

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Town Hall
8020 N. NC-HIGHWAY 109
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. OCTOBER 11, 2011
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

APPROVED 11-15-11

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Mayor Allen Todd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with those being present including the mayor, council members Zane Hedgecock, Steve Yokeley, Gary Craver, Lynn Reece, and Mark Swaim. Also in attendance were Clerk Lynn McKinnie and attorney Jay Wagner. After a brief invocation by Mayor Todd, Mr. Yokeley led the pledge to the flag.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Steve Yokeley motioned that he would like to add an item to the agenda and would like the item discussed prior to the Public Session. The item he would like to add would be concerning the routing of NC-Highway 109 and it needed to be discussed immediately, before any other portion of the agenda.

**MOTION: TO AMEND THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF THE
HIGWAY-109 ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE START OF THE AGENDA AND
TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED**

BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK

2ND: LYNN REECE

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Thus, with the agenda amended to add the NC-109 issue for discussion, Mayor Allen Todd spoke briefly on the Route 6 and Highway 109 routing, saying that as an elected official he was bound by the ethical standards that applied to his position. He knew there were many at the meeting tonight wanting to discuss this issue but he said he cannot and will not make a statement about this topic. If a resolution is brought up, he will recuse himself from voting on it. Steve Yokeley spoke also saying he had spent his life savings on his house and if the 109 is built, it would go 500-600 feet from his back door. And he had moved his life-long business to 1297 Motsinger Road only a year or so ago. The routing will take his business either partially or totally, depending on the exact routing. He said he sympathized both with the people who live on 109 – they deal with the traffic nightmare every day – for school, for business, etc. – as well as those affected by the routing. There are very valid arguments in both directions. He reiterated the mayor’s stance by saying he also abides by ethics and he will not use his position as a councilmember to pursue any personal agenda, including the stoppage of the 109 routing. If a resolution is brought up, Mr. Yokeley will recuse himself – and said the routing should be left up to the NC-DOT.

Gary Craver said if any meeting on the NC-109 issue is held, he would be in attendance – he doesn't believe in running away from the issue or hiding his head in the sand. However, he did say the routing does not affect him at all at this time.

Lynn Reece told the council it does affect him in some parts. However, he is on the High Point MPO and he said the NC-DOT does all its studies on traffic patterns and hazards and brings all the information back to the MPO. As far as NC-109 is concerned, the DOT has stated that this highway has 136% higher accidents than any other highway in North Carolina and at a 182% higher injury rate. And that is for the area from Ledford Middle School to Winston-Salem. Still, Mr. Reece said, he does not plan on taking a position either way on the NC-109 issue.

Mark Swaim said he had to agree with Steve Yokeley – he has a residence on NC-109. He, too, goes along with the ethics policy and if a resolution is brought forward, he would need to recuse himself.

Zane Hedgecock said he does not live in any of the planned routing areas but he has had relatives living on farms split by this type of thing. He stated the NC-DOT needs to be fair and needs to have a process to handle routings. He said NC-109 has been talked about for years and that, actually, twenty years from now, the routing would take some of the traffic off the town. Mr. Hedgecock said he had gone to his legislators some months back and talked to them about the unfairness of it. It's a tough issue, he reiterated, and he the ethics rules also apply to him.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

- SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 – REGULAR MINUTES
- SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 – CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK

2ND: MARK SWAIM

VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC SESSION

- PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Public Session was opened at 7:16 p.m.

1. Leigh Gill

580 Oaklawn

Mr. Gill said he wanted to give an update on the NC-109 issue because he and others were very opposed to this issue. Petitions have been circulated and he has been contacted by people on learning the process to fight to stop the routing. He said he thought the comments spoken just before Public Session by the council on the NC-109 issue had been prepared beforehand – and were not spontaneous – and that the issue should have been put on the agenda.

2. Katina Bailey
(No address given)
She said Wallburg was a great community – but she, too, had been wrestling with the NC-109 corridor. She had been approached by Mr. Gill prior to the Council meeting concerning NC-109 and even though routing would affect her, she does not believe what Mr. Gill is saying. She also thought the council treats every citizen fairly and that the NC-109 corridor should be handled by the affected citizens – not by the town council.
3. Cindy Johnson
(No address given)
Ms. Johnson introduced herself and said she was running for town council. She believes the current councilmembers are doing a good job.

Public Session was closed at 7:23 p.m.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. **UPDATE ON:
SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING PICK-UP**
Attorney Jay Wagner said the main thing he wanted to update the council on was concerning the packet of information he had given each person several weeks ago. The packet had included a memorandum from him, RFP for trash and recyclable collection, a bid comparison spreadsheet, and two proposals – one from North Davidson Garbage Services and one from Waste Industries. He has found out since last meeting that should the council choose one of the two companies, depending on which one you choose, you may be able to start services sooner than previously thought. This is due to General Statutes that he has since been made aware of. Procedure would include proceed to contract with one of the companies – award the bid and make the award contingent upon approving a contract at a later date.
Steve Yokeley said he thought North Davidson would be the most advantageous as the company is already established in this area. They have the low bid and it seems like the best deal. He would like to see the attorney pursue this route.
Mr. Wagner said he could draft a contract and keep the council informed and at the next subsequent meeting, bring the contract back for council approval.
Gary Craver said he highly approves of North Davidson Garbage Services and would encourage the council to go with Section D proposal. In fact, Mr. Craver said, he was so inclined to make a motion:

MOTION: TO AWARD THE BID FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES TO NORTH DAVIDSON GARBAGE SERVICE, INC. PENDING APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT

BY: GARY CRAVER
2ND: STEVE YOKELEY
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Lynn Reece said he thought it sounded like the best deal.

Mark Swaim agreed, saying they provide great service – he uses their service at his residence.

Zane Hedgecock said he also agreed – he has their service at home also. (He'll save some money!) He asked if it included recycling – because he does not have recycling at this time.

Mr. Wagner said he believed it did – he'd check.

(NOTE: Yes, the price includes recycling.)

From the audience, Mr. Bradley Everhart, Vice-President & Recycling Coordinator of North Davidson Garbage Service, Inc., said he would agree to what you want to do and would work with the town on providing the agreed upon services.

(.....**SEE EARLIER MOTION TO AWARD BID**.....)

2. BUSINESS OF THE YEAR DISCUSSION

PREVIOUS YEARS: 01/07 – Tyco Electronics
07/07 – Coe Forestry
07/08 – Kelly's 109
09/09 – NewBridge Bank
08/10 – Don Jackson, CPA – Acct Serv

Steve Yokeley started the discussion by stating that in the past, Wendy's (Restaurant) had been mentioned as a contender for the "Business of the Year" award. They have a Wallburg night once a week – they are very much involved in the community – and for those and other reasons, he would like to nominate Wendy's Restaurant.

Gary Craver said he would like to discuss J&J's Trophies – it's a local company; been here for years. They do Clerk Lynn's plaques and trophies for her. Mr. Yokeley agreed that it was a good nomination also – he had no opposition to J&J's.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to award the 2011 Business of the Year award to WENDY'S RESTAURANT. Mayor Todd asked Clerk Lynn to follow through with this issue.

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
Clerk Lynn did not receive information on Finances and could not decipher numbers mentioned.
2. **MPO** – High Point Lynn Reece
Mr. Reece said the MPO chose not to meet this past month.

3. **MPO - Winston-Salem** Allen Todd
Mayor Todd said the MPO met on September 15th – the meetings are open to the public and he urged citizens to attend the meeting. He mentioned the stacked voting policy saying there are a total of 94 votes – disbursed according to municipality population. Wallburg has only **one** vote – and he must emphasize – **one vote!** At this past meeting, most items on the agenda pertained to Winston-Salem; i.e. Updates from NC-DOT; updates from PART; updates on Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. According to Mayor Todd, the MPO has never voted on a DOT route – they only vote on long-range plans.

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Zane Hedgecock said he would like to thank Sam Roby Clodfelter for donating a picture taken some time in the 1920's of the old Wallburg Lumber Mill to the Town of Wallburg. Mr. Clodfelter's grandfather is in the picture along with other workers. Mr. Hedgecock said he had a very old receipt of a purchase at the mill and he plans on putting the two items together and both will be prominently displayed in the lobby. A big thank you goes to Mr. Roby Clodfelter.
Mr. Hedgecock also said the council needs to get a process in line for donations to the historic side of Wallburg.
2. Mayor Todd said he would like to thank everyone for their support for the Town Hall Grand Opening celebration on September 23rd. There was a great turn-out and no negative comments – only positive observations were heard. He thanked the Town Council for all their hard work and also Sherry Bogue for preparing all the great food. The mayor also reminded everyone of the change in date for the November council meeting to the third Tuesday of the month, rather than the second – due to the election process.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:48 P.M.
BY: STEVE YOKELEY
2ND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SUBMITTED BY:

LYNN MCKINNIE
TOWN CLERK

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS:** (2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH)
7:00 P.M. (AT TOWN HALL)

CALENDAR 2011:

NOVEMBER	15	*DUE TO ELECTION
DECEMBER	13	

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS** (1ST TUESDAY OF MONTH)

2011 CALENDAR

7:00 P.M. (AT TOWN HALL)

NOVEMBER	1
DECEMBER	6

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DON'T FORGET.....
NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN
CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 15TH
(3RD TUESDAY)
DUE TO ELECTION PROCESS !!!!!
GET OUT AND VOTE!!!