

Minutes
of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 10, 2007
7:00 pm

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Murchison, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic; Hilary Hellons, Wilson Daily Times.

Also several citizens were present including six Boy Scouts from Troop # 148.

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

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2007 and a Called Special Meeting of November 26, 2007. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Senator A.B. Swindell administered the oath of office to newly elected Commissioner Stanley Hawley and Bill Newkirk.

Betsy Boykin, Town Clerk reported to the board the Certificate of Sufficiency. She stated that she had investigated the petition attached hereto and have found as a fact that said petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described therein in accordance with G.S. 160A-31. Commissioner Bissett made a motion to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go into a Public Hearing to discuss Voluntary Annexation Petition. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After some discussion, Commissioner Hawley made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Bissett and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adopt an Ordinance to Extend the Corporate Limits of the Town of Spring Hope. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding rezoning request of three tracts of land owned by May Farm Associates. Commissioner Hawley

seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Holpe, Town Manager reported on the Planning Commission's recommendation and Statement of Consistency regarding the rezoning request and amendment to the zoning ordinance. Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to close the Public Hearing and enter back to the regular session, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to accept the re-zoning request and the zoning ordinance amendment. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Gerrelene Walker, CPA gave the audit report for fiscal year 2006-2007.

John Holpe, Town Manager discussed Safe Routes to School Program. He stated he held a Kick-Off Committee Meeting on November 27, 2007 with some of the school staff members and county commissioner Danny Tyson. Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to authorize the town manager to apply for a grant with the Department of Transportation, Safe Routes to School Programs, seconded by Commissioner Hawley and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated we have been paying Phillip Hinton out of Cemetery Contingency, He stated that if we were going to keep him working this winter, we need to make a budget adjustment of \$ 1,000. Commissioner Bissett stated that we need to try to get the inmates before making the adjustment.

Commissioner Bissett made motion to approve a budget adjustment for \$5,000 from fund balance to the Spaulding Auditorium Enterprise Fund. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of the review of wording for the new town hall plaque and a date and time for the dedication of the new town hall.

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