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**TOWN OF WENTWORTH  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
June 5, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

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**The Wentworth Town Council** held their regular monthly meeting in the Town Hall meeting room at the National Guard Armory, on **Tuesday, June 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Council members present:** Mayor Pro Tem Evelyn Conner, Councilman Nathan Hendren, Councilwoman Iris Powell, and Councilman Robert Aswell

**Council members absent:** Mayor Dennis Paschal

**A quorum was present.**

**Staff Present:** Brenda Ward, Town Clerk / Fred Baggett, Town Attorney / Yvonne Russell, Finance Officer / Frankie Legaux, Rockingham County Planning Department

**Article I.** Mayor Pro Tem Conner called the meeting to order.

**Article II.** Councilwoman Powell gave the **Invocation.**

**Article III.** Discussion / Revision and Adoption of Agenda

**A. Requests and Petitions of Citizens**

Mayor Pro Tem Conner noted that **Steve Williams, Joe Maddrey** and **Jim Billups** signed the Speaker Register for Public Hearing Item A (Rezoning Request for Water Tank), and **Harry Rakestraw** signed to speak regarding Public Hearing Item D (Moratorium).

Mayor Pro Tem Conner made a motion to, *“Approve the June Agenda with the addition of these speakers.”*

Councilman Aswell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article IV.** Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2007

Mayor Pro Tem Conner asked for any corrections or approval of the May 1, 2007, Town Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Hendren made a motion, *“To approve the minutes as written.”*

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**Councilman Aswell** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V. Public Hearing**

**A. Rezoning Case #W2007-003**

**NC 87 Across from Peach Tree Road (Tax PIN 7985-01-19-4797)**  
Request to Rezone from Residential Protected to Office & Institutional-  
Conditional District for a Water Tower

**- Frankie Legaux, Rockingham County Planning Department**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** convened the Public Hearing and asked **Ms. Frankie Legaux** with the Rockingham County Planning Department to review the case for Council.

**Ms. Legaux** advised that **Case # W2007-003** is a request to rezone from Residential Protected to Office and Institutional - Conditional District... "and this is for the water tower."

"The recommended future use of this parcel," said **Ms. Legaux**, "is Mixed Use, and it is within the Community Activity Center in accordance with the Town of Wentworth Future Land Use Plan."

**Ms. Legaux** advised Council that the property is not in a Watershed Overlay District nor is it in a flood plain area according to FEMA's flood insurance rate maps.

She explained that the (rezoning) application has been reviewed by Staff and said that all necessary materials have been submitted for the application to be considered complete.

**Ms. Legaux** added, "We would like to note that Dan River Water has a tower that presently occupies the site. What they propose to do is to erect another tower that will greatly improve water pressure and water service to the Town, and to the schools and county facilities."

She continued, "Based on the Wentworth Planning and Zoning ordinances and the Land Use Plan, Staff recommends approval of this case with the following (six) conditions: (**Attachment A**, attached hereto as part of these minutes)."

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**Ms. Legaux** said the applicants have complied with the necessary materials, and...“They have submitted a new site plan to us with the corrections that were noted since the Planning Board Meeting...and I believe you have a copy of that in your packet. It does meet all the requirements of your ordinance as to a plat that could be approved by our department.

**Councilwoman Powell** asked if the new tank is going where the old one is now. **Ms. Legaux** said the old one will be taken down when the new one is completed.

**Ms. Legaux** concluded by saying that she and the gentlemen from Anderson & Associates and Dan River Water would be glad to answer any questions Council may have.

**Councilman Hendren** asked, “You say they are going to take down the existing water tower?”

**Ms. Legaux** replied, “Yes, after the new one is constructed they will be taking that one down because it will no longer be in use.”

**Councilman Hendren:** “I thought that was going to be in addition to...”

**Jim Billups (Anderson & Associates)** replied: “We can’t comply with the zoning regulations...and really, it wouldn’t serve due purpose in that location once the new tank is up.”

**Councilman Hendren:** “Will that (new water tower) free up the problem at the Community College?”

**Jim Billups:** “If you’re talking about the pressure problems, yes, that is the intent. It should take care of that...not only there but throughout the Town and the surrounding area.”

There were no other questions and **Mayor Pro Tem Conner** closed the first public hearing and asked for a motion regarding the request to rezone.

**Councilwoman Powell** made a motion to “*approve the request to rezone from Residential Protected to Office and Institutional – Conditional District for a water tower, and that we adopt the Statements of Consistency as required by NCGS 160A-382(b) and 160A-383, and as outlined in the Town Council’s Analysis and Statement (Attachment B attached hereto as part of these minutes).*”

**Article V. Public Hearing(s) – C O N T I N U E D**

**B. Revisions to the Town of Wentworth Planning & Zoning Ordinances**

Consideration of Adoption of Updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps Provided by FEMA in Order to Continue Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and Revisions to Chapter 5: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

- **Frankie Legaux, Rockingham County Planning Department**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** opened the next Public Hearing (Item B) and asked **Ms. Legaux** to discuss the ordinance changes regarding the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

**Ms. Legaux** explained that the public hearing is for the purpose of adopting "...amendments to your Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance."

She continued, "Initially, I was under the impression and so was Steve Hale (EMS Director), that you (Town of Wentworth) were part of the National Flood Insurance Program. However, since I sent this out to you, the North Carolina Emergency Management personnel discovered that, for some reason, back in 2002, there were some problems with the Ordinance...I don't know what happened but the ball was dropped and you were not put into the program."

**Ms. Legaux** said she has prepared all the necessary paperwork (for the Town to be a member of the program) and that the Ordinance will meet the requirements. She said the State and Federal agencies are "getting very specific because of the tremendous losses that have occurred due to flooding in the past few years."

**Ms. Legaux** explained that through an agreement between the State and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), North Carolina is considered a, "...cooperating technical State, which allows FEMA to have control of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance for the State."

The revised flood insurance rate maps are part of the ordinance amendment. They are used by insurers to determine whether an individual's property is in a flood zone and whether or not flood insurance is needed. **Ms. Legaux** said the insurance is often required for Federal mortgage loans.

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**Ms. Legaux** said the ordinance has to be revised, "...to incorporate the standards these new maps have....once you choose to adopt, I will send off an electronic copy to the North Carolina Emergency Management office, along with the application. They will be reviewing it, and we see no reason why they shouldn't accept Wentworth into the National Flood Insurance Program."

"With the agreement in place between FEMA and the local communities, it says, in effect, ...if you adopt flood management measures that are up to our standards, in return, we will allow people in your jurisdiction to buy flood insurance at reduced rates."

She continued, "If you don't adopt them, people in flood areas cannot get any Federally backed mortgages. Also, if we ever had some sort of disaster here, you would not get any federal funds to recoup those damages if you were not participating in the program."

**Ms. Legaux** advised Council, "Your planning board voted to recommend approval...if you have any questions, I'll be glad to answer them."

There were no questions from Council.

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** closed the Public Hearing for **Item B** and asked for a motion.

**Councilman Hendren** commented, "Let's go on and get in it. I make a motion that *we adopt the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and approve the revisions to Chapter 5: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, and that we adopt the Statements of Consistency as required by NCGS 160A-382(b) and 160A-383, and as outlined in the Town Council's Analysis and Statement as to consistency with the Town's Land Use Plan.*"  
(**Attachment C** attached hereto as part of these minutes)."

**Councilwoman Powell** seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V. Public Hearing(s) – C O N T I N U E D**

**C. Revisions to the Town of Wentworth Planning & Zoning Ordinances**

Consideration of NCDOT Roadway Design Guidelines as a Standard for the Town of Wentworth's Central Business District, Including an Amendment to Chapter III, Article VI, Section 5(a) and (c).

**- Hanna Cockburn, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** opened the Public Hearing for **Item C** and invited **Ms. Hanna Cockburn**, Senior Planner with the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments, to address Council.

**Ms. Cockburn** called attention to the "...recommended revisions to the Ordinance" explaining, "This has been reviewed by the Planning Board and received a favorable recommendation."

**Ms. Cockburn** explained that the ordinance changes correspond with the North Carolina Department of Transportation Design Guidelines relative to traditional neighborhood developments. She said the guidelines "...provide a variety of road types with specific characteristics as far as lane width, sidewalk provisions, medians, and other features that relate to the roads themselves, which differ fairly significantly from the traditional subdivision standards you have already adopted in your Ordinance."

"What this does," **Ms. Cockburn** continued, "...instead of supplanting those, it is in addition to them, so that both documents are then referred to by reference and are available...it is not a terribly lengthy set of guidelines, but it matches up with the design proposals we have been reviewing in the Central Business District concept, and on which we based much of the preliminary design work."

**Ms. Cockburn** said she would be glad to answer any questions.

There were no questions. **Mayor Pro Tem Conner** closed the Public Hearing for **Item B** and asked if Council would like to make a motion regarding the NCDOT Roadway Design Guideline amendments.

**Councilwoman Powell** asked if she needed to incorporate the Consistency Statement with her motion.

**Town Attorney Fred Baggett** said, "Just move approval...it's a text amendment so you don't need that statement."

**Councilman Aswell** said, *“I make a motion we approve it.”*

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** asked, “Is this correct, just make a motion to approve it?”

**Attorney Baggett** replied, “Right.”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** then seconded the motion. The **Town Clerk** said, “I disagree with the attorney.” There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V. Public Hearing(s) – C O N T I N U E D**

**D. Consideration of an Ordinance Imposing a Temporary  
Moratorium on the Approval of Development proposals in the  
Central Business District of the Town of Wentworth for a Period of  
One Hundred and Twenty Days**

**- Hanna Cockburn, Piedmont Triad Council of Governments**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** opened the Public Hearing for **Item D** and asked **Ms. Cockburn** to continue with information on the temporary moratorium.

**Ms. Cockburn** advised, “We discussed this particular idea at the Planning Board’s last meeting and received direction from them to bring this Ordinance to you for your consideration. This would apply strictly to the area within that boundary shown on the Central Business District Concept map, which you have already approved.”

“If you want to think about it in geographic terms,” said **Ms. Cockburn**, “it is bounded by NC 87/65 to the north...following Peachtree (Road) down to where Blueberry (Road) pulls off, and then going overland to where what’s known as Prison Camp Road currently comes in.”

She continued, “The purpose of this moratorium is to allow us time to put together the ordinance that would be required as the underpinning to permit the type of development that we have been discussing as far as the concept of the Central Business District would permit. In your current ordinances there are pieces and parts which you could sort of cobble together to make it work in a fashion, but there is no guidance that provides that umbrella of information that would permit mixtures of uses within a single building, mixtures of uses within a single site...shared parking and things of that nature, and the road designs you’ve just approved tonight...”

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**Ms. Cockburn** added, “This will give us an opportunity to create the ordinances necessary to bring all of that together and permit development that is consistent with your adopted concept plan.”

**Ms. Cockburn** referred Council to the “copy of the moratorium language.” She advised that the North Carolina General Statutes regarding moratoriums were changed several years ago, requiring a statement within the Ordinance about the conditions creating the necessity for a moratorium, as well as whether or not it is reasonable, and also a schedule of implementation so that there is “a true sunset date.”

“You are empowered by State law to extend it, should it need to be done,” stated **Ms. Cockburn**, “but based on the work we have already done, I don’t think that will be necessary.”

**Ms. Cockburn** called Council’s attention to an Ordinance Work Schedule—“An Ordinance time-table that gives you a sense of how we are breaking out the work. We will be bringing this information to the Planning Board at each of these junctures and then updating you as we go along. We will have a public hearing on all of it together in the September time frame.”

**Ms. Cockburn** said she would be happy to answer any questions and that she was sure the Town Attorney would, as well. There were no questions from Council.

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** recognized **Harry Rakestraw** of 283 Foch Farm Road in Wentworth, who signed the Speaker Register to address Council regarding the moratorium.

**Mr. Rakestraw** thanked Council for the opportunity to speak. He referred to a copy of the Central Business District map and asked if the entire area “outlined in yellow” would be included in the moratorium.

**Ms. Cockburn** replied that Mr. Rakestraw’s map was, “an older map.”

The **Town Clerk** advised, “There is a copy of the map on the Agenda table, with arrows showing that the moratorium area is across from the Town property on Peachtree Road, down to Prison Camp Road...on that side of NC 87/65.”

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**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** asked to look at one of the maps to be sure all of Council has the same area in mind.

**Ms. Cockburn** replied that the arrows indicate, "...the area within which we did the detailed road network and the property layout. It's not within the entire yellow boundaries."

**Mr. Rakestraw** said, "The only thing I would ask, then, is to amend this map to more clearly define the area..."

**Ms. Cockburn** agreed that this would be a good idea and said also that the ordinance text could be amended to physically describe the area in more concrete terms.

After discussion, it was agreed that a new map be attached and that **Item #4 – Jurisdiction**, be changed to read as follows:

*"This ordinance shall be effective within the boundaries of the Central Business District of the Town of Wentworth as shown on the map (Attachment A), further described as an area bounded to the north by NC 87/65, to the east by Peachtree Road, to the south by a line beginning at Blueberry Road overland to the southern terminus of Prison Camp Road, and to the west by Prison Camp Road."*

**Mr. Rakestraw** commented, "I know a hundred and twenty days is not long, but yet if you say that in a hundred and twenty days, you can apply for your permits and so forth, you are still looking at the end of November or December before anyone can start construction on anything."

**Councilwoman Powell** replied, "If you don't have any rules or regulations to govern what somebody can put out there, they can put anything out there."

**Mr. Rakestraw** said he just wanted clarification on the area (covered by the moratorium).

There were no other speakers and no questions from Council.

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** closed the hearing and made a motion, "*To amend the Moratorium Ordinance, and change the description in Item 4 as stated (above), and to include a new map clearly defining this area.*" (*Attachment D attached hereto as part of these minutes.*)

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**Councilman Aswell** seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article V. Public Hearing(s) – C O N T I N U E D**

**E. Consideration of Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

**- Yvonne Russell, Finance Officer**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** opened the Public Hearing for consideration of the 2007-2008 Budget Ordinance, and invited the Finance Officer to address Council.

**Ms. Russell** advised Council, “There have been no changes to the 2007-2008 Budget since it was presented in May, but if you have any questions, I will be glad to answer them.”

The **Town Attorney** suggested the Mayor Pro Tem ask if anyone wanted to speak.

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** noted that no one signed the Speaker Register but asked if anyone present wanted to speak regarding the Budget. There were no speakers.

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** closed the Public Hearing and made a motion “*That we adopt it as presented.*” **Councilman Aswell** seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VI. Old Business**

**A. Consideration of “Celebration Ten” Committee Member**

**- Mayor Paschal**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** advised that she would like to take up this item of Old Business when the Mayor could be present, because he may have a nominee for Council to consider.

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** made a motion to, “*Table this until the July meeting.*” **Councilman Hendren** seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VI. Old Business**

**B. Update on Post Office**

**- Town Administrator, Brenda Ward**

**Ms. Ward** advised Council, "I do not have good news." She passed out copies of an email "just received from Bailey King of Smith Moore law firm" (*Attachment E attached hereto as part of these minutes*).

**Ms. Ward** noted that a copy of a letter from the U. S. Postal Service, "was received by Mr. King just yesterday, and as expected they have not changed their decision."

She continued reading from Mr. King's email: "It is clear that the Post Office has no intentions of building a new post office in Wentworth any time soon. However, the letter does state that the Post Office will reconsider the Wentworth project once more critical facility needs have been met."

"The reason the Post Office gives for not building a new post office in Wentworth is that the town does not meet the '3% growth' requirement or the '55% space deficiency' requirement. The Post Office has not, however, provided us with the document that sets out these criteria."

**Ms. Ward** added, "That is one thing Mr. King asked them to do, was to provide us with the specifications and criteria they used to make their decision."

She continued reading, "As you will recall, in our last letter we asked the Post Office to provide us with such a document so that we could evaluate the Post Office's decision. I have spoken with Tom (Tom Terrell with Smith Moore) and we believe the next thing to do would be to call Congressman Brad Miller and request the criteria. I am sorry I do not have better news...etc."

**Ms. Ward** advised that a copy of the letter from the Postal Service is on the back of the email from Mr. King at Smith Moore.

**Councilman Hendren** remarked, "And they say we don't meet the space deficiency criteria. I can't believe that. They are just making it up as they go."

There was no additional discussion or comments.

**Article VII. New Business**

**A. Consideration of Plat Survey: Minor Subdivision (NC 87) for Precision Building and Remodeling, Inc. - David Carter, Developer  
- Frankie Legaux, Assistant Director, Rockingham County Planning and Zoning Department**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** asked **Ms. Frankie Legaux** to advise Council concerning the plat survey.

**Ms. Legaux** explained, "You have seen this plat before, when Mr. Carter came before you for rezoning; however, because your Ordinance states that, '*no lot or plat within the Town of Wentworth's subdivision jurisdiction shall be transferred nor plat recorded thereof until the final plat of subdivision has been submitted to and received council approval.*' This was effective for all plats in the Town as of January 9, 2002."

**Ms. Leguax** added, "This is the same plat that you did see and approved rezoning for a subdivision a couple of months ago, but because of how your Ordinance reads, we have to come before you to request final plat approval. Had it been a *major* subdivision, it would go before the Technical Review Committee."

**Councilman Aswell** made a motion, "*That we approve the plat as presented.*" **Councilman Hendren** seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**B. Consideration of Budget Amendment No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

**- Yvonne Russell, Finance Officer**

**Ms. Russell** addressed Council, explaining, "Because we received more revenue than anticipated and incurred fewer expenditures than originally projected, I feel an amendment is necessary to provide a more accurate account of our finances. The amendment is self-explanatory, but I would like to point out that because we received more revenue and incurred fewer expenses, there will be no need to appropriate fund balance to balance the budget. If you have any questions about the amendment, I will be glad to answer those now."

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There were no questions from Council about the budget amendment. **Ms. Russell** said she would also like to let Council know that the Town has not yet received an invoice for the demolition project. She said that Alley Williams Carmen & King is waiting for the contractors to complete all the required paperwork.

“However,” said **Ms. Russell**, “Ken (Stafford) did bring by a letter from them (AWCK, Inc.), with some detail of the work and a cost estimate. The cost has exceeded the original quote by \$2,000 due to some additional work they had to do—extra fill dirt, debris clean-up as well as breaking up the well that was under the house. They notified us of the extra cost before the work was finished, and the Mayor instructed Brenda (Town Administrator) to ask them to proceed. Ken did say he expects that we will get an invoice before the end of the month.”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** made a motion, “*That we approve Budget Amendment No. 3 for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.*”

**Councilwoman Powell** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VII. New Business – Continued**

**C. Consideration of Contract with Rockingham County Planning and Zoning Services (\$52,000/Year)**

The **Mayor Pro Tem** told Council that the Town Administrator advised that the County has not yet done a final review of the contract for planning and zoning services..., “and they didn’t have it ready for our meeting tonight.”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** made a motion, “*That we table Item C until July.*” **Councilman Hendren** seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VII. New Business – Continued**

**D. Consideration of Contract with Rouse, Rouse, Penn & Rouse, LLP  
(For Town Audit / FY 2006-2007) - \$5,650.00**

**- Brenda Ward, Town Administrator**

**Ms. Ward** advised, “Every year the auditor submits a new contract which has to be approved by Council and forwarded to the Secretary of the Local Government Commission for their approval as well. This is for an audit of the fiscal year we are closing out at the end of June and represents an increase of around \$200.00, which is still a pretty good deal compared to some other quotes we have received.”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** made a motion, “*That we approve the contract for \$5,650.00 with Rouse, Rouse, Penn, and Rouse, LLP for the Town audit.*”

The motion was seconded by **Councilwoman Powell**. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**E. Annual Review of Authorized Check Signers Per Formalized  
Financial and Cash Management Policy, Section I.**

**- Brenda Ward, Town Administrator**

**Ms. Ward** pointed out that Item 6, “*Authorized check signers must be reviewed by Council on an annual basis,*” was added to the policy last year, at the auditor’s request.

She advised, “The current check signers are Yvonne Russell, Brenda Ward, Mayor Pro Tem Conner and Mayor Paschal. We need your approval to leave these as they are or to make any changes you want to make.”

**Councilman Aswell** made a motion, “*That we approve it, as is.*”  
**Councilman Hendren** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Article VII. New Business – Continued**

**F. Consideration of Amendment to Formalized Financial & Cash Management Policy / Section A and Section B**

**- Brenda Ward, Town Administrator**

**Ms. Ward** referred Council to the changes in “bold” lettering; specifically, Section A - Item 4, increasing the Finance Officer’s bond amount to a *minimum of \$50,000*. “This is mandated by a change in State law.”

“The next change is also in Section A - Item 21, and was requested by our auditor, Rex Rouse. It states, *‘To strengthen internal control, all receipts and disbursements processed by the Finance Officer shall also be approved and initialed by the Town Administrator.’*”

**Ms. Ward** noted the final change in the Formalized Financial & Cash Management Policy - Section B—the addition of **Item K** which reads, *“The Finance Officer shall make deposits of public funds on a daily basis.”*

**Ms. Ward** explained, “We really don’t have deposits to make, since most of our funds are handled electronically, and we don’t keep petty cash, but this is something Mr. Rouse wanted us to add, just to cover the bases, I guess.”

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** made a motion, *“To approve the Formalized Financial & Cash Management Policy as amended.”*

**Councilman Aswell** seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**G. Approval for Town Administrator to Attend the NC City and County Management Association Conference – June 28-30, 2007  
(Registration: \$150.00)**

**Councilman Hendren** commented that the organization is bold to put the Captain’s Choice Golf Tournament on their registration form. He noted that the Town Administrator does not plan to participate in that activity, but said he feels, “...they are rubbing it in the faces of the taxpayers.”

**Article VII. New Business – Continued**

**Ms. Ward** commented, “It is up to the individual government unit as to whether or not they fund this activity and in most cases, the participant pays this out of pocket.”

Reminding Councilman Hendren that he can choose to approve it, or not, **Ms. Ward** said, “This is the first one I have attended, but if it doesn’t prove to be worthwhile, I won’t plan to go anymore.”

**Councilman Hendren** made a motion, *“That we approve the Town Administrator’s attendance at the North Carolina City and County Managers’ Association Conference, and the registration fee of \$150.00 to exclude the Captain’s Choice Golf Tournament.”*

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**H. Consideration of Summer Planning Institute in Cullowhee, NC on August 8-10, 2007 / Approval for Staff, Planning Board and/or Council (Registration: \$30 - \$100.00)**

**- Brenda Ward, Town Administrator**

**Ms. Ward** advised, “This conference should be especially helpful to newer planning board members, and I asked the Mayor to look over the program information and let me know whether or not to put it on the Agenda. He told me to add it to this Agenda.”

**Councilman Hendren** commented that the sessions on Coastal Management and Mountain Planning and Development Issues “don’t apply to us, so they wouldn’t even need to attend the morning classes.”

**Ms. Ward** explained that this is a preliminary schedule and that there will be concurrent sessions for participants to select from. She said that is why the registration fee ranges from \$30 - \$100, depending on which classes are selected.

**Councilman Hendren** said, *“I make a motion we approve it.”*

**Councilman Aswell** seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

**Councilman Hendren** asked if Council could go back to the Old Business item relative to the **Post Office**. He wanted to know if Council needed to make a motion to pursue a means of getting the criteria requested by Mr. King.

**Town Attorney, Fred Baggett**, replied, “No, it’s being taken care of.”

“Can you look at that also, and include parking,” asked **Councilman Hendren**, “to see about their criteria on parking.”

**Attorney Baggett** said it should be included and that he would look into it.

### **Article VIII. Public Comments**

There were no additional speakers.

### **Article IX. Announcements**

➤ **The Town of Wentworth Planning Board will meet on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room at the National Guard Armory.**

➤ **The next Town Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room at the National Guard Armory.**  
(Note change in date for July meeting, from 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in July, per meeting schedule adopted by the Town Council)

➤ **2007 Municipal Elections Filing Schedule for the Town of Wentworth:**

**July 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon – July 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon**

**Filing Fee: \$10.00**

**File at the Board of Elections Office**

**Governmental Center 371 NC 65 - Suite 208 - Wentworth, NC**

**Seats Up: Councilmen (3 Seats)**

**Election Date: November 6, 2007**

**(Before making any announcement of running for office,  
please contact the Board of Elections office at (336) 342-8107.**

**Campaign regulations may apply to you.)**

**Article X. ADJOURN**

**Mayor Pro Tem Conner** made a motion, *“That the meeting be adjourned.”*  
**Councilwoman Powell** seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Brenda Ward, Town Clerk**

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Dennis Paschal, Mayor**