

WORKSHOP MEETING
WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
THURSDAY – JANUARY 14, 2021
6:00 P.M. – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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*.

I have two additions, 6. Mayor's Roundtable & 7. Direct Deposit

1. Review UDO Amendment WA-UDO 27 / Public Hearing Schedule Discussion

Doc: The Planning Board recommended Approval on 12/1/20. Does council want to have the Public Hearing on 1/28/21?

Scott: We don't expect a large turnout. We can't vote on it that night but could vote at the next workshop. Do you want to have an in person or virtual meeting?

Peggy: Will the information be available on our website?

Scott: Yes, including a phone number for voicemail & e-mail address or mail in address for comments at the Town Hall.

No in person comments, just audio or written.

There is a 24 hour requirement for comments.

Council is in agreement to hold the Public Hearing for WA UDO-27 at the Town Council meeting on 1/28/21 and vote at the February 11th workshop.

2. Fire Code Enforcement Ordinance

Scott leads the discussion.

Appendix D Fire Districts, is the state's code.

The town will need its own ordinance for the Fire Code to be enforceable.

It would apply town wide not just a specific area.

Doc: Fee paid where?

Scott: To the town if adopted. Now, to the county.

Wesley: Sec. 7-03 (b) should add Fire Marshall, not Fire Chief.

Scott: Could say Official depending on who the contract is with, Kernersville, Walkertown or Forsyth.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT ORDINANCE WITH TWO CHANGES

1) WILL BE APPLIED TOWN WIDE

2) WORDING CHANGE IN Sec. 7-03 (b)

CHANGE "FIRE CHIEF" TO "OFFICIAL"

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS BY ROLL CALL VOTE
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)**

3. Review of Street Renaming Petition for Ruiz Lane

Scott: New owner paid the \$125 fee to the county and they approved the name change to "Jackpot Lane". Will require a Public Hearing.

Council is in agreement to hold the Public Hearing for the Ruiz street naming change on 1/28/21, then vote at the 2/11/21 workshop.

4. 2020 – 2021 Legislative Goals Discussion

Scott leads the discussion.

We can vote on 10 out of 17.

Doc: Most don't apply to us. Scott & I picked 10 that do.

- 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

Council agrees to have Scott vote for the 10 Legislative Goals discussed.

5. 2021 Fall Festival Discussion

Doc leads the discussion.

Council agrees to have Rusty contact festival vendors for their opinions on having a festival in October this year.

6. Mayor's Round Table

Doc: The meeting was virtual. Discussed the virus, vaccine numbers and vaccine availability.

7. Direct Deposit

Doc leads this discussion.

Let Scott know your thoughts on this.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN WORKSHOP MEETING @ 7:00
BY: MARILYN MARTIN
SECOND: PEGGY LEIGHT
VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, LEIGHT, MARTIN)

Submitted by: Rusty Sawyer
Town Clerk