

Minutes
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 13, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and Commissioner Clark gave the invocation.

Commissioners Best made a motion to approve the meeting of October 8, 2007. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the meeting and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering reported on the Poplar Street Well. He stated that the State would allow the town to dig a new well within 50 feet of the old Poplar Street Well that was abandoned in 2000. The town would need to get permits from the state and the county and a 100 foot easement from the new well head. He stated that digging a new well would probably cost approximately \$ 20,000 to \$ 25,000.

Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering was present to discuss Phrase 2 water line replacement project report. The contract was awarded to Ed Braswell for \$ 51, 840. The project will replace two inch lines with six inch lines from the meter to the main line. Lines will be replaced around Nash Street and North Walnut Street.

In a letter of October 17, 2007, the Town was awarded an \$ 840,000 grant from the State Clean Water Management Trust Fund for the sewer system. The town will have to contribute \$ 100,000 towards the grant. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that the town would probably have to replace about ten manholes and repair eight lift stations. With this grant, the water and sewer bills might have to be raised.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding Planning Board recommendation to allow churches in Residential-8 Zone under certain conditions. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jodi Koviach, Division of Community Assistance drafted an ordinance to that effect. In the ordinances, Article 5, the twenty foot buffer was changed to an eight foot buffer, and the Type C planting yard was changed to a Type A planting yard. Commissioner Best made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Commissioner Clark and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Best made a motion to take the recommendation of the Planning Board to allow churches in R-8 Zone under certain conditions. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Regarding the Planning Board recommendation not to allow places of assembly in Commercial Business Districts, Commissioner Best made a motion to leave the Ordinances in place as a Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and it passed unanimously. The Town Attorney advised that the proper action to take would be to table the item. Commissioner Best made a motion to table the item, seconded by Commissioner Newkirk and carried.

There was no action taken on the acceptance of Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant until we get the contract. The board will review it at the December meeting.

Commissioner Best made a motion to recommend Drew Griffin as a replacement of Dorothy Nelson on the Planning Board. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that five trash cans had been ordered in April 2007 and we have never received them. The funds were in last year's budget but were never used. Commissioner Best made a motion to put back \$2,990.29 from fund balance. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding voluntary water restrictions. Commissioner Best recommended publishing an article in the paper asking people to conserve water.

The manager stated that he attended Rural Center workshop in Plymouth on October 30, 2007 reference to the Rural Center Water and Sewer Improvement Grant. Items discussed at the meeting included: How to select a consultant, How to draft a proposal, and How to resolve a conflict once a consultant is selected.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that the Pizza Oven had a large water bill, which the owner stated that they had not used the gallons that it was showing. He was asking for an adjustment. It was decided to go with the present adjustment policy. The present policy would not allow for an adjustment to the Pizza Oven situation.

Chief Tim Denton gave a monthly update on the police department. He stated he had hired Clint Smith as a police officer. Officer Smith thanked the board for giving him an opportunity to work with the Town.

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

Special Called Meeting
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 26, 2007
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

John M. May, owner of May Farm Associates, has requested that 82 acres he owns be annexed into the town limits. This property is located on the west side of Hwy. 581 south. The property consists of three parcels. Mike Stocks of Stocks Engineering stated that the property is in the process of being sold to Tands, Inc. which owns Bojangles Restaurants.

Liz Fairman, Town Attorney stated that the town could not approve the annexation until the town clerk investigated the sufficiency of the petition for annexation. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to authorize the town clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and report back to the board. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to set a date of the Public Hearing on question of annexation pursuant to G.S. 160 A-31. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for the December 10, 2007 meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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