

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2020
6:00 P.M. – TOWN CENTER PARK

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Peggy Leight, Marilyn Martin and Town Manager Scott Snow and Town Clerk Rusty Sawyer.

Mayor Davis calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and opens with a prayer.
Doc: Any additions to the agenda? *NO*.

Items for consideration for action and discussion at the October 8, 2020 Meeting

1. Town Street Maintenance Discussion

Doc: Scott has included the 2007 Resolution and Private Road Acceptance Policy in your agenda.

Scott leads the discussion.

(iii) All public and private infrastructure completed and accepted by the NCDOT.

Wesley: Ola residents have done everything DOT ask of them.

Doc: Ola must be improved to DOT standards before DOT or the Town took over maintenance.

Scott: Not all of Ola Lane is in the Town, nor are all the residents on Ola in the Town. As I understand it, only state legislature can annex streets into a town. DOT could take over maintenance as soon as Ola was brought up to their standards.

Wesley: We should meet with DOT.

Doc and Wesley agree to meet with District 9 DOT to help residents on Ola Lane resolve street issues.

2. Fire Code Enforcement Ordinance

Scott leads the discussion.

Council is in agreement to set "Primary Fire Limits" as the Municipal Boundaries /Limits.

3. Fire Services Discussion

Doc: Scott has included in the agenda a Forsyth County Fee Schedule for Fire Inspections and Plans Review and Fine Amounts for Civil Penalties. He has also included our Fire Protection contract with the Walkertown Fire Department.

Since the county will no longer do Fire Inspections for the Town without charging a fee, Council has suggested deducting the fee from our contract with the Fire Department. Is that still what council wants?

Peggy: I agree with Wesley. Our contract amount was all we ever paid. No additional inspections fee was required before we refused to let the county add an additional tax to our Town residents. (Fire Tax Overlay)

Scott: The Town has an agreement with the Fire Department for this year.

The agreement was budgeted at \$395K.

Peggy: We should deduct \$7,423.50 for each of the next 3 quarters from the

Fire Services line.

Council is in agreement to deduct the costs the county is charging the Town for Fire Inspections from the Fire Department budget. Also, have Scott write a letter of explanation.

4. 2020 – 2021 Legislative Goals Discussion
Scott leads the discussion.
- Annexation: Authority to annex road right of way
 - Powell Bill Funding
 - Sales Tax: Distribution Formula – Rural counties vs urban counties
 - Sales Tax: County authority to choose sales tax distribution method – Population vs Ad Valorem
 - Sweepstakes Operations
5. **MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION @ 8:28.**
BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Closed Session

§ 143-318.11. CLOSED SESSIONS.

(a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:

(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4.

(c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.

(d) Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2. (1979, c. 655, s. 1; 1981, c. 831; 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 932, s. 5; 1991, c. 694, ss. 3, 4; 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 570, s. 2; 1995, c. 509, s. 84; 1997-222, s. 2; 1997-290, s. 2; 2001-500, s. 2; 2003-180, s. 2.)

MOTION: TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION @ 8:43
BY: PEGGY LEIGHT
SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 8:44
BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk