

Minutes
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioner's Meeting
March 9, 2009
7:00 pm

Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Marion Clark, Commissioners Clyde Best, Stanley Hawley, Bill Newkirk and Lee Bissett. Mayor Buddy Gwaltney was out of town.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Clark called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

No Public Forum.

Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering presented a revised Pipe Installation Policy. This policy was drafted to assist new or existing private homeowners with the installation of their driveway pipe. Commissioner Best was concerned about going across another easement. Kevin stated that he would add another paragraph including an easement and bring it back to the board for approval.

Kevin Varnell gave an update on the Stimulus Program. He stated the stimulus package money that the state has been awarded has to be spent within the first 120 days. He stated that we were already 30 days into it. They wanted projects permitted and ready to go to construction by March 27th. He stated that there was no way that we could design our wells and get them permitted in 30 days, so we would not be in the first round of the package deal. He stated that the town should be ready when the second round of funding if it is awarded.

Mark Edwards, Town Attorney gave an update on Time Warner Cable regarding rate increases and franchise fees revenues. He stated that the FCC rules the rates and at the time of the agreement, the franchise fees were five percent.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated he had set a date for the Retreat Meeting for April 25th from 8:30 to 11:30. Everyone was in agreement with that date and time. He stated that someone from the Pay Classification Plan will be present.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated a Board of Adjustments meeting would be March 17th at 6:00 pm. Cricket Communications was requesting to install antennas on the cell tower on 417 South Walnut Street.

John Holpe, Town Manager went over the February Financial Statement.

Tim Denton, Chief gave an update on the monthly report which included a recent drug arrest, and also he interview applicant. He stated that a Community Watch meeting will be March 17th at 7:00 pm at the Community Building, with part time officer Mark Mills as the speaker.

Commissioner Hawley stated the town need to keep the pot holes repaired in the streets. The town manager stated that he was working on that project.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated he will be setting up interviews for the maintenance position.

Commissioner Best stated he had a compliment for Leon Parks from a citizen regarding patching a water line after it had been repaired.

Commissioner Newkirk had a complaint regarding the pot holes at the tennis court.

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