

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 13, 2009
7:00 pm

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

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.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Budget Meetings of June 1, 2009, Recessed Budget Meeting of June 8, 2009, and the Regular Meeting of June 8, 2009, Public Hearing of June 17, 2009, and the Budget Public Hearing of June 22, 2009. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no Public Forum.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding the CDBG program and a request to file an application. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

David Harris and Dennis Patton were present to explain the process and the program and report on CDBG-R Wilkins Street Project. David Harris stated that the town had submitted a \$ 700,000 Grant application in 2008, but when state officials reviewed the application; they incorrectly categorized a part of the application and turned down the request. He told the board that the town had scored enough points on the application and that the project should have been approved. The project was designed to revitalize parts of Franklin Street and Montgomery Street. There are also houses on Franklin Street that needs repairing and replacing. The total cost of Franklin Street project would be \$595,000. The other \$ 105,000 would be used to provide water and sewer improvements to Montgomery Street. He stated that he needed a request to file an application for that project. Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing and go back to the Regular Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion authorizing David Harris to file the grant application, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

The town clerk had prepared a final financial report on the Spaulding Music Jubilee. It showed the amount loaned from the General Fund to the Spaulding Enterprise Fund, revenues and expenditures. The board wanted a more detailed account, so Commissioner Clark made a motion to have the CPA to work with the town clerk to get the final report. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to approve the agreement with William Marshall Stephenson regarding the rental of one year for the Spaulding Auditorium Music Jubilee Events. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no report from the Town Attorney.

John Holpe, Town Manager reported on road repair bids that will be open on July 21st at 2:00 pm.; also Kevin Varnell will have the cross connection order changes on well connection at the August Meeting; he reported on sewer pumping stations for Wilkins Street; and working on getting "No Loitering" signs made for J's Place and Ash Street Recreation Center.

Tim Denton, Police Chief gave an update on the police department. He reported on the meeting concerning Ash Street, and the Highway Safety Program. He stated that the next Community Watch meeting would be July 21st at the Community Building.

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