

Minutes  
of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioner Meeting  
August 11, 2008  
7:00 p.m.

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

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 Best.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2008 was approved by Commissioner Hawley, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Nicky Denton: He was asking permission to build a front porch to his double wide manufactured home on Reams Road which is in an R-A zone. The Zoning Ordinances states that since it did not have a front porch it would be a non-conforming structure; therefore it would have to go before the Planning Board. The Planning Board would be meeting on this item, Thursday at their meeting.

John Gessaman and Krista Ikirt with the Carolinas Gateway Partnership were present to give an introduction of what they can do to help the town.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go into Public Hearing # 2 regarding CDBG project application. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. David Harris with RSM Harris Associates stated that this grant would be to make improvements on West Franklin Street and Poplar Street including housing, street, water and sewer improvements. The purpose of this grant application is to obtain funding to revitalize low income areas of the town on West Franklin Street and Poplar Street or other streets in the low income areas. He stated that one block of West Franklin Street has seven dwelling units and all of the housing needs some improvements while two cannot be repaired and need to be demolished and replaced. He stated that if the town receives the grant, \$595,000 would be used in the West Franklin Street area and the rest would go to other smaller projects throughout the rest of the town. The Town of Spring Hope would contribute \$ 30,000 as a local contribution.

Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing and go back to the open session, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to authorize the CDBG application and the amount of the local contribution of \$ 30,000. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager presented a proposed Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the policy. Commissioner Newkirk stated he could not vote on this motion, unless the town manager would take under consideration that the employees understood the policy. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager received a letter from Joe Wilkinson asking that his name be removed from the list of candidates for appointment to the Revitalization Board. He stated he had turned over an accounting for Petty Cash to the Town Office, with remaining Petty Cash on hand.

There were three candidates mention for the Revitalization Board. They were Boo Langford, Lottie Lou Dickens and Spring Toney. Commissioner Best made a motion to appoint Boo Langford, and Spring Toney. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go in a Public Hearing regarding a proposed ordinance pertaining to controlling, Fats, Oils, and Grease. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. In the absence of Mandy Hall, the town manager went over the ordinance with the board.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to go back to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Fats, Oils and Grease Ordinances, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Chief Tim Denton gave an update on the police department. He stated he was in the process of hiring another officer and doing a background check for another applicant. He stated that a Community Watch Program will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that Sylvia Williams, Chamber President was asking the town to co-sponsor a luncheon for \$ 200.00 and to use the commissioners meeting room for this. The Board of Commissioners was in agreement to pay their share and to have it in the commissioners meeting room.

John Holpe, Town Manager, Commissioner Hawley, Commissioner Bissett, and George Reams went to Sharpsburg to check out a 14' flatbed dump truck for sale. The committee agreed that the truck would do the job for a price of \$ 22,759. It would take additional amendment from the fund balance of \$7,759.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to purchase the truck (after Fergie checks it out). Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation to Senator A.B. Swindell for helping the town get financial assistance from the Department of Transportation for \$ 125,000 for the reconstruction of North Poplar Street. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go in closed session for a personnel issue, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and it passed unanimously.

After some discussion, Commissioner Best made a motion to close the closed session and go back to the regular meeting. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Minutes  
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Spring Hope Board of Commissioners  
Called Meeting  
August 25, 2008  
6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Liz Fairman, Town Attorney; Ken Murchison, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic; and Antonio Velarde, Wilson Daily Times.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gwaltney.

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss a Special Order by Consent for the Spring Hope Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering and Mandy Hall went over the SOC. When the town annexed the 82 acres of property, the town applied for a sewer permit to handle that development. The Division of Water Quality stated that we were exceeding our limits, and suggested that we needed a Special Order by Consent, giving us additional 25,000 gallons a day to have that development. According to the SOC, the town has to submit a complete authorization to construct an application and any other permits before November 1, 2008. The town has until May 1, 2009 to begin construction. The complete construction of the upgrades at the WWTP must be done by December 15, 2009. and the plant must be in compliance by April 30, 2010.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the Special Order of Consent and authorized the mayor to sign the Resolution for a Special Order by Consent. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Best and it passed unanimously.