

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

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

Mayor Gwaltney opened the meeting and the invocation was given by Commissioner Best.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the minutes of July 9, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Clark and passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Lillie Brodie had a complaint of heavy traffic, loud music by her house on Wilder Drive. Chief Denton was asked to keep a check on that area. She also stated that someone had turned her water hose on for a few days and she was unaware of it. She was asking for an adjustment on her water bill because she knew it was going to be large.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Jodi Koviach with the Department of Community Assistance went over the changes that were made to the Subdivision Ordinance. There were no public comments. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Minor and Major changes to the Subdivision Ordinances. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding the rezoning of a lot at the northwest corner of North Ash Street and West Nash Street from an R-8 Zone to a Central Business Zone. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Melody Vallalobos wanted to operate a retail art/craft and antiques business at that location. Commissioner Best questioned if letters had been sent to the adjoining property owners concerning the rezoning. (There has not been any letters sent at this time) Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and passed unanimously. Commissioner Hawley stated that we should table this until the next meeting.

Jeff Whitley with EnviroLink, Inc. was present to discuss the overview of the proposed Cross Connection Control Ordinances. This ordinance will help protect the town's potable water supply against actual or potential contamination. He stated that in 2003, the state started requiring municipal water suppliers to adopt an ordinance to protect against the chance of back flow at certain businesses such as funeral homes, beauty shops, doctor's offices, laundries, garages, restaurants and schools. He stated that the customer would be required to install a backflow preventer at their cost. He stated they would have six months to install the backflow preventer after they are notified. Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Cross Connection Control Ordinances. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kevin Varnell, with Stocks Engineering was present to discuss the proposed water line replacement project. He stated that all galvanized water lines would be replaced with PVC lines on East Branch Street at a cost of \$29,000. The Walnut Street Project will be done next at a cost of \$ 52,000.

Mr. Holpe, Town Manager stated that he would check to see if funds would be available to repair the sink hole on South Ash Street. That cost would be approximately \$30,000.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve a contract with the Spring Hope Fire Department. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the salary increases for some police officers (see attached). Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion that the lease would be up for Spring Hope Church of God of Prophecy September 2, 2007 for the rental of the Spring Hope Auditorium. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Tim Denton, Chief gave an update on the police department. He stated he had two vacancies and had three applications at this time. He also thanked the board on behalf of the police department for the salaries increases.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to enter into a closed session for personnel issue. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.