

Minutes  
of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners  
February 12, 2007  
7:00 pm

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Clark opened the meeting. Commissioner Hawley made a motion for Commissioner Best to preside in the absence of the Mayor. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of January 8 and the recessed meeting of January 22, 2007. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A discussion of a New Proposal from Nash County on the Towns' participation in a County Wide Water System was given by Bob Murphy, Nash County Manager along with three county commissioners and Buck Kennedy with The Wooten Company. Bob Murphy stated that he offer the town the best proposal that the county could afford. All of the commissioners stated that the proposal would put too high a burden on Spring Hope residents for water the town does not yet needs to purchase.

The proposal extending from Rocky Mount reservoir in western part of Nash County would require the town to purchase 70 % of its 135,000 gallons per day water needs from the county and increase the percentage over a decade to 90% of its total. Buck Kennedy with The Wooten Company stated the average monthly increase for Spring Hope residents using 4500 gallons would be \$12.60, increasing the current average bill of \$ 17.00 to \$ 29.60. No action was taken at this point.

Mr. Holpe, Town Manager stated that it had been brought to his attention concerning setting up an Enterprise Fund to have "Singing Events" at the Spaulding Auditorium. Commissioner Clark made a motion to authorize the town manager to come back to the board with the detail and to set up an Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to reappoint Sylvia Williams or Jennis Toney Carpenter to the Revitalization Board. If either one turned it down, appoint Tracy Jackson. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve a budget amendment of \$ 17,000 to the Powell Bill Account-Contracted Services and add a new line in Revenues- Powell Bill Allocation Previous Years. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the lease agreement between the Department of Transportation and the Town of Spring Hope for \$1.00 per year. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to declare the Blue Round Body Truck surplus property and advertise it in the Spring Hope Enterprise. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe, Town Manager stated that Rebids for the new town hall will be open on February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Chief Tim Denton gave an update on the Police Department.

After the Commissioners gave their input on the County Wide Water System, Commissioner Bissett made a motion not to accept the plan with the County. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to recess the meeting until March 1, 2007 at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.