

Minutes of the
Town of Spring Hope
Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 9, 2009
7:00 pm

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Tim Denton, Police Chief; Ken Murchison, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and Commissioner Clark gave the invocation.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Gerrelene Walker, CPA reported on the audit for Fiscal Year 2008-2009. She stated that the town staff had done a very good job of keeping track of income and expenditures. She cautioned the board to be very frugal with its spending. She also stated that the books were in real good shape and in real good order.

Commissioner Best made a motion authorizing the paving of West Main Street from Ash Street to May Street. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to use General Fund monies for Powell Bill Expenses to be paid back to the General Fund. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the budget amendment of \$ 58,000 to be transferred to the Powell Bill Fund. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering reported on the inventory at the public works building. He stated he counted all items at the shop; an account of all fittings will be done before the next meeting. He also stated that North Poplar Street would take care of all vehicle weight limits. There will be five inches of asphalt over eight inches of stone.

He gave a report on paving and potholes repairs. He stated that all of the major potholes have been repaired. Commissioner Best stated there is a pothole on May Street that needs to be repaired and Commissioner Hawley stated there were potholes on Virginia Street that also need to be repaired.

John Holpe, Town Manager gave a report on the downtown flowerbed. He stated that the Revitalization Board would like to take over the flowerbeds at the Depot and wanted the town crews to maintain it. The board agrees that the Revitalization Board should maintain all of these areas out of the money designated for downtown beautification.

John Holpe, Town Manager reported on a letter that he received from Time Warner Cable concerning some changes that will take effect December 2009.

John Holpe, Town Manager reported on the North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference that he attended on October 25th and 26th in Greenville, NC. He stated that we might be able to get a Downtown Revitalization Study free and consulting services at a reasonable fee. He asked the board if they wanted a meeting with the consulting group. The Board asked Mr. Holpe to set one up in February, 2010.

He stated that on December 14, 2009, we would have an organization meeting. Senator A.B. Swindell will be administering the oath of office to the newly elected officials. There will be a reception at 6:30 pm, before the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Christmas in Spring Hope will be held, December 3rd, the employee Christmas Dinner on December 4th at 6:00 pm at Fargo Steak House in Zebulon, and the Christmas Country Show will be Saturday night December 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the auditorium.

John Holpe, Town Manager reported on the Financial Statement for October 2009.

Tim Denton, Police Chief gave an update on the police department. He stated that the department made two arrests, indecent exposure, issue warrants. He stated that the Community Watch Program would be held on November 17th at the community building.

Commissioner Clark will be leaving the after serving the board for ten years. She thanked her husband, Jack and the people of Spring Hope. She stated that it was an honor to hold the position as Commissioner and enjoyed working with a good board, and she was pleased with her successor.

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