

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. MARCH 11, 2008
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

DRAFT MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Allen Todd. Present were Mayor Todd, Steve Yokeley, Zane Hedgecock, Gary Craver, Lynn Reece, Mark Swaim, and Lynn McKinnie. Also present was Attorney Clinard.

After a brief invocation by Lynn Reece, Gary Craver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Todd asked to add Item #4 to the Agenda: *For Discussion and/or Action – Burn Release Contract for house on property the town recently purchased.* On a motion by Zane Hedgecock and seconded by Steve Yokeley, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

The February 12, 2008 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Steve Yokeley and seconded by Gary Craver.

PUBLIC SESSION

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Public Session was opened at 7:04 p.m. with one speaker:

1. Eddie Gallimore

Mr. Gallimore said he was running for County Commissioner in Davidson County, saying that he was born and raised in Thomasville, a member of the Republican Party Executive Committee – the only candidate who is – and has been for over a year. He is a loyal republican who has been attending the executive meetings for 3 ½ years and has been involved in the County Commissioners’ meetings. He knows and has a very good relationship with all the commissioners and candidates. He asked for citizens’ support and requested that everyone vote in May – he needs to beat the other 5 candidates.

Mayor Todd said that any other candidate is welcome to attend the Wallburg Council meeting and introduce him-herself and say a few words.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

MPT PARTNERSHIP – REZONING

FROM: RS - LOW INTENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

TO: RA-3 – RURAL AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

ABBOTTS CREEK TSP – TAX MAP #3 – LOT 8A - .75 ACRE

East side of Robbins Road south of NC-109

Discussion:

Mayor Todd opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

John Mendenhall, of the Davidson County Planning Dept. spoke on this issue. MPT Partnership has requested a rezoning of their property located on the east side of Robbins Road, approximately .1 mile south of the NC-109 intersection. This rezoning would change from RS (Low Intensity Residential) to RA-3 (Rural Agricultural District). The rezoning is only for a portion of Lot 8A, the rest of the property is already zone RA-3. The property in this area occupies two zoning districts.

Dean Coe, of the Wallburg Planning Board, said that this issue was heard at the February Planning Board meeting and the Board concluded that the rezoning would be incompatible with the Comprehensive Plan of the town and it would impact the surrounding neighbors in a manner that was incompatible with the existing uses as of now. Mr. Coe said the Wallburg Planning Board recommends DENIAL of the rezoning. The decision was a split decision with the Planning Board voting 3 to 2 to deny.

Mr. Todd administered an oath to the two speakers who indicated they would like to speak:

1. Tim Reid
1860 Georgetown Road
Kernersville NC

Mr. Reid, as owner of the property, spoke for the rezoning saying that the property does straddle two zoning districts and it is readily apparent that the intentions were to exclude any lots that only fronted Robbins Road. About seven years ago, Lot 8A was sub-divided from a larger parcel and no longer fronts NC-109 and thus is not part of the original residential corridor. He said the map very deliberately attempts to exclude all the parcels that did not face 109 when originally put in place years ago. He asked that the lot be rezoned RA-3 to match the remaining 25% of his lot which is already zone RA-3 and to match all the other lots that are on and face Robbins Road.

2. Neil Lynch
9643 N. NC-109
Wallburg NC

Mr. Lynch, spoke against the rezoning, saying his property is sided on two sides by the property being requested to be rezoned. Currently, the only thing that can be built on that property is a stick-built home, similar to what he owns. If rezoned, the owner would be allowed to sell farm machinery and put mobile homes on the property. He said he moved from Winston-Salem to Wallburg due to a similar situation he faced there, which eventually decreased his property value. He also presented a petition signed by neighbors opposing the rezoning.

Mayor Todd closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION: TO DENY THE REQUEST BY MPT PARTNERSHIP FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS TAX MAP 3, A PORTION OF LOT 8A LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROBBINS ROAD TO BE REZONED FROM RS TO RA-3

BY: STEVE YOKELEY

SECOND: ZANE HEDGECOCK

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

DAVIDSON COUNTY SHERIFF DAVID GRICE - UPDATE

Sheriff David Grice attended the meeting to give a brief update on crime in Wallburg. He introduced his deputies that accompanied him. His handout gave various demographic information such as the following:

	TOTAL CALLS TO SHERIFF OFFICE	ZONE 1 CALLS WALLBURG	SERVICES % WALLBURG	POPULATION % WALLBURG
CALLS	41,500	4,967	12%	1.8%
CIVIL PROCESSES	26,300	3,698	14%	1.8%
ANIMAL CALLS	6,300	366	5%	1.8%

POPULATION FOR WALLBURG IS SHOWN AS 2,910
WALLBURG IS LOCATED IN ZONE 1.

EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENT TYPE CALLS ARE:

1. BREAKING AND ENTERING
2. LARCENIES
3. ROBBERIES
4. PROWLER CALLS
5. DOMESTIC CALLS
6. DISTURBANCE CALLS
7. PROPERTY CHECKS (PEOPLE ON VACATION, ETC.)
8. INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND VEHICLES
9. TRAFFIC STOPS
10. SCHOOL TRAFFIC
11. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
12. SERVING CIVIL PROCESS PAPERS
13. SERVING CRIMINAL WARRANTS
14. SERVING CRIMINAL SUMMONS
15. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL INCIDENTS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (SRO)
16. PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS ON CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MATTERS

There are 13 School Resource Officers – each school has SRO. There are five animal control officers. There is a SWAT team and there are plenty of detectives. There is a canine unit. The office handles 180 to 220 calls per 24-hour period of time. Percentage of people in jail is going up – about 7.66% a year since 2001, but jail population has really jumped up in the last three years. About 300 people are in jail each day, generating 900 meals per day, 9-pounds of laundry a week per inmate at 50-cents per pound laundry cleaning costs. Aramark does the cooking for the meals. Animal control – if you need a dog, come to them – you can get a dog spayed and neutered – with all its shots for \$95 !!! In the summer, the Sheriff's Dept. has lake patrol. They have two motorcycles, used for escorts for parades, etc. Every day, 60,000 cars come through Davidson County!

Mr. Hedgecock asked if drugs were a problem in the schools; to which, Sheriff Grice replied that he didn't think they are any more prevalent the schools than they are in the community – he doesn't think they are a great problem in the schools.

Mr. Hedgecock asked if High Point was charged for extra service for Sheriff's deputies' usage and Sheriff Grice said High Point has its own police department,

but that the Sheriff's Department still served papers, etc., and that Wallburg would have to take that issue up with the County Commissioners. Mayor Todd thanked Sheriff Grice for coming.

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

TO AWARD AUDIT CONTRACT TO ALLRED AND CARRICK, CPAs, PC

Discussion:

Mayor Todd said it was "that time of year again" and asked for the council's opinion on this topic. Mr. Swaim said Allred and Carrick has done a great job in the past; the Finance Committee and Lynn are pleased with Eddie Carrick, especially. Mr. Yokeley asked if the \$4,500 price was guaranteed for five years but this would have to be researched. Mr. Reece said they were much more reasonable than anyone else we have had. Mr. Swaim agreed, saying they were considerably less than the first auditors we had.

MOTION: TO AWARD CONTRACT TO AUDIT TOWN OF WALLBURG FOR 2006-2007 TO ALLRED AND CARRICK
BY: LYNN REECE
SECOND: STEVE YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDED TO AGENDA:

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

RELEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN TOWN OF WALLBURG AND WALLBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BURN HOUSE ON PROPERTY RECENTLY PURCHASED BY THE TOWN

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Clinard spoke about the need for having this contract, saying his only question was the removal of any debris afterwards – whose responsibility would it be to remove the debris?

Andy Brinkley, unofficially representing the Fire Department spoke up, saying, "We don't do that!" And Lynn Reece said, "If it don't burn – it stays there!!"

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RELEASE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WALLBURG AND THE WALLBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR BURNING OF HOUSE ON TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY
BY: MARK SWAIM
SECOND: GARY CRAVER
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

(COMMITTEE UPDATES MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IF MEETING WAS NOT HELD)

1. Planning and Zoning UpdatesDean Coe

Mr. Coe briefly said the Planning Board is continuing to look at subdivision regulations to eventually make final decisions. They also have another rezoning coming up at the meeting March 13th.

2. Finance UpdateMark Swaim

Mr. Swaim gave a quick report on the town's finances:

- Checking Balance: \$167,115.91
- Money Market \$487,812.53
- CD – Building Fund \$649,010.55
- CD – Capital Fund \$209,724.83
- CD – Reserve Fund \$ 78,403.72

He asked for any budget requests as the budget process will be starting in April.

3. **MPO - High Point**Lynn Reece

Mr. Reece's update on the High Point MPO included updates on work around the county, the bridges and streets and the transit system (public transportation is growing. There are forums scheduled to try and get public input.) Budget is distributed out by the most recent census data – that's how it is determined how much a share each participant gets.

- Archdale – 4.81%
- Davidson County – 18.65%
- Forsyth County – 0.62%
- Guilford County – 4.62%
- High Point – 45.83%
- Jamestown – 1.65%
- Randolph County – 8.61%
- Thomasville – 10.56%
- Trinity – 3.57%
- Wallburg – 1.7%

4. Mayor-Manager Meeting UpdateMayor Allen Todd

Mr. Todd gave a brief update on the Mayor-Manager breakfast meeting held March 11th at the Wallburg Fire Station. There were 16 attendees, including Stan Bingham, Larry Potts, all mayors and managers, Randy McCaslin. Items discussed included school system needs, bridge on I-85, and other issues. Everyone had a good time. Sherry Bogue was contracted to provide the meal and there were many compliments on the meal!

EXTRA:

Mr. Hedgecock asked everyone to remember Aaron Clinard's son and son-in-law as they head for Iraq.

Mayor Todd recognized that Gary Craver just got out of the hospital a couple of weeks ago and welcomed him home. Mr. Craver said he was feeling good.

Mayor Todd said the council had received a thank you from Ledford Boosters for the donation of money to their club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (2ND TUESDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on:
CALENDAR 2008:
APR 8
MAY 13
JUN 10
JUL 8
AUG 12
SEP 9
OCT 14
NOV 11
DEC 9
- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS** (2ND THURSDAYS)
7:00 P.M. AT WALLBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M.
BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK
SECOND: STEVE YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Allen L. Todd
Mayor

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