

Minutes
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
Spring Hope Community Building
April 9, 2007
7:00 pm

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

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

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

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of the Gateway Partnership's contract regarding their local match on the CDBG application for storm drainage improvement work on South Pine Street. Carolina Partnership has a policy that you would need at least 50 jobs to receive grants. They were willing to accept 30 jobs based on a local company expansion which means that JHRG would have to come up with 30 jobs. If JHRG did not create 30 new jobs by 2011 the company will have to pay back a portion of the grant. Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the agreement providing that JHRG will create 30 jobs instead of 15. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the following budget adjustments:

1. \$22,375 to Water and sewer revenues and to Water and Sewer expenditures for professional services
2. \$ 4,024 to Water and Sewer Bell's Septic Services and to Water and Sewer expenditures for sewer jet.
3. Budget adjustments for General Fund and Water and Sewer Contingency to appropriate departments for adjustments to employee's health insurance line items.
4. John Holpe, Town Manager requested a budget adjustment of \$42,000 from Water and Sewer Fund Balance to Water and Sewer Contingency for replacement of the recently collapsed sewer line on North Walnut Street.

Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that Sue Yerkes from Nash County Recreation Department stated that the town needed to set aside what we are giving the recreation department now for the next fiscal year budget. After some discussion, Mayor Gwaltney stated that he objected to asking the town to pay for a county program because it would mean that the town residents would be paying more for recreation services than out of town residents who would be involved in the program.

After some discussion and reading the lease between Nash-Rocky Mount Board of Education and the Town of Spring Hope, the gym would only be for athletics and basketball.

Police Chief Denton gave an update on the Police Department.

Commission Best made a motion requesting the town attorney to draw up an ordinance for the Recreation Department. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go into closed session to evaluate the town manager. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After some discussion, the closed session was closed. No action was taken. The meeting was recessed until April 21, 2007 for the Retreat Meeting at 9:00 am.

Recessed Meeting
April 21, 2007
9:00 am

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Liz Fairman, Town Attorney; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark. Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

John Holpe, Town Manager and Liz Fairman, Town Attorney reviewed the various ways the town can annex property. They were voluntary, involuntary, satellite, and legislative.

The town manager had considered the three areas for possible annexation. The areas are: Highway 64 West to include Heritage Drive and nearby homes along old Highway 64 towards Webbs Mill Road; Highway 64 East to take in Bio-Fuels Facility; and NC 581 South of Spring Hope toward the former Premier Circuit plant.

Commissioner Best made a motion to draw up a resolution to require people to come inside of town limit voluntary in order to receive water and sewer service. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept a Resolution of Support for the Clean Water Act of 2007. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager went over the Proposed Overtime Pay and Compensatory Time Policy. He stated that adequate funds will be budgeted for all departments so that if a full time employee works over their regularly scheduled amount of hours for any period they will receive overtime pay for that pay period at the rate of 1 ½ times their regular pay. This will apply to all employees classified as Non-Exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act. He also stated that if employees desiring to receive compensatory time instead of overtime pay will have the option to do so. Compensatory time will be figured at 1 ½ hrs for each hour worked in excess of their regular work schedule for that pay period. All existing compensatory time for all employees must be used up by the end of June 30, 2007. Employees choosing to use compensatory time instead of overtime must use all of their earned compensatory time within the fiscal year in which it is earned. No comp. time will be permitted to be carried over into a new fiscal year. All overtime and or compensatory time must be pre-approved by the Town Manager unless in the case of an emergency situation or an extremely unusual situation as deemed by the Town Manager. Exempt employees will not be able to accrue compensatory time or overtime.

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