

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. AUGUST 14, 2007
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

APPROVED 09-11-07

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Todd, Council members Steve Yokeley, Zane Hedgecock, Jerry Weavil, Lynn Reece, and Chris Yokeley. Also present were Town Clerk Lynn and Attorney Jay Waggoner, arriving at 7:06 p.m. and sitting in for absent Attorney Aaron Clinard.

Councilman Lynn Reed said a brief invocation, after which Allegiance was pledged to the United States flag.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Todd said that under legal advice from town attorney, a Closed Session will be schedule for this meeting as Item #3.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEM #3 – CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF 143-318.11(a)(5)

CLOSED SESSION

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BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- JULY 10, 2007

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES AS WRITTEN FOR JULY 10, 2007 MEETING

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 and closed at 7:04 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
CONTINUED FROM JULY 10, 2007 MEETING:
UPDATE:
ELECTED OFFICIALS DINNER – SEPTEMBER
WALLBURG IS HOSTING

(Note: Jay Waggoner arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

DISCUSSION:

The Town of Wallburg will be hosting the “Elected Officials Dinner” on September 13, 2007. This event is sponsored by the various towns on a rotating basis. Mayor Todd explained that the Town has entered into a contract with Ron Seaford, caterer with On-Time Catering. This catering company comes highly recommended by other town managers and mayors in the county area. The menu will include the choice of prime rib or chicken, two vegetables and a salad, along with a dessert. It’s a turn-key operation – they furnish everything but the tables. The cost of the dinner will run from \$15 to \$17 per plate. All elected officials in the county have been invited for a total of 35 to 40 individuals being invited. Mayor Todd and Clerk Lynn have talked to other caterers in the area with the final decision being based on cost per person, quality and choice of food to be served, and the overall service to be provided.

According to John Grey, the elected officials dinner is usually held the Thursday following their council meeting.

Chris Yokeley asked if the price included linens and servers and Mayor Todd responded that it includes everything including servers – except the tables, which the fire department has plenty of. It will be a buffet type dinner. Mr. Yokeley said he contacted Pepper Moon Catering (High Point) and was given a quote of \$10.50 per person. This catering company’s menu includes tossed garden salad, grilled flank steak with a merlot pan sauce, signature Pepper Moon “smashed” potatoes, green beans, rolls, and Carolina mud cake. Based on an average of thirty people, that total would be \$430.20 – and with servers the cost rose to \$644.18.

After a brief discussion and based on the menu/food to be served, recommendations, availability, and location of caterer, it was decided that the council should make the final decision.

MOTION: TO CONTRACT WITH RON SEAFORD (ON-TIME CATERING) TO CATER THE ELECTED OFFICIALS DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2007
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: JERRY WEAVIL
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Clerk Lynn will follow up with Mr. Seaford and ensure that the dinner progresses smoothly and accurately.

2. **FOR INFORMATION:**
CANDIDATE LISTING FOR NOVEMBER ELECTION

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Todd introduced the election candidates and asked them to say a few words.

1. Robert Motsinger

I guess I am the most senior member. I'm a third-generation Wallburger – proud to say that. My dad rode a horse to school over here.... I've lived here all my life except for the time I was serving my country. I was around the world and back before I ever got to vote! I want to be a town councilman – that's the reason I filed for town council, because I wanted to be one! I'm not against you folks – I'm not against anybody! You're all my friends and when it's over with, we'll all be friends from now on! I want it to be friendly campaign, a light-hearted thing and it's a friendly town. I told a GOP golf tournament up here when they were doing their fund-raising just how friendly our town was. I certainly want to keep our tax rate at five-cents. We've gotten a tax increase already --- the commissioners evaluating our property!! We've got \$17,000 more than we got last year. I hope ya'll knew that. And I don't anticipate making a lot of changes and I'd like to see our town be business friendly and take it to the neighbors. They come here to live and I have mentioned the taxes – I'd like to see us build a park sometime, I don't have a certain agenda on that but something for the people and the family to enjoy because we are a friendly town and I want to keep it that way! And, like I said, I'm not running against anybody --- I'm just running for the town. Thank you.

2. Gary Craver

The only reason I'm running – is there's an open slot. I have no intention of making any kind differences in Wallburg – the town council they have now. As far as I'm concerned, it's a good one. I don't see any changes whatsoever – other than town hall! I would like to see a town hall. I'm a life-time resident of Wallburg and proud of it. That's all I have to say.

3. Mark Swaim

I'm a lifetime resident of the Town of Wallburg. I love this community and I'd be honored to serve this community. I presently serve on the Finance Committee.....was involved in the initial incorporation of the town.....and very passionate about this community and love this community. It would be an honor if elected to serve. These are all great candidates that are running and I think the present town council has done a great job and I think any candidate that is elected will do a great job. Thank you.

4. Jerry Weavil

I'm a life-long resident of the town of Wallburg. I feel like I helped get Wallburg started on what I think is the right course. I hope we can keep it going like it is. I want to see us stay on a plan with our property, whenever, wherever we do get it – build our town hall and I agree with Mr. Motsinger – Eventually we probably want to look into building a park for the people of Wallburg and probably the surrounding area will be able to use it, too.

5. Clyde Lynn Reece

Well, I've also been a resident of Wallburg my whole life. I kind of got excited the last time about the way some things were being handled and got involved in this and I've learned a whole lot ----- and I've got a whole lot more to learn!!! We've got a good relationship with Davidson County and the Sheriff's Department who we depend on. We've set up a Planning and Zoning Board and a Board of Adjustments. But it's a job that needs to be done, and somebody needs to do it but there is a concern about getting the rules and regulations – there's a whole lot more to it than I thought there was when I got involved in it! And If elected, I will continue to do the job that I've done so far.

Mayor Todd noted that Mr. Reece has been representing the town at the High Point MPO - - The mayor and the town is very appreciative.

Mayor Todd also recognized Chris Yokeley – Mr. Yokeley has decided not to run for a second term and Mayor Todd told him that he appreciated everything that Chris has done for us and hope that we will all continue to do the same great job all the way up to the election. (Everyone agreed to that!)

Mayor Todd noted that there are three seats open and the three elected this year will begin serving four-year terms. He encouraged each member to continue doing the best job they can.

(ITEM ADDED)

2. **FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:**
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: AT 7:21 P.M. TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE LISTED BELOW

BY: LYNN REECE

SECOND: STEVE YOKELEY

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOTION: AT 7:53 P.M. TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

BY: JERRY WEAVIL

SECOND: LYNN REECE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Todd announced: “Fellow citizens of Wallburg, we’d like to make an announcement. The Town of Wallburg is presently with a pending contract to purchase a piece of real estate that is just shy of 7 acres located at the corner of NC-109 and Franklin Drive. It is a pending contract and we are in the process of closing on that deal. Any questions will be referred to our legal firm.”

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

(UPDATES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE ON EACH COMMITTEE DUE TO NO MEETING)

1. Planning and Zoning UpdatesDean Coe
Lynn said that Dean had advised they did not have a meeting and there was nothing to report for this month.

2. Finance UpdateChris Yokeley
Chris Yokeley gave the amounts for June and July since the July council meeting was earlier than the bank statements were received.
He said to stay in line with our budget, the week of 08/20/07 our property fund matures, so somewhere after the 21st Chris and Steve need to get together and transfer money to the building fund.

3. **MPO - High Point**Lynn Reece
Mr. Reece said there was nothing to report this month – a questionnaire had been issued for requests for road improvements for Wallburg. He said Gumtree Road and widening Wallburg-High Point Road was about it.

4. **MPO - Winston-Salem**Mayor Todd
Mayor Todd said this MPO met and the previous discussion was about taking away Midway and Wallburg’s voting power, consolidating into a county vote --- it’s a weighted voting system. After much deliberation and discussion, they elected to let Wallburg and Midway retain their voting rights. The weighted voting system is based on population.
Another topic was air pollution – how to correct it – so that would not affect Wallburg, due to no industry.
MPO meetings are once a month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

- ELECTED OFFICIALS DINNER
September 13, 2007 At the Fire Department

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.
BY: LYNN REECE
SECOND: CHRIS YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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www.townofwallburg.com

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Allen L. Todd
Mayor