

Minutes
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 8, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Marion Clark, Lee Bissett, Stanley Hawley and Clyde Best. Commissioner Bill Newkirk was absent. Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Murchison, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic.

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

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2007 and a Special Meeting of September 20, 2007. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Helen Bissette at 223 East Nash Street regarding asking permission to have goats to clean up her property. This request was turned down due to the ordinance.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance deleting as a Conditional Use in a Commercial Zone Churches and Funeral Homes. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At the present time, churches and funeral homes are allowed in the district as a conditional use. The town board and the planning board are considering changing the zoning ordinances. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that the central business district is zoned for retail. He stated that if the ordinances were changed, existing churches and funeral homes would be recognized as non-complying legal uses. They would be allowed to remain where they are, but they would not be allowed to expand. This request will be discussed at the October 18, 2007 Planning Board meeting and then brought back to the Board of Commissioner Meeting next month. Commissioner Best made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of approval of a Resolution approving the filing a CDBG for drainage improvement work on South Pine Street. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adopt a Resolution for filing an application for this grant. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

On September 12, 2005, the town board agreed to close Hazel Alley. There was never an ordinance drawn up at that time. Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt an ordinance closing Hazel Alley from Branch Street to Main Street. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the budget adjustment of \$ 3, 200 as miscellaneous revenues and expenditure for demolishing the house at 311 South Poplar Street. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The town received three bids and the lowest one was Al Colley from Rocky Mount.

Commissioner Best made a motion to transfer of \$ 153,530 from the water and sewer to the Capital Improvement Plan. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to release the taxes as presented per Nash County on the following:

Time Warner Cable-----	\$ 255.56-	remove late fee, clerical error.
Bedelia Tucker-----	4.71-	did not reside in town/01/01/07
Brenda/Larry Lamm-----	1.33-	did not operate 01/01/07
Maynor Hawkins-----	2.79-	mobile home torn down
Melvin/Barbara Hansen-----	31.31-	did not reside in town
Catherine Sandoval-----	7.50-	mobile home torn down
Airgate, PCS-----	31.14-	remove late fee, clerical error

Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of Recreation Agreement with Nash County:

Commissioner Best made a motion to enter into a Interlocal Agreement with the County of Nash for the Recreation Program with changes in Article 1, Sec 2.1- Repair in place of Install New rest rooms stalls, Article 3.2 county will be in charge of locking and unlocking doors when park in not in use. Community Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that Dorothy Nelson, Town Planning Board Member term expired as of June 30, 2007 and does not wish to serve another term. It was mention to ask Terri Allen if she would like to serve. Drew Griffin name was also mentioned.

Commissioner Best made a motion to make sure there is money in the Powell Bill Fund first before paving East Branch Street. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of possible upcoming grants and programs:

T-21 for Revitalization and the Depot

Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathways

Recreation

Water and Sewer Capital Improvements

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to reschedule our town meeting to Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. because of the Veteran Day Holiday on Monday, November 12, 2007. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tim Denton, Police Chief gave an update on the Police Department.

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