

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – JULY 9, 2020
6:00 P.M. ELECTRONIC MEETING

Present: Mayor Davis, Council members Vernon Brown, Wesley Hutchins, Peggy Leight 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: Vernon hasn't logged on yet so we will start without him.

I'd like to add #8 DOT information to the agenda.

Scott: #9 We need to decide where to hold the July 23 council meeting.

Doc: Any other additions to the agenda? *NO*.

Items for consideration for the July 23, 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)

Doc: David Heath has asked to continue WA-062 until the August Town Council meeting.

Scott: Bo says we can vote to continue tonight.

We need to let neighbors know about the postponement.

MOTION: TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING ZONING DOCKET WA-062, PETITIONER DAVID HEATH, UNTIL THE AUGUST 27th TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

2. Public Hearing on request to amend the Official Zoning Maps for the subject property 4405 Poindexter Street (future) for Special Use rezoning from LO-S (two-phase) to LO-S (Zoning Docket WA-064)

Doc: They are adding Veterinary services to the uses. Are all these uses added?

Scott: They are already in the current zoning. You could ask the petitioner to drop them.

Peggy: Gary recommends leaving them in. There is no curb & gutter on the site plan.

Scott: They are required on Poindexter. Rocky Branch is a DOT street. They could add curb & gutter or build outside the ROW. The Planning Board recommended approval with curb & gutter.

Items for consideration for action and discussion at the June 11, 2020 Meeting

1. Walkertown Town Center Park Phase 2 Preliminary Concept Plan Review
Scott leads this discussion.

2. Forsyth County Fire Services Discussion

Doc: They are asking for \$37,194 to do our fire inspections each year with a

2% increase every year.

Peggy: They only do 107 inspections once every 3 years.

Wesley: What are fire protection costs now?

Scott: Over \$400K.

Wesley: I suggest deducting an amount from the fire department to use for fire inspections.

Doc: Kernersville wants \$7,500 for West Mountain Street inspections.

Peggy: Are you saying to pull out \$37,194?

Wesley: Yes. Offer the county \$37,194 minus the \$7,500 going to Kernersville.

Scott: We already have an agreed upon amount with the Walkertown Fire Department. We have \$10K in the budget that could cover the \$7500. This may cause higher level problems with fire services.

MOTION: TO HAVE TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT WITH KERNERSVILLE TO DO FIRE INSPECTIONS ON MOUNTAIN STREET FOR \$7500.

ALSO, OFFER TO CONTRACT FIRE INSPECTIONS WITH FORSYTH COUNTY FOR \$37,194 MINUS \$7,500 (\$29,694)

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

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

3. Sheriff's Resource Office Discussion

Doc: We have no formal agreement with the Forsyth Co. Sheriff Department for the use of the office. We pay the power bill and utilities.

Vernon: So they pay no rent and we are responsible for any damage.

Doc: We aren't liable for their cars or workers comp.

Scott: Bo suggest we spell out liabilities.

Wesley: What are our costs?

Scott: No exact number. However, it is a high risk use.

Wesley: They should be paying rent. I suggest \$24K per year.

MOTION: TO HAVE THE TOWN MANAGER WORK WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY ABOUT THE SHERIFF'S RESOURCE OFFICE LIABILITIES INCLUDING CHARGING THE FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT \$2K PER MONTH PAID QUARTERLY

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

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

4. 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.

Council agrees to have Scott send a similar notice to all sweepstakes operations within the Walkertown's jurisdiction.

5. Forsyth County/CARES Act Funds Discussion

Doc: The total allocation the Town of Walkertown is now estimated to receive is approximately \$60K. The Forsyth County manager would like municipalities to use their portion to cover law enforcement services.

Scott: The advantage to Walkertown would be the reduction of costs for our deputy. We've had an informal discussion with Dudley.

Council agrees to have Scott investigate.

6. UNC School of Government Community Revitalization Project Application Discussion

Doc: Graduate students enrolled in the Community Revitalization course and working with the School of Government's Development Finance Initiative are currently professional degree students. Under the supervision of faculty and staff, students conduct market research, feasibility analysis, and financial modeling to help communities understand how they can attract private investment into community revitalization projects across North Carolina. Students work in multi-disciplinary teams over the course of a semester at no charge for local governments.

Council is in agreement to have Scott submit the application for the Community Revitalization Project by the July 24 deadline for a Main Street Corridor development-related project.

7. Town Hall Signage Installation Update

Doc: The signs were made 20% too small.

Scott: Daniel had to reorder them. He is offering to discount the smaller letters by 50%, ~\$490.00. We could probably use them in the future.

Council is in agreement to buy the smaller letters.

8. DOT changes/info

Doc: DOT has pretty much stopped mowing ROW in town. Everything else has been left up to the town to pick up their slack. Does council want the town to continue mowing ROW for DOT?

Vernon: I think we should keep the town looking good.

Council agrees to cover for DOT to keep the town looking good.

9. 7/23 Town Council meeting

Scott: Where would you like to have the 7/23 council meeting? The library is still unavailable.

Council is in unanimous agreement to hold the July 23 Town Council meeting in the Town Center Park Gazebo.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 8:04

BY: PEGGY LEIGHT

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk

