

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. FEBRUARY 12, 2008
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

APPROVED 03-11-08

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were the mayor, Council members Steve Yokeley, Zane Hedgecock, Gary Craver, Lynn Reece, and Mark Swaim. Also present were Clerk Lynn and Attorney Clinard. After a brief invocation by Mr. Reece, Mr. Yokeley led the pledge to the flag.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF:
1. RECOGNIZE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MADISON HEDGECOCK; AND
2. REQUEST FROM LEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOOSTER REQUEST FOR \$250
BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 8, 2008

MOTION: TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2008, AS PRESENTED
BY: LYNN REECE
SECOND: MARK SWAIM
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SESSION

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Public Session was opened and closed at 7:02 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

Finalize Liability Insurance for land / property

The Town Council has been discussing the insurance issue for quite a while. With the purchase of property at Franklin and NC-109, it was decided that insurance should be purchased to cover the property as well as liability for the elected officials. After speaking with insurance companies as well as various

towns to see what type insurance was usually carried, the North Carolina League of Municipalities proposed the correct amount and type of insurance.

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE IMPLEMENTATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE TOWN OF WALLBURG WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA "POOL" OF INTERLOCAL RISK FINANCING FUND AND
1. TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO SUCH; AND
2. TO ADD THE OPTION OF COVERAGE TO INCLUDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: GARY CRAVER / MARK SWAIM
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

UPDATE: Land Committee Report

.....Steve Yokeley

Mr. Yokeley brought the council up to date on the property at Franklin and NC-109. He described the house that remains on the land as not really in very good shape. There were a couple of people interested in moving the house (one said he would want it if it were given to him free of charge). If the house is put up for auction, or for a negotiated sale, it could take six months or longer to process the sale through to the end. If it was to be moved, several issues come into play. It would not be cost-effective to move for various reasons - there is a center fireplace that would create havoc in trying to keep the house in good order; there would be a considerable amount of debris to dispose of. It could take up to 90 to 120 days just to get it moved. A more equitable way of dealing with this 2-bedroom, 1-bath home, would be to allow the Wallburg Fire Department to use the house as a training opportunity. In doing this, the Fire Department could utilize the house for training in several ways – including, smoke inhalation, burning patterns, and eventually the burning of the entire house for teaching session. A negative aspect would be that there could be asbestos in the house and the town would need to pay for removal. However, there should not be very much involved and so the cost would likely be no more than \$100 - \$200. The consensus of opinion by the council was to let the Fire Department have the house.

MOTION: TO TURN THE HOUSE ON TOWN PROPERTY ON NC-109 OVER TO THE WALLBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR DISPOSAL
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

After the voting, Mr. Craver said you can't put a price on lives - by letting the Fire Department burn the house – they learn to save lives and how to fight fires safely. Mr. Yokeley reminded the council that with the house just sitting there, it actually becomes a liability issue for the town. Mr. Hedgecock requested that

once the house is removed, check to see if the cost of insurance premium might be reduced.

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

UPDATE: Energy United Easement Information

Mr. Yokeley updated the council on the Energy United portion of the land recently purchased by the Town. He said the Town was in receipt of a check for \$59,500 from Energy United; thereby reducing the Town's cost of the land. He said that Energy United had also agreed to clear the existing trees on the land for the town. So, Mr. Yokeley said, this was a very successful negotiation for the town. Mayor Todd agreed and thanked everyone for their part in this ongoing negotiation process, especially, he said, we give thanks to our attorney, Aaron Clinard, for all his hard work.

4. **RECOGNITION FOR MADISON HEDGECKOCK**

Mayor Todd said he would like to recognize one of "Wallburg's own" --- Madison Hedgecock. Mr. Hedgecock played for the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. He now wears a Super Bowl ring – and Wallburg should be very proud of one of its citizens.

5. **LEDFORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOOSTERS**

This request was received just recently. Each year, Ledford Senior High School hosts a banquet honoring those students who have excelled in each course. In order to pay for this festivity, they ask for "sponsors" to donate. This year the banquet will be held on May 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Methodist Church in Thomasville. Staff members, students and their parents, and sponsors are invited to attend. They have asked for a \$250 donation from the Town of Wallburg.

MOTION: TO DONATE THE AMOUNT OF \$250 TO LEDFORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOOSTERS TO BE USED FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF A BANQUET HONORING THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE EXCELLED IN EACH COURSE

BY: ZANE HEDGECKOCK

SECOND: LYNN REECE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

In order to accommodate the town's budgeting process, the council determined the \$250 should be taken out of the MISCELLANEOUS line item and moved to the LOCAL EDUCATION SUBSIDY line item in the form of BUDGET AMENDMENT #1. This Budget Amendment was approved in the form of a motion:

MOTION: TO MOVE \$250 FROM THE MISCELLANEOUS LINE ITEM INTO THE LOCAL EDUCATION SUBSIDY LINE ITEM TO DONATE THE \$250 TO THE LEDFORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC BOOSTERS FOR THE BANQUET

BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(NOTE: CHECK #1568 \$250.00 WRITTEN TO LHS ON 02-12-08)

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

1. Planning and Zoning UpdatesDean Coe
Dean Coe said the Planning Board is still working on subdivision regulations – they plan on going line by line to accomplish this feat. Their meeting this Thursday will hold a Public Hearing on a proposed rezoning.

2. Finance UpdateMark Swaim
Mark Swaim gave a brief update on the state of the Town’s finances:
Checking Account: \$363,487.61
Money Market \$486,538.72
Building Fund \$479,786.44
Capital Fund \$134,724.83
Reserve Fund \$ 78,403.73

He suggested moving from the Checking Account into the Building fund the amount of \$169,500.
He suggested moving from the Checking Account into the Capital Fund the amount of \$75,000.
This would be in accordance with the budgetary recommendations already set up.

3. **MPO - High Point**Lynn Reece
Lynn Reece’s update included the information that he was chosen as Vice-Chairman for the MPO, with Becky Smothers chosen as Chairperson.
CONGRATULATIONS, LYNN !!
He said he attended the meeting on January 22nd where they discussed various issues – not much pertaining to Wallburg.

4. **MPO - Winston-Salem**Mayor Todd
Mayor Todd attended this meeting on January 15th. Larry Williams was again chosen as Chairperson. No action items were taken that would affect Wallburg. DOT is holding conferences at different dates in different areas for comments on transportation needs. Nothing new to report on NC-109 – this is an ongoing process.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:35 P.M.
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: ZANE HEDGECOCK
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG:

Lynn McKinnie
Town Clerk

Allen L. Todd
Mayor

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (2ND TUESDAYS)
7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on:

CALENDAR 2008:

MAR 11
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

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