

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Town Hall
8020 N. NC-Highway 109
Tuesday, October 8, 2013 7:00pm
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, Steve Yokeley, Mark Swaim, Cindy Johnson, Lynn Reece and Zane Hedgecock. The Town's Attorney, Jay Wagner was present.

After an invocation by Councilman Lynn Reece, Councilwoman Cindy Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Zane Hedgecock moved to approve the agenda Councilman Steve Yokeley seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES

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MINUTES for the above meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Councilman Lynn Reece seconded by Councilwoman Cindy Johnson.

PUBLIC SESSION

Charles and Diane Rose, 268 Gene Clodfelter Drive, spoke with concerns regarding a recent fatal accident that happened on Hwy 109. They expressed concerned for rules and regulations for yard sales, auctions that are held close to the hwy. They mentioned the hwy speed limit being reduced down to 35 mph and placing stop lights to help control busy traffic.

William Deal with the Davidson County Tourism introduced himself and advised that the Tour De Pig will be making their rest stop from around 8:30 and to noon and encouraged all who can to stop by the town hall as the bikers are through. This is an official event for the Lexington BBQ Festival.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. Public Hearing - Rezoning for properties at 1305 Robbins Road, Winston Salem, NC 27107 RC to RA-3 of 0.98, acres, more or less and 1337 Robbins Road, Winston Salem, NC 27107 RA-3 to RC of 3.4 acres, more or less. Councilman Zane Hedgecock moved to open the public hearing at 7:12pm, seconded by Councilman Mark Swaim. The motion passed unanimously.

John Mendendall with Davidson County advised that this rezoning of properties is a result of a mapping error from the 1970's and there has been a change in ownership resulting in the need for correcting the zoning mistake.

Mr. Roger Cox, who lives adjacent to the property raised the question as to why he received a letter regarding the rezoning, The town's attorney, Jay Wagner, advised that per law it is a notification for anyone with properties adjoining to be notified of a rezoning.

At 7:15pm Councilman Steve Yokeley moved to close the public hearing, Councilman Lynn Reece seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Councilman Mark Swaim moved to accept the rezoning of the property at 1305 Robbins Road, Winston Salem, NC 27107 RC to RA-3, Councilwoman Cindy Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Steve Yokeley moved to accept the rezoning of the property at 1337 Robbins Road, Winston Salem, NC 27107 RA-3 to RC, Councilman Zane Hedgecock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Hearing – Amend Sections 7-7, 7-9 and 7-11 of the Zoning Ordinance to increase directory sign height and sign area and restrict pre-election period of placement of political signs. Councilman Zane Hedgecock moved to open the public hearing at 7:19pm, seconded by Councilman Lynn Reece. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Coe with the planning board explained that a directory sign is at a place of business. More than one business is located on the sign on the same parcel of land. The Food Lion is an example of that type of sign. This amendment to the zoning ordinance will allow for the sign to be changed from 12 foot to 20 foot in the sign height and 24 square feet to 150 square feet lateral.

Attorney Jay Wagner addressed the placement of pre-election campaign signs. This can be regulated in a reasonable manner and is considered a temporary sign. According to the UNC School of Government, their opinion is a 90day borderline where courts have chosen reasonable. Attorney Jay Wagner makes the recommendation to table and study more due to the changes that will possible made to primary election schedules.

Mr. Cox spoke and advised that he owns three businesses and questioned if he can have a new sign under the new changes.

Councilman Mark Swaim moved to close the public hearing at 7:31pm, Councilman Steve Yokeley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance #13-003 to amend article 7 of the zoning ordinance of Wallburg regarding sign area and height. Councilman Lynn Reece moved to accept Ordinance #13-003, Councilman Steve Yokeley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Councilman Zane Hedgecock moved to turn down any changes to the current campaign sign ordinance. Councilman Steve Yokeley seconded. The motion passed 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
Mark Swaim gave a brief update on the finances of the Town from the balance sheet ending September 30, 2013

CASH \$ 1,385,708.67

CAPITAL FUND	\$ 421,754.56
EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND	\$ 126,093.88
RESERVE FUND	\$ 125,815.78
MONEY MARKET	\$ 248,491.01
TAXES RECEIVABLE	\$ 6,762.00
DUE FROM OTHER GOVTS.	\$ <u>100,212.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,414,837.90

2. MPO – High Point

There was no MPO meeting held for High Point in the month of September.

3. MPO - Winston-Salem

Mayor Todd attended the Winston Salem MPO meeting held on September 19, 2013. He reviewed items that were on the agenda. A few of those items included presentation of certificates awarded, ethics and conflict of interest reminders, they allowed for citizen comments. Mayor Todd advised that any information from these meetings can be received off the Winston Salem MPO website. There was nothing spoken in regards to the Town of Wallburg at that meeting.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Councilman Steve Yokeley gave an update on the proposed park behind town hall. Phase # 4, site preparation has now been completed. There is a silt pond behind the town hall when the building was first constructed. It was necessary while the building was under construction. We have now been given permission to fill it in with dirt. We can use the current open permit to fill in the pond. It will take approximately 100 loads of dirt. Councilman Yokeley presented this for phase #5 with Hall Grading with the same terms as the previous contracts and not to exceed \$12,500.00. Councilman Lynn Reece moved to accept this contract for Phase #5 to fill in the retention pond, Councilwoman Cindy Johnson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The town’s attorney will draw up the contract for Phase #5.

Mayor Allen Todd reminded the citizens to vote in the upcoming election. Voting is held at the Wallburg Fire Department.

Mayor Allen Todd expressed his appreciation to Councilman Zane Hedgecock for the recent additions to the town’s historical section and encouraged the citizens to view the photos, books and past memorabilia that have been placed of the entrance at the town hall.

The State Fair is held in Raleigh October 16-27; Mayor Allen Todd encouraged the citizens to attend.

At 7:48pm Councilman Steve Yokeley moved to adjourn the meeting, Councilman Zane Hedgecock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

**Donna Alwine, Town Clerk
Town of Wallburg, North Carolina**