

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Called Meeting
May 12, 2008
6:00 pm

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

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

The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

John Holpe, Town Manager went over the General Fund Revenues, Governing Body Budget, Administration Department Budget, Buildings Department Budget, and Police Department Budget.

The next budget meeting will be held on May 19th at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned for the Regular Monthly Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2008 and the April 26, 2008 Retreat Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding Community Development Block Grant Projects. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Holpe, Town Manager discuss projects for North Poplar Street and West Franklin Street. He stated he had a meeting in Wilson on Wednesday at the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments. David Harris with RSM Harris Associates and Dennis Patton with the Upper Coastal Plain of Council of Governments were late arriving so the Public Hearing was delayed until they arrived.

A Public Hearing was opened to discuss the Sewer Use Ordinances changes. The Sewer Use Ordinances was drafted by Mandy Hall with EnviroLink, Inc. She stated the ordinance decreases the allowable amount of biological oxygen demand and total suspended solids and decreasing the

amount of oil and grease allowed into the system. It also includes requirements for industrial pretreatment and reporting and sections regarding administration and enforcement. After some discussion, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Public Hearing on the CDBG project was reopened. David Harris with RSM Harris Associates and Dennis Patton with the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments discussed possible projects: Concentrated Needs, Scattered Site Housing Assistance, Revitalization Strategies, Infrastructures, and Economic Development. After some discussion, Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to proceed with the CDBG project, giving them the authority to conduct a survey and to find a possible project for the town. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Holpe, Town Manager stated the best choice would be in the area of West Franklin Street and North Poplar Street.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt the amendments to the newly revised Sewer Use Ordinance. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Revitalization Board regarding the first draft of the new town seal was tabled until next month.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that the vendors at the Pumpkin Festival will not be able to be on the front side of the town hall this year. Commissioner Best made a motion to close the same streets as we have in the past years during the Pumpkin Festival, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve a budget adjustment in the building department of \$55,000 for the New Town Hall. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt the Amended Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Rural Planning Organization for Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash and Wilson Counties and suggested that the town manager serve on the board, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Newkirk volunteered to be his alternate.

There has been a discussion of a way to contact the residents concerning water cut-offs, hydrant flushing, when water service might be temporary discontinued due to fixing a broken line, and other items of interest. Sandra Morris contacted the phone company about a phone messaging system and the amount with two additional lines which would enable us to record a message and send it out to every household in the town that has a land telephone line would be \$ 6,000.

Computer Central of Wilson is interesting in putting up antenna's on the existing water tank, and towers in order to be able to provide high speed internet access to the rural areas in the county with a lot of interest in the Peachtree Hills area without paying a fee or franchise taxes. The County is coordinating a contract between this company and the communities with the County.

Russell Pearlman of the Wooten Company contacted Joey Elias of the Heaton Construction Company concerning a drainage problem on the east side of the New Town Hall. He stated that the water stands at the exit of the drive thru in the pavement and in the curb and gutter. Also, the curb and gutter was slightly higher than adjacent existing pavement causing high water at the rear door of the Chamber Building. After they receive a survey, the contractor will correct the problems.

Chief Tim Denton gave an update on the Police Department. He stated that he attended a Job Fair at Spaulding on April 29th. On April 26th, a training school was held at the Nash Community College with instructor Wayne Lamm. He helped the Nashville Police Department with the Nashville Blooming Festival on May 9th and 10th. He also stated that the Community Watch Program was in the final stages.

The town manager introduced Michele Collins as the part time clerical assistant.

Commissioner Newkirk stated that he had received a lot of complaints of kids breaking the curfew on South Pine Street; also, the cemetery was in terrible shape, grass growing out of stones. He stated that the town needed to keep the cemetery up better in the future. Commissioner Clark stated not only the cemetery, but around the post office, corner of the Methodist Church and the Depot.

There being no further business, Commissioner Best made a motion to recess until May 19th, seconded by Commissioner Clark and it passed unanimously.

Minutes
of the
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Recessed Budget Meeting
May 19, 2008
6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic.

The meeting was reconvene at 6:00 pm.

John Holpe, Town Manager went over the proposed changes from the May 12th meeting.

The board reviews the Water and Sewer Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan Budget.

There was a discussion of the following issues:

- (1) Cost of Living Adjustment
- (2) Possible Garbage fee increase
- (3) Possible Water & Sewer rate increase
- (4) Discussion regarding a Public Utilities Director Position
- (5) Discussion regarding a Public Works Director Position

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a closed session reference to personnel-merit increases, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
Budget Meeting
May 27, 2008
6:00 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Marion Clark, Stanley Hawley, Bill Newkirk. Commissioner Clyde Best and Mayor Gwaltney were absent.

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic.

John Holpe, Town Manager: Discussion of changes reference General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, Water and Sewer Revenues and Expenditures, and Capital Improvement Plan.

There was a discussion of an increase for garbage rates. There was a recommendation of \$4.00 per month. With this increase the town could hire an additional person.

Commissioner Hawley stated that we need a policy of what the town suppose to pick up and not to pick up. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he will review the policy that we have now and make changes as to yard waste and lot clearing.

The town manager stated that the water and sewer rate may increase later, but he was going to wait to see if we got a Rural Center grant.

There was a discussion of hiring a Utilities Director instead of a Public Works Director.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go into a closed to discuss personnel-merit increases, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and it passed unanimously.