

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. MAY 8, 2007
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

APPROVED 06-12-07

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present for a quorum were Mayor Todd, Lynn Reece, Jerry Weavil, Zane Hedgecock, Steve Yokeley and Chris Yokeley. Also present were Clerk Lynn and Attorney Clinard. A brief invocation was initiated by Councilmember Lynn Reece and afterwards the Pledged of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Jerry Weavil.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Hedgecock and seconded by Lynn Reece.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- APRIL 10, 2007 – REGULAR MINUTES

The minutes of the regular April 10, 2007 meeting were approved upon a motion by Steve Yokeley and seconded by Chris Yokeley.

- APRIL 10, 2007 – CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The minutes for the Closed Session portion of the April 10, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion made by Zane Hedgecock and seconded by Jerry Weavil.

PUBLIC SESSION

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Public Session was opened and closed at 7:05 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**

BUDGET ALLOCATION AND PLANNING PROCESS ISSUES

- SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION FOR 2007?
(CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING)
- EDC CONTRIBUTION?
- SHOULD WE APPOINT BUILDING & PLANNING COMMITTEE?
- NEED TO DETERMINE A BUILDING BUDGET?
- OTHER ISSUES

Mayor Todd introduced discussion of the budget. The proposed budget will be presented by the Finance Committee for approval at the June meeting. The various issues of this budget were discussed in no particular order.

- **SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION**

A ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) donation was proposed for Wallburg Elementary School. Lynn Reece suggested a total donation amount of \$10,000 but with \$5,000 going to Wallburg Elementary and another \$5,000 going to Friendship. It was discussed that some residents were paying Wallburg taxes but their children were in a school outside the Wallburg city limits and they were not realizing any consequence of the donation by the Town. Chris Yokeley reminded the council that this discussion was about setting amounts for the 2007-2008 budget. Steve Yokeley suggested a total \$15,000 donation budget with \$7,500 going to the two schools mentioned. Mr. Hedgecock mentioned continuing to give Wallburg \$10,000 and give the other three schools \$2,500 each. Chris Yokeley stated that whatever the council agrees to give the schools, they should remember that it is setting a precedence and asked if they would be comfortable with the amount agreed upon in coming years. He also reminded the council that the sales tax would be lower this year by about 20% due to Midway's incorporation – this tax would be split more ways –Lexington, Thomasville, Denton, and Wallburg – and this year, Midway. It looks like we'll be getting about \$350,000 but if you lose 20%, we'd get about \$287,000 this year. Chris said he didn't see an additional \$5,000 for the schools impacting Wallburg greatly.

MOTION: TO INCREASE THE DONATION FROM \$10,000 TO \$15,000 (\$5,000 INCREASE) AND SPLIT IT EVENLY BETWEEN FRIENDSHIP AND WALLBURG (\$7,500 EACH)
BY: STEVE YOKELEY

DUE TO NO SECOND THIS MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Weavil suggested giving Friendship the entire \$10,000 donation *this* year to make up for them not getting anything *last* year. Then split the donation *next* year between the schools. He felt this might keep down some contention but Steve Yokeley said that the unfortunate thing is no matter what is given, people would still disagree on the donation. Mr. Hedgecock said that this donation was being given to help the schools – it should not be considered a chore. Attorney Clinard's opinion was that the town should look at a pro-rata distribution of Wallburg students in the schools and donate on that percentage. It was suggested by several members to go ahead and budget the money with allocation of it to be done later in the year. This was met with agreement by the council members.

MOTION: TO INCREASE THE DONATION DESIGNATED FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM FROM \$10,000 TO \$15,000 PRIMARILY FOR CHILDREN FROM THE WALLBURG AREA AND AFTER FURTHER RESEARCH, ALLOCATE THE MONIES LATER IN THE BUDGET YEAR TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS
BY: CHRIS YOKELEY

SECOND: STEVE YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- **EDC CONTRIBUTION**

Mayor Todd said that Mr. Steve Googe of the EDC has requested a donation of \$10,000 for his group this year. Last year, we gave the EDC \$2,000. They claim they have brought approximately 3,700 jobs to the county over the last several years. All municipalities in the county do give to the EDC, but it is up to the discretion of this council as to how much, if any, they wish to give to the EDC. Mr. Weavil suggested giving \$5,000; Mr. Reece suggested the same.

MOTION: TO RECOMMEND AN INCREASE IN DONATION TO THE EDC FROM \$2,000 TO \$5,000 FOR BUDGET YEAR 2007-2008 WITH NO FURTHER ADDITIONS TO THIS AMOUNT
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: JERRY WEAVID / LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- **APPOINT A BUILDING PLANNING COMMITTEE?**

Until the town acquires property, this item should be tabled according to the Council.

This item was tabled until further notice.

- **DETERMINE A BUILDING BUDGET?**

Mayor Todd suggested that the council think about determining what kind of budget we would need for building, which would vary according to our income. He said we really cannot do a whole lot until we know how much money we are going to have coming in. This will be a topic to be discussed at a later date.

2. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: TO RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:39 P.M. AS PER THE NCGS LISTED BELOW
BY: JERRY WEAVID
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

§ 143-318.11. CLOSED SESSION.

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

- (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the

amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

MOTION: TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 8:25 P.M.
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Planning and Zoning UpdatesDean Coe
Steve Yokeley gave a brief update on the Planning and Zoning Board – they are in the process of proofreading ordinances.

2. Finance UpdateChris Yokeley
Chris Yokeley said the budget will be cleaned up and finished and ready for presentation at the June council meeting.

MOTION: TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR BUDGET PRESENTATION AT THE JUNE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
BY: CHRIS YOKELEY
SECOND: STEVE YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **MPO - High Point**Lynn Reece
Mr. Reece said at the April 24th meeting, the MPO discussed their upcoming budget. They are just trying to build new and maintain existing roads. Bridges around here need to be repaired.

4. **MPO - Winston-Salem**Mayor Todd
There was no MPO meeting for Winston-Salem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS: (2ND TUESDAYS)**
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on:
JUNE 12
JULY 10
AUGUST 14
SEPTEMBER 11
OCTOBER 9
NOVEMBER 13
DECEMBER 11

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS** (2ND THURSDAYS)
7:00 P.M. AT WALLBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.
BY: LYNN REECE
SECOND: JERRY WEAVIL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Allen L. Todd
Mayor