

Minutes  
of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
June 9, 2008  
7:00 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; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic; and Ken Murchison, Spring Hope Enterprise. There were several citizens present.

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

The minutes of the Budget Meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Regular Meeting of May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Budget Meetings of May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup> were approved by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Best and it passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Joe Wilkinson, Chairman of the Revitalization Board spoke to the board concerning the Farmers Market that is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. He stated there was not enough parking spaces for people to park. They were taking away parking spaces from businesses by parking in front of their business. He stated according to the ordinances a Farmers Market would not be allow in the Central Business District. The owner of the Showside Restaurant stated that it was causing flies to come in her restaurant making her rating go down by two points, and also parking was an issue for her business. Warren Boone stated that it was a good idea and that a Farmers Market would be a good way to get people into town. Mayor Gwaltney stated that the Chamber was welcomed to have the Farmers Market at his shop on East Nash Street. Commissioner Hawley stated that we need to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and straighten this situation out. Mr. Boone stated he would do whatever the board decides.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go in a Public Hearing regarding the proposed fiscal year 2008-2009 budget. John Holpe, Town Manager gave an overview of the budget. There was a discussion of an increase of \$4.00 per month for a sanitation fee making the budget increase by \$ 29,000, enough to pay for another employee. There were no comments from the citizens. Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing and go back to the required format, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 with a \$4.00 sanitation fee increase. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Allen Barbee with the Revitalization Board presented a proposed town seal to the board. After some discussion, Commissioner Best made a motion to pursue the seal. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering presented a Water Shortage Response Plan. Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt the Water Shortage Response Plan along with an enforcement ordinance. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of tree limbs pickup and lot clearing policy. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that the ordinance now states that "Limb trimming to be collected by the Town are to be cut in no larger than four (4) foot section". "Limbs are to be placed between the sidewalk and the street and shall not weigh more than 50 lbs before the town employees pick the limbs up. He stated he would draft a letter to be sent to all residents.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the tax write offs for the amount of \$ 402.33 and the water write offs for the amount of \$ 1164.04. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve a Resolution requesting State Funds for North Poplar Street. seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to have the same Resolution requesting funds sent to the Carolina Gateway Partnership. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve an audit contract for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 with Gerrelene Walker, CPA for \$ 13,500, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adopt amendments to Chapter X, Article A, Section 6 to the Code of Ordinances concerning Drinking in Public, and deleting the current Chapter X. Article A, Section 6. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chief Tim Denton gave an update on the Police Department.

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