



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
DECEMBER 14, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.: BOOE HOUSE

Mayor Doc Davis **called the meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m. Present were the Mayor, Council Members Marilyn Martin, Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Peggy Leight and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Attending from the Walkertown Planning Board, Caroline Jones.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wesley Hutchins.

Doc: Any additions to the agenda from council? *NO*.

**THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN BY MOTION MADE BY PEGGY LEIGHT AND SECONDED BY VERNON BROWN.
THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY VERNON BROWN AND SECONDED BY WESLEY HUTCHINS.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

PUBLIC SESSION

THIS SESSION IS FOR NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS ONLY AND IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES PER SPEAKER. WHEN SPEAKING TO ANY ITEM, PLEASE RESTRICT YOUR REMARKS TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

Mayor Davis opens the **Public Session @ 7:04**.

With no speaker coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:04**.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. RESOLUTION: RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER MARILYN JO MARTIN

Doc: I would like to thank Marilyn Jo for her many years of service to our town. I have enjoyed your time on the council, even though you are much older than me.

Peggy reads the Resolution.

Scott presents the plaque and framed picture of the current Town Council.

Marilyn: I'd like to thank the council for this thoughtful gift. I learned a lot while being on the council. I would suggest that everyone

run for council if you can.

This council worked well together, always for the good of the town.

MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #01-121423 RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER MARILYN JO MARTIN

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Doc: We will do the oaths next then take a short recess.

2. SWEARING IN CEREMONY

1. Oath of Office for Mayor Kenneth Doc Davis.
2. Oath of Office for Council Member Wesley Hutchins
3. Oath of Office for Council Member Caroline Jones

Doc: We are pleased and honored to have Superior Court Judge Eric Morgan leading our Swearing In Ceremony tonight.

I am glad to have Kernersville as our neighbor. They have it all!

Judge Morgan is running for the 8 year term as Superior Court Judge unopposed.

Welcome back to Walkertown Judge Morgan!

Judge Morgan: Thank you Mayor Davis. I am pleased and honored to be asked to lead the Swearing In Ceremony. This is one of my favorite duties as Judge.

As three dedicated elected officials of the Walkertown Town Council, your job is much more than community service. You guide the town as representatives of the people.

From Article 1 of the Constitution of North Carolina:

“All political power is vested in and derived from the people; all government of right originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole.”

Mayor Davis will be first followed by Wesley Hutchins then Caroline Jones. You will place your left hand on the bible, right hand up. I will read the oath and your response will be “I Will” at the appropriate places.

Standing with the bible for Mayor Davis are his wife Paula and granddaughter Salem.

Judge Morgan reads the oath and Mayor Davis responds “I Will”.
Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Standing with the bible for Wesley Hutchins are his wife Mary, his daughter Malory and son Reid.

Judge Morgan reads the oath and Wesley responds “I Will”.
Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Standing with the bible for Caroline Jones are her daughter Kelly Jones-Pettigrew, her grandchildren Kelan, Kamron and Khori Pettigrew. Judge Morgan reads the oath and Caroline responds "I Will". Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Mayor Davis: Thank you Dawn and Judge Morgan for coming. We will have a short recess with refreshments.

The meeting goes into recess at 7:00.

Mayor Davis calls the meeting back into order at 8:04.

3. 2023 COUNCIL & PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE ADOPTION

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2023 COUNCIL & PLANNING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

4. 2023 PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CAROLINE JONES FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

MOTION: TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WALKERTOWN PLANNING BOARD

1. Planning Board Members

Two-Year Term commencing January 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2025

- Mr. Herman Smith

Three Year Term commencing January 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2026

- Mr. Chuck Anas

2. Alternate Planning Board Members

One-Year Term commencing January 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2024

- Mr. Steve Fowler

- Mr. Mickey Metcalf

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December, 2023

Doc: We are 5 1/2 months into our year or 45% of the way through the year. All in line and on budget. Interest is impressive. Revenue is coming in slowly at 29%. Current year property tax at 29%.

We have Unrestricted Funds for November @\$7,026,789.35. Restricted Funds @\$873,379.60 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,900,168.95.

MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 2023 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES, LEIGHT)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall will be closed December 25th, 26th & 27th and January 1st, 2024
Recycle & trash both delayed one day. Pickup on Tuesday 12/26 & 1/2/24

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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