

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 11, 2008
7:00 pm

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Marion Clark, Clyde Best, Lee Bissett and Stanley Hawley. 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. Invocation was given by Commissioner Best.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion by the town manager regarding budgeted improvements to the Library. He stated that in the minutes of July 10, 2006, there were repairs done at the library. He stated that Shirley Bass had talked to him about repairs that needed to be done. Commissioner Best stated that maybe she saw something that we don't know about. Commissioner Clark stated that someone needed to go under the library and check it out.

There was a discussion of the town's present policy on substance abuse and drug testing and if the town needed an ordinance to that effect. Mark Edwards, Town Attorney stated since the personnel policy addresses drug testing, you may not need an ordinance in order to allow you to do drug testing; however, you need to find the CDL, and public safety drug testing program policies. He stated that if you could not locate those policies, you need to establish those policies and follow them. The town attorney was asked to look over the policies and the manager will contact a drug testing company.

The Main Street Committee had discussed planting three trees on Ash Street side of the New Town Hall. They will be planted at the Ice house, Little River Gas Company and Image Design in 5 feet planters. Commissioner Best suggested the manager contact Progress Energy about Progress Energy donating trees to the town and assisting with other landscaping project.

There was a discussion of having the dedication of the New Town Hall and Open House on either March 14th or March 28th at 10:00 a.m or 2:00 p.m. It was agree to have it on March 28th at 10:00 a.m.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he had talked with Dennis Patton with the Upper Coastal Plain Council of Governments about an upcoming Community Development Neighborhood Grant Program. He stated maybe looking at Poplar Streets and Gum Avenue. Commissioner Best suggested we invite David Harris to meet with us at the March meeting to discuss some possible grant projects.

John Holpe, Town Manager gave his report. He stated that the project with JHRG Inc. has been put on hold. He stated that he had drafted and handed out Do Not Litter letters at the Spring Hope Elementary School. He was also setting up a Wellness Meeting with the Municipal League and Town Employees, and sending out Clean up Notices to residents on Gum Avenue.

Chief Denton gave an update on the Police Department. He reported the on going drug operation program.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go into a closed session for the discussion of the town manager contract and evaluation. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After discussion, Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go out of closed session and back to the regular meeting, seconded by Commissioner Best and it passed unanimously.

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

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 25, 2008
5:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Buddy Gwaltney was late due to heavy traffic, so Mayor Pro Tem Clark opened the meeting.

John May with May Farms Associates wanted to donate 0.452 acre parcel of land to the Town. The land is between Meeks Cemetery and the Wastewater Treatment Plant East of Highway 581. Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the deed from the May Farm Associates without the title search and title insurance and to approve the attached resolution. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to pay the taxes for 2008 on this property. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

