

Minutes  
Of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Held in the Community Building  
May 14, 2007  
7:00 pm

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

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2007 and the Recessed Meeting of April 21, 2007. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager introduced Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering to the board. He spoke on all the services that Stocks Engineering would have available to help the town as far as engineering work.

John Holpe, Town Manager spoke on behalf of Sue Yerkes, County Recreation Director about the recreation for the Town of Spring Hope. The county was asking the town to contribute \$ 6,861 for the next four years. Commissioner Clark made a motion to go with the county recreation program and give them \$ 6,861 for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion. Commissioners Bissett, Hawley and Best opposed.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the county recreation plan after final details are worked out. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The bid opening was held on May 3, 2007 with The Wooten Company on the water line loop and the elevated storage tank project. There were four bids: Ed Braswell & Sons, Inc from Rocky Mount-\$125,734.00; HB West, Inc, Smithfield-\$ 132,948.60; Herring and Rivenbark, Kinston-\$113,530.00; T.A. Loving Company, Goldsboro-\$ 156,210.00. Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the bid of Herring & Rivenbark, pending approval by The Wooten Company. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A proposed bulk water policy and rate schedule was presented to the board as follows: For the first 3,000 gallons- \$ 30.00. Each additional 1,000 - \$ 5.00. Town personnel must be advised and turn on the water at a hydrant. Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Bulk Water Policy and Rate Schedule. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to have Raleigh and Community Streets and East Branch Street resurfaced with Powell Bill Funds after evaluation for specifications. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The resolution regarding annexation and providing water and sewer services were tabled until another meeting.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adopt a Resolution for a Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Holpe, Town Manager was going to ask Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering the status of a grant program.

Mark Edwards, Town Attorney stated that the agreement with the Gateway Partnership has been prepared and ready to be signed. He also talked to Mark Strickland concerning the Spaulding Lease on the gym and they were going to continue as stated in the contract.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt a resolution for the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> as Police Appreciation Week. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A date of Monday, May 21, 2007 was set for a budget meeting at 6:30 pm at the community building.

Chief Denton gave an update on the Police Department. He gave an update for the Checkpoint that was held at NC 581 and 64 Bypass on April 27, 2007. He also introduces Brandon Rush as a new police officer.

Commissioner Hewley made a motion to recess this meeting until May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

Sue Yerkes, Nash County Recreation Director stated how the town would contribute towards a county recreation plan for the area. She stated that the county's first program would be football, which begins practice in August, then basketball. She stated that the county would still need volunteers to help out.

Dean Byrd, Circuit Rider with the North Carolina Rural Water Association regarding water and sewer rates explain to the board how the town could produce \$100,000 per year on this rate plan. He stated that the town would impose a flat availability fee for both water and sewer even if no water is used. The board will discuss the proposed rate changes at the next budget meeting.

John Holpe, Town Manager went over some of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 in some areas.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to recess the meeting until Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.