

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 10, 2008
7:00 pm

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Marion Clark, Bill Newkirk, Stanley Hawley, Clyde Best, 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 October 13, 2008 were approved by Commissioner Best and seconded by Commissioner Clark and it passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Helen Bissett and Betty Marshbourne.

Ms. Marshbourne read a letter to the board stating that they had clean up the property on 223 East Nash Street and wanted to thank the board for giving them the extended time to do it.

Ricky Tucker was present concerning the break in at his residence and an update on what has been done to get the stolen gun back to the State Capital Police Department and also his personal gun that was stolen from his residence. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that a letter has been sent to Officer Santana in Bronx, New York asking them to make arrangements to have the gun shipped back to the town.

Joey Elias with the Heaton Construction Company was not present concerning the drainage problem at the Town Hall. John Holpe stated that the final payment will not be paid until the work is completed. Commissioner Best stated that maybe we should get someone else to fix it and take it from the last payment.

Donna and Megan Bailey was not present but wanted permission from the town to resurface the tennis courts at the Community Park if they could raise enough money.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to approve the tax releases and discoveries. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Library Board has requested funds for the Library Renovation Project. John Holpe, Town Manager stated the he set aside \$ 10,000 in the last year budget and it was never spent, so he roll it over to fund balance. The money for the Library repairs was not re-budgeted so a budget amendment is needed to fund the Library Repaired Project. Commissioner Hawley stated that we should wait until next fiscal year budget. Commissioner Bissett agreed. Mayor Gwaltney stated that the project has already started and is near completion. Commissioner Best stated that plans were never brought to the board for permission. Commissioner Best made a motion to make a budget adjustment for the library renovation. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager reported \$ 15,000 was awarded to do the Safe Route to School Plan. Mr. Holpe asked for authorization to apply for \$ 200,000 to place sidewalks on McLean Street and Pine Street. Commissioner Best made a motion to proceed with applying for the grant application for infrastructure. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager handed out a revised removal of tree limbs policy. Everyone was in agreement with this policy.

John Holpe, Town Manager received a letter from Robert S. Segal, CPA offering his services for municipalities in saving money for the town. He stated he had talked to Gerrelene Walker our CPA, and she stated that she would do it for a small fee. Mr. Holpe was to check with other towns which had used this service and report back to the Board.

Chief Denton gave a report on the Police Department. He had several things for November. He stated that he had a letter of resignation from Sgt. Judy Garver.

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