

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
January 10, 2011

A regular meeting of the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

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

Also present were Town Manager John Holpe, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Police Chief Tim Denton. Newspapers represented were Amanda Clark from the Nashville Graphic and Ken Murchison from the Spring Hope Enterprise.

Citizens present included members of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church and Kathy Nall from the park committee.

Associate Pastor Ernest Pope of Saint Stephens Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

Mayor Gwaltney asked the board for consideration of December 13, 2010 minutes.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Commissioner Hawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Nall of the Community Park Committee asked the board to consider revised plans for park improvements, which included the comprehensive master plan. Ms. Nall gave each board member a copy of the plan. She pointed out that it included the background of the original plan along with site analysis and the final master plan. She said that they wanted to make sure that their plan coincided with the Community in Schools Plan for the sidewalks. She said this was one of the main reasons for the revisions. She also mentioned that the green items that were being worked on would be covered by the grant. Commissioner Newkirk asked her if the town coming up with the \$55,000.00 in a 3-year period was still part of the plan. Ms. Nall told him it yes, as it was a 50/50 type of grant that they were applying for.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the revised site plan and comprehensive master plan; Commissioner Best seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe took the floor and explained to the board that there was a piece of property bordering the town's park property that the owners needed to obtain an easement for

from the town to have access to their property. He said the owners; Glen Tellefsen and John Tate had plans to develop this land and may be willing to donate a portion in exchange for the easement. Mr. Tellefsen said that he had appeared before the board several years earlier concerning the same subject. He said that they were in the talking stage but they knew that they had to do this first. He told the board that they would be more then willing to donate some land that was close to the park. Mr. Holpe said he was wondering if the Boy Scout Hut was going to be an issue. He said that Town Attorney Mark Edwards was going to look into the deed for the Hut. Commissioner Hawley said that the town had already promised to grant an easement. Commissioner Best asked if anyone knew how the town had obtained the park property. Mr. Edwards said that he believed it was given to the town by the school. Everyone agreed to table this issue until the information about the hut and the prior agreements concerning the easement could be located.

Mayor Gwaltney told the board that they needed to consider the Nash County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Holpe told the board that he had participated in this plan and that it was to allow the county to take the lead in cases of hazardous threats. Mr. Edwards told the board that it was required that all municipalities adopted a plan. Mr. Holpe told the board that this was a matter of public health and safety and that the county's resources would be needed in the event of a hazardous threat. He also told them that the county is eligible for federal assistance with this plan therefore the town would also be as long as the plan was adopted.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the plan; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards told the board that the rental rates on the tower were the same and that the lease with Strickland Industries was ready to be signed. He said that the board had the option to increase the rates in the future.

Mr. Holpe told the board that the weather had slowed down the progress of paving on Main Street. He said that the temperature had been too cold to apply the asphalt mixture. Commissioner Newkirk said that he had been getting many complaints about the unpaved roads and that he did not understand why they started if they could not finish it. Mr. Holpe said that they would begin as soon as the weather permitted and that he had straightened out the miscommunication about only paving on Mondays. He said he did not know where that issue came from but that it was not anything that the town had agreed to.

Mr. Holpe asked the board if the date of February 14 for the next meeting was agreeable to them since it was Valentines Day. Everyone agreed that it was fine.

Mayor Gwaltney asked if there were any new items by the members.

Commissioner Hawley said he would like Mr. Holpe to address an issue concerning the ad in the paper about the budget. He said that the people in town think that the budget is over. Mr. Holpe said that he would look into it.

Commissioner Griffin said he thought they should give considerable thought into renewing the lease with Waste Industries.

Commissioner Best commented on the fact that Danny Perry had worked at least 10 hours plowing the streets around town. Mr. Holpe said that the cost of that would come out of streets.

Mayor Gwaltney said he thought it would benefit the town to buy a snowplow attachment that would fit on one of the trucks. He said the money that had been spent to pay someone to plow could have bought an attachment. He also commented on the shape of the sidewalk located by Skips and the daycare. He said he wondered if trucks coming in and out of there had caused it. He also asked if it would be a Powell Bill project or if the owners of Skips would be willing to help off set the cost. Mr. Holpe said that he was not sure but that he would look in to it.


Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins  
Town Clerk

Attest:

  
Mayor