his feeling was to take some of the money to be spent on the new roads and repair some of the existing roads we already have.

Mayor Todd asked if anyone in the audience had questions or comments.

- Leigh Gill asked if the Winston-Salem MPO encompass Wallburg and does the Winston-Salem MPO and the High Point MPO talk to each other? He was told by Mr. Venable that a portion of Wallburg is in the Winston-Salem MPO and High Point does work with Winston-Salem – they coordinate planning efforts. Coordination with all MPO's – Greensboro as well – is important. Mr. Cornman added that Mr. Reece is the TAC representative for the Town of Wallburg and that the County is in the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (WS-MPO) and the High Point MPO and also a member of the PTRPO (Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization – includes everything in the county that is unincorporated and the City of Lexington). And he also attends meetings of the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART). In the

MPO there are three different divisions and Davidson County is in Division 9, along with Forsyth County. Guilford is in Division 7 and Randolph is in Division 8.

- David Mickey (could not be heard distinctly) said that pretty much the whole town is in an urbanized area. We have a challenge in trying to protect the rural character of Wallburg when you're already urbanized. One request he would have is that the town be involved in other useful planning efforts and organizations. Be pro-active rather than re-active when it involves planning.
- Mary Cridlebaugh spoke also about if the road is built there will be a great rush of development.
- Leigh Gill commented on a D.O.T. meeting he had attended two years ago that related to repairing older roads and shifting money to do so.

Mr. Corman gave a brief synopsis of the adoption of the resolution by the Board of Commissioners – they adopted the Thoroughfare Plan as shown on this map – with the exception of the North/South Connector. When it comes up for a vote at the TAC meeting in High Point on January 23rd Mr. Kepley – the County's representative on the TAC – will vote accordingly.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Todd then advised the Council on the importance of this resolution – we can accept this one, or revise our own. Mr. Hedgecock said he understood that this map shows 109 coming in behind Wallburg, splits it down the middle, but he asked last time if that meant that the council felt that that's the route that road should go and he was told "not". The council is just saying that 109 probably needs to be extended. Mr. Cornman said there were several routes but Mr. Hedgecock stated he wanted to make sure that was said publicly.

Steve Yokeley said that at this point the North/South Connector would not be an advantage to Wallburg at all – the negative outweighs the positive.

Chris Yokeley said he agrees with Steve Yokeley at this point.

Attorney Clinard asked for the direction of the statute referred to in the resolution and Mr. Cornman replied that it directs the federal government to have to recognize the Thoroughfare Plan order to grant or put money into a particular project. It's basically saying that the individual jurisdictions have to have a Thoroughfare Plan adopted – it's tied to funding.

Mr. Clinard also said that no matter where the lines are, from a legal standpoint, that doesn't bind the property owners from losing the rights for giving up property rights at all. It's not like a condemnation, even an inverse condemnation, at this point.

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE HIGH POINT URBANIZED AREA THOROUGHFARE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF WALLBURG, NORTH CAROLINA, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NORTH/SOUTH CONNECTOR BETWEEN HIGHWAY 68 AND THE DAVIDSON/FORSYTH COUNTY LINE

BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK

SECOND: JERRY WEAVID

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Planning and Zoning UpdatesDean Coe
Mr. Coe was not at the meeting due to illness so Steve Yokeley gave a quick update. There is a Public Hearing to be scheduled for the next meeting.

2. Finance UpdateChris Yokeley
Chris Yokeley gave a report on December's finances:

Checking Account
Starting Balance: \$ 55,349.89
Checks: \$ 4,006.56
Deposits: \$ 55,808.20
Ending Balance \$107,151.53

He said February will cause quite a bit of money movements to coincide with our budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Todd reminded the council of the January 18th MPO meeting at 4:15 p.m. It is an open meeting and he encouraged any of the members to attend.

Mr. Guy Cornman said the City of Lexington has a new downtown Development Coordinator named Wade Nichols who is trying to organize a county-wide meeting of the various representatives from the other municipalities and towns in Davidson County to meet and talk about potential common problems and issues in the development of downtown. In February, there will be a North Carolina Small Town Development Coordinators' meeting. He would like to try and get a representative from the Town of Wallburg. If there is a volunteer that would like to meet with this group and represent the Town of Wallburg, Mr. Cornman can put you in contact with Mr. Nichols to get more information.

Mr. Hedgecock mentioned the Elected Officials meeting at Yarboroughs at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 18th.

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (2ND TUESDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on:
FEBRUARY 13
MARCH 13
APRIL 10
MAY 8
JUNE 12
JULY 10
AUGUST 14

SEPTEMBER 11
OCTOBER 9
NOVEMBER 13
DECEMBER 11

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS** (2ND THURSDAYS STARTING IN 2007)
7:00 P.M. AT WALLBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
February 8, 2007

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:57 P.M.
BY: JERRY WEAVIL
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Allen L. Todd
Mayor

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