

Town of Wallburg, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting - Wallburg Fire Station
TUESDAY 7:00 P.M. OCTOBER 10, 2006
2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

MINUTES

APPROVED 11-14-06

The meeting was called to order by Mayor at Allen at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Todd, Councilmembers Lynn Reece, Chris Yokeley, Steve Yokeley, Jerry Weavil, and Zane Hedgecock. Also present were Clerk Lynn and Attorney Clinard.

A short invocation was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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BY: STEVE YOKELEY
SECOND: LYNN REECE
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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- SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

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BY: ZANE HEDGECOCK
SECOND: JERRY WEAVIL
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC SESSION

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH TOWN CLERK IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK

Pubic Session was opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m. with no speakers.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND/OR ACTED UPON:

1. PRESENTATION OF CHECK
TO DR. HEDRICK – WALLBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Todd asked the Town Council members to accompany him to the front of the room where he then welcomed Dr. Hedrick, Principal of Wallburg Elementary School. He presented Dr. Hedrick with a 30" x 60" facsimile of a check for \$10,000. He stated, "As the township of Wallburg has grown over the years, it was determined that we would like to make a presentation to Wallburg Elementary School on behalf of the township of Wallburg and the Town Council and all the community. Wallburg School has been a very vital part of this community a long, long time. And we are all of the belief that we would not be

here were it not for Wallburg School because you guys have done a fantastic job. And with that, I will present this \$10,000 check to you and Ms. McKinnie has the real check in the amount of \$10,000 for you. This was voted on by the entire town council. Let's have a big round of applause."

Dr. Hedrick replied that "This is great!!! Thank you so much. Thank you from Wallburg School. We are so excited about having the money and I laid out for you everything – how we're going to spend it – with that expense thing, and got all approval on it – We are so grateful. We recently found out we were going to \$24,000 in the hole so this will help tremendously on a few things that we want. The kids are going to love this huge check! Thank you so much!"

**2. PRESENTATION BY:
BEN ROSS, President & CEO
DAVIDSON VISION**

Ben Ross, President and CEO of Davidson Vision, started off by explaining what Davidson Vision is --- it's a part of a three-legged stool that makes up economic development. If you recruit industry into the area, you have to have a place to put it – Davidson Progress handles that area. Davidson Vision's role is more like product development. If you look at your community as a product that companies are coming in to look at to see whether or not it has the attributes that it needs to succeed, then that's where we come in. We work with the school systems as well as other sections. Davidson Vision was creative to address a whole raft of issues that generally fall into three categories.

(1) Education and work force development, particularly as it relates to what industry and businesses are looking for in terms of workforce, quality of school and other things.

(2) Quality of life – Every company that comes in or is here, wants a good quality of life for their employees and for people they would have to recruit in for the workforce.

(3) Help in Economic Development.

Through meetings that took place in 1999, 2000, and early 2001, by Davidson County, there were 64 different initiatives that would put forward in those three areas and we got cranked up about 2002. We started out by looking at the issues that this community needed to begin to deal with. This county has succeeded largely on manufacturing but that is becoming a thing of the past. Those jobs are being outsourced and some of the companies are going out of business or moving overseas. We've got to look towards the future to see how to make a transition from skills-based economy.

A comprehensive and detailed PowerPoint presentation with various numbers and facts was then presented to the council. Afterward, Mr. Ross entertained any questions that anyone had --- one question was where does Davidson Vision receive funding? Mr. Ross said 25% comes from local government and 75% comes from private industry and individuals. How many people work for Davidson Vision? He responded, "Myself and one other." Elaborating, he said that they were not trying to create another bureaucracy, what they are trying to do is get organizations in Davidson County to work together and collaborate to have a bigger impact.

Mayor Todd thanked Mr. Ross for giving the town an opportunity to learn more about what Davidson Vision does.

REGULAR MONTHLY AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Planning and Zoning UpdatesDean Coe
Steve Yokeley gave an update for Dean Coe by saying that the Planning Board meeting was on September 18, 2006 with all members present except for one. They approved the Indigo Ridge final plat. They hope to have a Zoning and Ordinance Book finished by the end of the year – they're still working on that.

2. Finance UpdateChris Yokeley
Chris Yokeley updated the council on the finances. Checking account had a closing balance of \$152,300.06. Money Market balance was \$389,402.35 and the CD accounts had not received interest statements for the quarter as yet. There will be a Finance Committee meeting October 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wallburg Community Center.

3. **MPO - High Point**Lynn Reece
Mr. Reece said they met but that not much concerned Wallburg. It was more about the roads and the impact of traffic. There was a little talk about the 109 project – it seems they've run out of funding. The funds are short. There are other projects that have taken priority over the 109 funding but as far as determining where it's going to go and that part of the project – it's still on schedule, they said. There will be a meeting at the Winston MPO sometime this month.

4. **MPO - Winston-Salem**Mayor Todd
Mayor Todd said the meeting of September 2nd, had a rather large agenda. Several agenda items were viable to the Town of Wallburg. There is a discussion of options to require municipalities and counties to contribute to the local match for transportation planning, Section 5303 funds and Supplementary Planning Projects. Mayor Todd asked exactly what that meant. Ms. Bissette wasn't sure exactly what they were going to ask for, but would look into it. Mr. Todd indicated to her that before we agree to anything, it would be brought before the citizens of Wallburg, it would be brought before the Wallburg Town Council before any money was spent on anything that affects our township directly. That was tabled and she will get back to us with facts and figures. They had review for 2007 - 2013 state transportation improvement program. Funding for bicycle projects was discussed by Latecia Dunbar. The way the MPO in Winston-Salem is structured, everybody that is a member has a vote – Winston-Salem, being the largest member has three votes to everybody else's one. It is very important for all the communities around Winston-Salem to unify in their efforts if there is an issue that comes up. The MPO is an effective organization – they have a lot of responsibility – they are doing a lot. Pat Ivey, NC-DOT gave a report on the ongoing projects being conducted throughout a four-county area. One that is of interest to Wallburg is the South I-85 Business and Thomasville I-40, US-311

widen multi-lanes with a bypass of Wallburg, some new locations – 13 ½ mile strip. Mayor Todd felt that the 109 project probably is not going to happen for a pretty good while because it is unfunded at this point. Pat Ivey did indicate that they had two primary routes which they had looked at; he said there might be two more routes added back to it. No concrete information for us in the near future! These MPO meetings are public meetings and the next meeting is November 30th in case anyone would be interested in going.

5. Wallburg Town SealDorcas Weavil

Ms. Weavil has been in charge of the selection process for the Wallburg Town Seal and can update us on where we are at in the process of selecting one. She said she had one to submit to the council for consideration. She did not have very many submissions but all that were sent were really good. She said, “I picked this one mainly because it shows the town of Wallburg. It also shows a picture of the state showing where Wallburg is. It shows the state flag and the American flag. And, also, it shows the Liberty Piedmont Institute on there, which was really a viable part of this community. And I would like to submit this to you for consideration. I think it says a lot about what we are. We’re a small town and I think it shows that we are basically in the heart of the state.”

Mayor Todd said, “The floor is open to discussion on the town seal. We can, in the event that you elect to approve the seal – we can do that or we can postpone – if anyone has any other submissions. We did set a date on the seal for this month, I’d like to remind you of that. I want to give everyone a fair opportunity for any discussions and I think that this particular seal would be drawn by a commercial artist, if this seal is approved, contracted through the Town of Wallburg, to come up with the final colorizations. Any discussion?”

Mr. Weavil asked if anyone knew when Wallburg was actually established, what date that would be? Chris Yokeley said that Jimmy Wall would know – he has it all written down.

Mr. Weavil said that if we got incorporated in 2004, maybe we could add “Established in – “ whatever year that was.

Steve Yokeley asked if we would get a graphic artist to finesse it. He asked if this was something that could be reduced down to a size it would have to be and still be legible? Mr. Reece asked if there was a size limit on it? Mr. Yokeley responded that it should be a size that would be compatible to being reproduced on documents. Mayor asked if there were anything that should be added to it or deleted? Mr. Reece said to find out when the town was formed and add that to it. With it being small, he didn’t know how much you could put on it. Mayor asked if we needed to have a motion to accept this seal and Attorney Clinard said, “I think what I was hearing was there was interest in adding the words “*Established ---*“ whatever the date was and I didn’t hear anybody say where ... “ Mr. Weavil said if could move “*Incorporated 2004*” to the one side and “*Established ___*” to the other side. Steve Yokeley said that’s probably something a graphic artist would be better at determining than us. We should just put in that we want that information on there and let him decide. Mr. Hedgecock asked if we could have this done professionally? Mr. Clinard suggested asking a graphic artist to give two or three samples and then choose the final. Mayor Todd asked if it would be appropriate for Ms. Weavil to submit it to a graphic artist. Tell her what information we want on there. Take it to a graphic artist and get them to draw it up and submit it at our next meeting. Would that be a viable suggestion?

Attorney Clinard said we could do that by consensus of opinion rather than have a vote on it.

THIS WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF OPINION AS PER ATTORNEY CLINARD.

Clerk Lynn said that she did check on classes/schools for the newly formed Board of Adjustment. She talked to Institute of Government and to the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Neither organization had any type of classes or schooling according to the people she talked to. There are booklets and pamphlets, which she has asked to be mailed to her.

Mr. Hedgecock said he had attended a meeting in Davidson County and they had a person there, he could not remember where that person was from, but that person was going over different scenarios. He could check and see where the person was from and maybe they could come to our group. There might be a cost but perhaps he could come and give a brief class.

Mr Leigh Gill spoke from the audience saying you could get information from the North Carolina School of Government.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

CALENDAR 2006:

NOV 14
DEC 12

- **PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS** (3RD MONDAYS)
7:00 P.M. AT WALLBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: **TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.**

BY: **STEVE YOKELEY**

SECOND: **JERRY WEAVIL**

VOTE: **UNANIMOUS**

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ATTEST:

TOWN OF WALLBURG

By: _____
Lynn McKinnie, Town Clerk

By: _____
Allen Todd, Mayor