

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

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

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

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

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2009 and the Budget Retreat Meeting of April 25, 2009. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no one present for the Public Forum.

Ken Ripley was present to report on the Library Conference Room Project. He stated "I am pleased to report to the board that the library project is finished." He stated that the county inspector gave final approval on May 8, 2009 and that the shelves will be moved in soon. He thanked the board for its participation. He appreciated all volunteer work that the mayor did for the library.

Bill Brantley had submitted a Façade Improvement Grant for his building at 108 East Main Street and 103 East Main Street which is rented by Doggie Bone and VIP Cleaners. He will be painting the building white with the same green trim on the front as the Sykes Seed Store building for the cost of \$ 1,500. Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the amount of the town share of \$ 500, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and it passed unanimously.

There had been a complaint about smoke coming from a neighbor's Outdoor Wood Burning Stove. The Board discussed using Outdoor Wood Burning Stoves. Commissioner Best stated that maybe we need to establish an ordinance regulating the height of the chimney on the stove. Commissioner Bissett stated that we should wait until there are more complaints before the ordinance is drafted. It was decided to table it until later.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the tax releases and discoveries. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. They are as follows: **Releases:**

Linwood & Tiffany Wheless- \$ 4.46- removed interest because envelope was postmarked before deadline.

Charlie Hall- \$ 6.02- Nash County billed in error-item never located inside city limits.

April Longmire- \$ 114.76- Nash County billed in error-boat sold to Wake County

Discoveries:

Cecil Roberson, Jr. - \$ 21.83- Nash County found a 1991 Nissan that had not been billed previously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the contract for the audit for the fiscal year 2008-2009 from Gerrelene Walker, CPA for the same amount as last year and to pursue other proposals for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to renew the contract for legal services from Fields and Cooper with no increase in fees. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion. Commissioner Best stated that the contract date should be by the fiscal year instead of a calendar year. Commissioner Clark withdrew her motion until Mark Edwards, Town Attorney is present of discuss the contract date.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he had a meeting tomorrow with David Harris and Dennis Patton in Raleigh concerning the Community Development Block Grant project. He stated that he originally thought the town had been awarded a grant, but has since learned that the project did not get funded. He stated that maybe he would find out why the town was not funded at this meeting.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that Time Warner Cable had removed all of their antennas from the water tank.

There was a discussion of the Towns Open Container Ordinance. Mark Edwards, Town Attorney sent an email stating that the North Carolina General Statutes only allow Towns to regulate open containers in public areas. The Town is not allowed to pass an ordinance prohibiting open containers on private property.

Chief Tim Denton gave an update on the police department.

There being further business, Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

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Budget Meeting
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6:00 pm

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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.

John Holpe, Town Manager presented the General Fund Budget highlights of the fiscal year 2009-2010 and the key issues of the proposed budget.

Also, he went over the proposed General Fund Revenues and Expenditures for the Governing Board, Administration, Buildings, Police Department, Streets, Powell Bill Fund, Sanitation, Recreation, Library, Cemetery and Museum.

The next budget meeting to discuss the Water and Sewer proposed Budget, Pay Classification Plan, Pay Increases and Personnel will be held June 1, 2009 at 6:00 pm.