

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Town Hall
8020 N. NC-HIGHWAY 109
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 14, 2012
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were the Mayor, Council Members Zane Hedgecock, Steve Yokeley, Cindy Johnson, Lynn Reece and Mark Swaim. Attorney Jay Wagner was present and acting both as Town Clerk and Town Attorney.

After an invocation by Councilman Steve Yokeley, Councilman Mark Swaim led the pledge to the flag.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Swaim made motion to approve agenda, Mr. Reece seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

- JANUARY 10, 2012 – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
- JANUARY 10, 2012 – CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
- JANUARY 18, 2012 – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
- JANUARY 18, 2012 – CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

MINUTES for all of the above meetings were unanimously approved on motion by Mr. Yokely, seconded by Mr. Swaim.

PUBLIC SESSION

- PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK/Mayor – 3-MINUTE TIME LIMIT FOR SPEAKING
- No speaker signed to speak at the public session.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. **Consideration of Ordinance # 12-003: To require “Sunshine List” registration.**

Mayor Todd asked Mr. Wagner to explain the proposed ordinance. Mr. Wagner stated that, with the resignation of Lynn McKinnie as Town Clerk, the town was unable to locate the prior sunshine list. North Carolina law in Section 143-318.12(b) states that a public body may require the press and others to register periodically for notice of meetings and requires such public body to charge a fee of \$10.00 for such request for notice, unless such notice is solely by e-mail.

On motion of Mr. Hedgecock, seconded by Mr. Yokely, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

2. Personnel Committee—Update on hiring of Assistant Town Clerk and Town Clerk.

Mayor Todd recognized Mr. Hedgecock from the Personnel Committee. Mr. Hedgecock stated that applications for the positions of Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are being received and reviewed. The personnel committee will likely make a recommendation for at least one of the positions within two weeks which will require a special meeting where candidates may be presented. Mr. Hedgecock reiterated that candidates from an earlier search for the Assistant Town Clerk position are still being considered.

3. Town Hall Land.

Mayor Todd opened the discussion by stating that citizens have contacted him and others on the Town Council wondering what the town's plan is for the land adjacent to the Town Hall. Mayor Todd then stated that he feels the Town Council should consider the creation of a committee to examine options for the use of the Town Hall property.

Councilman Yokely then stated that he and Councilman Reece would be willing to serve on such a committee as co-chairs.

Motion was then made by Mr. Reece, and seconded by both Mr. Swaim and Mr. Hedgecock, to create a Town Hall Property Development Committee, which passed unanimously.

4. Grant Request – Ledford Band

Mayor Todd then turned over the floor to Mr. Tim Reid who was present on behalf of the Ledford High School band boosters. Mr. Reid asked that the town award a grant of \$12,000 to help balance a shortfall resulting from limited collections from the band's annual "band camp" which is the primary method the band uses to fund its annual operations. Mr. Reid stated that, due to the poor economy, many children cannot afford the \$350 registration fee for band camp.

Councilman Swaim then stated that the amount of the requested grant would take up a large portion of the \$40,000 remaining in the town's grant budget for the 2011-2012 budget year.

Mr. Reid was then questioned by Councilman Hedgecock and Councilman Yokely about various aspects of the legal structure of the Ledford Band boosters (whether it was a non-profit, etc.).

Councilman Hedgecock then asked Mr. Reid whether he would have any problem with the council awarding a grant to Ledford High School with such funds earmarked for the band, and Mr. Reid said that he did not.

Councilman Yokely then stated that the amount of the grant request is too large, but that he feels that the council should do something to help the band.

Councilman Hedgecock then asked Mr. Reid if the applicant could resubmit the grant once the expected shortfall is better defined. Mr. Reid then stated that the funds from band camp constitute the entire budget for the band each year.

Councilman Yokely stated that he would like the applicant to resubmit its application. Councilman Hedgecock then asked that the item be placed on the agenda for the March regular town council meeting with a new application to be submitted by Ledford High School and presented by a member of the school staff.

The consensus of the council-members was to place the item on the March regular meeting agenda.

- 5. Resolution #12-005, Rescinding Resolution #12-003 appointing Linda Robinson as Assistant Town Clerk.**

Mayor Todd turned over the floor to Mr. Wagner for explanation. Mr. Wagner stated that the Town Council, at its January 10th meeting, passed Resolution #12-003 appointing Linda Robinson as Assistant Town Clerk. Following this action, Ms. Robinson decided not to accept the position which required the Town Council to rescind the Resolution #12-003.

Upon the motion of Councilman Yokely to approve Resolution #12-005, seconded by Councilman Hedgecock, the resolution was approved unanimously.

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES
AS AVAILABLE

(COMMITTEE UPDATES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IF MEETING WAS NOT HELD OR UNATTENDED)

1. Finance Update Mark Swaim
Mr. Swaim gave a brief update on the finances of the Town:
CASH \$ 444,769.02
BUILDING FUND \$ 641,288.72
CAPITAL FUND \$ 351,554.96
EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND \$ 100,036.31
RESERVE FUND \$ 125,751.32
MONEY MARKET \$ 247,199.32
TAXES RECEIVABLE \$ 5,650.00
DUE FROM OTHER GOVTS. \$ 119,519.00
TOTAL: \$2,035,768.65

2. **MPO** – High Point Lynn Reece
Councilman Reece stated that the High Point MPO met in January and that he was elected Vice-Chairman. He stated that there was a discussion of “Freedom Roads” and the PART Transit plan.

3. **MPO** - Winston-Salem Allen Todd
Mayor Todd stated that the Winston-Salem MPO met in January and that a priority list for road construction was presented and that the NC 109 widening project was in the top tier, but that there is no anticipated funding for the actual construction.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Councilman Hedgecock stated that Mrs. Joanne Wall had donated the desk of Senator Samuel Wall to the Town and that a group of Councilmen had gone and picked up the desk. He also stated that on the desk was a photograph of Senator Wall and his three succeeding generations. He stated his thanks to the late Jack Craven for making contact with Mrs. Wall and his feeling that the desk will be a welcome addition to the historical collection of the town.

Councilman Hedgecock then stated that he felt the town should investigate the possibility of seeking a grant from the Federal Rural Development Agency for a generator for the Town Hall. He stated that he would like to discuss the possibility of the town contracting with a grant writer to seek the grant at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:47pm, Mr. Hedgecock made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reece seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

SUBMITTED BY:
Jay W. Wagner, Town Attorney and Town Clerk