



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN
OF WALKERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL
JUNE 26, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.: WALKERTOWN COMMUNITY BUILDING

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

The Invocation was given by Mayor Davis.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Caroline Jones.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 22, 2025
- June 12, 2025

**THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION MADE BY
VERNON BROWN AND SECONDED BY CAROLINE JONES.
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES)**

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 @ 7:02**.

My name is Mary Hutchins and I live at 2605 Celeste Road. I have been collecting concerns that I would like to share with the council.

Doc: You have 3 minutes.

Mary: Then I will have to come back. I would like to thank someone for cleaning out the gutters at the Booe House. They had trees growing in them. Town Center Park is well maintained and is beautiful.

- 1) I understand you have a list of projects. I would like to see the project list and the work being done posted. Maybe touch base on each project at your meetings. I have lived here my entire life. I love how you have improved walkability.
- 2) My second concern is forming a volunteer, not paid, committee that residents could apply to join. Brainstorm ideas for activities for young people. For example, a food truck event. More use of Walnut Pavilion. The Fall Festival is the only thing it is used for. Young people are leaving town because there is nothing for them to do here.

- 3) Line up music and food trucks at Walnut Pavilion. Keep it front and center.
Hire a part time event planner.
My time is up. I will be back.

With no other speakers coming forward, the Mayor closes the **Public Session @ 7:08.**

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

1. PUBLIC HEARING: FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026 TOWN OF WALKERTOWN BUDGET

- . Scott leads this discussion.

REVENUES: Property tax is the major revenue source for the operating income of the Town. As a result of the 2025 Forsyth County Property Reappraisal, it is recommended that the Town of Walkertown tax rate be adjusted to \$.16 cents per \$100 valuation.

The town's property tax base grew by ~37.51%, a normal year has 2 – 3% growth, with a resulting ad valorem revenue neutral tax rate of ~\$14 cents. One cent of property tax per \$100 provides \$90,109 in tax revenue.

EXPENDITURES:

- Funding for capital projects including the Sullivantown Road and Depot Street sidewalk and pedestrian projects, as well as funds to begin the planning process for several pedestrian and traffic improvements projects along Main Street.
- Funding allocated to provide support and resources for local non-profit service organizations including Walkertown Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Walkertown Library, Walkertown Area Historical Society, and the Walkertown Girls Softball Association.
- Funding for the purchase of additional Christmas displays, decorations for the Fourth of July and adding benches along the new walking track. Additional funding allocated to participate in the Forsyth County Countywide Fire Service District, with the intent to move all expenditures for fire services to the Countywide District in FY 26-27.

Total Expenses: \$4,426,678

Total Revenues: \$4,426,678

Town of Walkertown FY 25-26 Board Directed Initiatives

1. Complete the transition to the Forsyth County Countywide Service District for funding of all fire services within the Town, to be completed prior to June 30th 2026.
2. Facilitate the development of a Capital Improvement Plan, with an emphasis on transportation, pedestrian, and park & recreation projects. Plan draft completion goal is May 1st, 2026.

3. Facilitate a Board discussion on ways to further utilize Town recreational facilities for public events, with a specific goal of hosting an event for the America 250 celebration.
4. Implement a Town-wide historical marker program with coordination with the Forsyth County Historical Resources Commission and the Walkertown Area Historical Society. The goal is to place the Town's first marker by the end of FY 25-26.
5. Continue the implementation of projects identified in the Walkertown Main Street Transportation Study, and complete the Walkertown Bypass Transportation Study in FY 25-26.

Any questions from the council? *NO*.

With no questions from the Council, the **Public Hearing** is opened by Mayor Davis @ 7:20 to those wishing to speak for or against the budget.

With no other speakers coming forward Mayor Davis closes the **Public Hearing** at 7:21.

Doc: Do I have a motion?

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF WALKERTOWN BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES)

Wesley: I'd like to say that I didn't encourage Mary to come speak. We are all here for the betterment of our town. Walkertown is experiencing exponential growth. It will continue to grow as 14K jobs are coming to the airport. There will be a bigger demand for road infrastructure. I'd like to thank Scott for including the recreation projects. We have great parks and sidewalks. Thanks.

Doc: Any comments from Caroline or Vernon? *NO*

2. ORDINANCE: TO ADOPT DRIVEWAY PERMITTING POLICIES FOR TOWN MAINTAINED STREETS AND RIGHT OF WAY

Scott: The town uses the DOT manual for normal driveway access. How to address public ROW extension to streets in the county is not part of our UDO.

GS 160A-296 grants the Town of Walkertown authority to make rules, regulations, and ordinances for use on the Town maintained streets; and including street and driveway access to Town maintained streets.

Any proposed extension of a Town-maintained street or roadway into an unincorporated area shall be permitted only if the area to be served by the extension is first annexed into the Town of Walkertown.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #25-062602 THE TOWN OF
WALKERTOWN'S POLICY ON STREET AND DRIVEWAY
ACCESS TO TOWN MAINTAINED STREETS**

BY: VERNON BROWN

SECOND: WESLEY HUTCHINS

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES)

3. PROJECT UPDATES

Scott leads this discussion.

- **Sullivantown Road & Depot Street Sidewalk Projects:**
Scheduling meeting with Quality Mart rep & engineers to review plans.
Reached out to Darrell Walker for help with school easement.
- **Ruxton Drive Sidewalk / Friendly Road Crosswalk & Harley Drive / Main Street Intersection Project:**
Project agreements to be approved by NCDOT at June Transportation Board meeting.
- **Poindexter Street Rezoning**
Rezoning request will be rescheduled to July due to site plan changes.
New site plan will require SIDA.
- **Avalee Street & Martin Street Subdivision**
Site still has an issue with the driveway and must get driveway permit from the town.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE, 2025

Doc: We are 12 months into our year or our final month of the year.

All in line and on budget with no department over budget. Current year property tax at 108%.

Doc: We have Unrestricted Funds for May @\$6,450,075.21, Restricted Funds @\$1,048,796.02 for a Grand Total Fund Balance of \$7,498,871.23.

Any concerns? No.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR JUNE, 2025
AS PRESENTED BY STAFF**

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: VERNON BROWN

VOTE: UNANIMOUS
(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES,)

Scott: We have a Urgent Care coming with the final development plan in September. They are hoping to build beside Dunkin Doughnuts.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING AT 7:48 P.M.

BY: WESLEY HUTCHINS

SECOND: CAROLINE JONES

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(BROWN, HUTCHINS, JONES)

ANOUNCEMENTS:

Town Hall offices will be closed July 4th

Planning Board Meeting scheduled for July 1st, 2025 – 3:00 pm

Fall Festival Meeting – July 14th – 4:00 pm

July Council Workshop is cancelled

Submitted by:

Rusty Sawyer

Town Clerk

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www.townofwalkertown.us