

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – AUGUST 13, 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 the August 27, 2020 Meeting:

1. Public Hearing on Zoning petition of David Heath from RS20 to LB-S and SIDA: Property is located at the Southeast Corner of Morris Street and Payton Lane (Zoning Docket WA-062) (Hearing continued from June 25th Meeting)

Doc: Reviews WA-062.

Still on schedule for August 27 with no Public Hearing since it was a continuance.

Council is in agreement to hold the 8/27 Council Meeting in the Town Center Park Gazebo.

Items for consideration for action and discussion at the August 13, 2020 Meeting

1. Forsyth County Interlocal Agreement / Covid-19 Funds Discussion
Scott: Forsyth County received \$13,889,626 from two allocations of Coronavirus Relief Funds from the General Assembly, and is required to share such funds with municipalities.
Doc: Our portion is \$60,060.
Scott: The town's deputy is considered front line so we could use the \$60,060 towards his pay.

MOTION: TO SPEND THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS OF \$60,060 TOWARD PAYING FOR THE TOWN DEPUTY

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

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

Scott leads the discussion on the Forsyth County Interlocal Agreement to rent the office space used by the Sheriff Department.

2. Forsyth County Fire Services Discussion
Doc: The county will provide Inspection Services for \$29,694 per year with a 2% increase every year if rolled over. 180 day notice to stop.
Wesley: I want an accounting of their time, numbers of inspections and violations.
Scott: We will need to adopt an ordinance for fines for violations.

MOTION: TO HAVE TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT WITH FORSYTH

**COUNTY TO DO FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR \$29,694 PAID
QUARTERLY WITH A 2% INCREASE EACH YEAR**

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: MARILYN MARTIN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

3. Sweepstakes Operations Discussion

Scott: The Town of Kernersville has recently sent notice to all sweepstakes operations within their town limits that their operations are illegal under NCGA statutes and will not be allowed to reopen if and when the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted by the state.

Doc: Now, the Kernersville Police Department has written a letter to all owners and operators of sweepstakes and fish games businesses in Kernersville. You have a copy of the letter in the agenda. Starting June 26th the Kernersville Police Dept. will begin enforcing the ban on electronic sweepstakes machines, video gaming machines, and slot machines including fish games and like devices.

Vernon: Very good letter. We should do the same.

Wesley: They are open now in the county.

Doc: If they are closed in the city now they won't be allowed to reopen. They will want to come here.

**MOTION: TO HAVE THE TOWN MANAGER WORK WITH THE TOWN
ATTORNEY TO DRAFT A SIMILAR LETTER BANNING
SWEEPSTAKES MACHINES, VIDEO GAMING MACHINES,
AND SLOT MACHINES INCLUDING FISH GAMES AND LIKE
DEVICES**

BY: VERNON BROWN
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

MOTION: TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION @ 6:44

BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

MOTION: TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION @ 7:20

BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 7:20

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS
SECOND: VERNON BROWN
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk

