

Minutes  
Of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
April 14, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Marion Clark, Bill Newkirk, Clyde Best and Stanley Hawley. Commissioner Lee Bissett was absent.

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Murchison, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Clark.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 10, 2008 were approved by Commissioner Hawley, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing that was scheduled for tonight will be held on May 12, 2008 at 7:00 pm regarding filing an application for a CDBG for Neighborhood Improvement Project. David Harris of RSM Harris Associates, Dennis Patton and Alfreda Williamson of the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments were at the meeting to explain the town's options. They took a tour around town that afternoon, along with the town manager to look at different area that may be suitable for rehabilitation projects. They pointed out that Poplar Street, Ash Street, West Franklin Street and Gum Avenue might be some areas that might qualify. David Harris stated that there is only \$ 4.2 billion in grant fund to be allocated across the state. He stated that only four grants will be approved and sewer projects were not being considered as part of this grant. He suggested seeking Rural Center funding for sewer projects as well as Clean Water Management funding. Dennis Patton stated that neighborhood and housing rehabs projects are now receiving top billing, with maximum funding of \$850,000. He stated unless you have some special water situation that you need to overcome, community revitalization would be the best one to apply for at this time.

Commissioners Hawley made a motion to authorize David Harris to schedule a public hearing, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The new Sewer Use Ordinance will be discussed at the Retreat Meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Also, update on projects, discussion regarding I & I and WWTP problems, SOC and upcoming grant for Water and Sewer Improvements and Presentation and Overview of 08-09 Budget. Also, authorizing the town attorney to pursue an ordinance which would prohibit drinking alcoholic beverage in public.

Commissioner Best made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign a Special Order of Consent for major improvement for the WWTP. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief Denton gave an update on the police department. He thanked several people that were involved in moving in the new town hall.

Commissioner Newkirk stated there would be a Job Fair at Spaulding on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and the Lion's Club Pancake Supper on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Commissioner Best thanked Sandra and Betsy for making the moving easier. Commissioner Best stated that there was a problem with water running in at the back door at the Spring Hope Chamber of Commerce. He stated maybe Kevin Varnell or Ken Worley could take a look at it to see what needed to be done.

Commissioner Best made a motion to declare unused equipment, police car, and dump truck as surplus items for sale and advertise it in the paper as to what date it will be held on. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There be no further business, Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and it passed unanimously.