

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 10, 2008
7:00 pm

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

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

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

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2008 and a Special Meeting of February 29, 2008. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding the Planning Commission recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for a maximum of 40 square feet instead of 20 square feet for Church Bulletin Board signs. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to amend the Zoning Ordinances as follows: Article V. Section 502.5 Permitted Signs (A) Table 502.5. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Joe Wilkinson, Chairman of the Revitalization Board presented a new logo for the Town's Stationery. (*"Honoring the Past...Building the Future"*) Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the logo as presented. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Joe Wilkinson also stated that the committee was putting together a town seal to bring back to the board for approval.

Sue Yerkes with the Nash County Recreation received a request by Glen Telefson asking the town about purchasing his land behind the community park for a soccer field. He would sell the 20 acres for \$ 10,000 per acre, which would be \$200,000 with PARTF money; the land could be purchased for \$100,000. The board members agreed that the town had no need for the land.

A date for a Retreat Meeting was set for April 26, 2008 at 8:30 am to 11:30 am and a Budget Meeting will be held in May.

John Holpe, Town Manager gave an update on the New town Hall. The town employees will be moving on March 18th, 19th, and 20th if final inspection is approved.

The Dedication Ceremony of the New Town Hall is set to be held April 4, 2008 at 2:00 pm.

John Holpe, Town Manager gave an update on the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. He stated he had received a letter from Professional Drug Screening and Paramedical Services but had not had time to meet with the company.

Mark Edwards, Town Attorney stated that the deed on May farms associates had been recorded and everything is in order.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that David Harris will be at the April meeting regarding the Town applying for a Community Development Block Grant. There will be a Public Hearing to discuss projects and locations at this meeting.

He also stated that everyone seems to be satisfied with the insurance now under the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Unless, the company has a major increase in the rates, we will stay with the company.

Chief Denton gave an update on the Police Department.

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