

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 12, 2009
7:00 pm

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

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.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2008, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

Lillie Brodie- Not present

Allen Barbee- Not present

Gina Neill of 275 Levie Lane had questions concerning her water bill. She stated that she had gotten a \$220.00 water bill and she had been to the town office concerning the possibility of a water leak. She was told that it had been checked six times and there wasn't a water leak. After some discussion, Commissioner Best stated that he would get with Sandra Morris and Leon Parks the next day and check it out.

John Holpe, Town Manager discussed the consideration of approval of a Resolution of support and administration, and understanding of reimbursement procedure for the Safe Routes to School Infrastructure Reimbursement Program. He discussed the process of getting started on the Planning Grant. Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt a Resolution for the Safe Routes to School Program Infrastructure Grant Reimbursement Program Application and Authorization to file the Application. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Commissioner Newkirk stated that safety for children is important and it should have been done a long time ago.)

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the local match of \$ 15,000 for Safe Routes to School, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager discussed the Rural Center Grant of \$ 485,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. This grant has a dollar for dollar match. The \$485,000 match will come from a \$ 485,000 grant and loan package from USDA, Rural Development. Out of this \$485,000 it is estimated that \$420,000 will be grant, \$ 40,000 will be loan and \$25,000 will be local match. Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering will

be at the February meeting with items that need to be approved by the board in order for the town to receive the \$ 485,000 grant from the Rural Center.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to accept Bob Segal, CPA recommendation on the Revenue Enhancement and expense reduction program and to file the paper work for the gas tax refund, seconded by Commissioner Best and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager reported on the Ormund Construction Company contract regarding improvements to the sewer collection system, the Town Hall drainage problem, and the discussion of the relocation of the Town's Time Capsule.

Tim Denton, Police Chief gave an update on the Police Department

Commissioner Best stated that the property at 504 South Pine Street needed to be cleaned up. Also he wanted to know how much franchise taxes the town was getting from Time Warner Cable.

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