

Minutes
Of the
Recessed Meeting
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 4, 2007
6:00 pm

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

Mayor Gwaltney opened the meeting.

John Holpe, Town Manager went over the Water and Sewer Budget, Water and Sewer Rate Schedule and Capital Improvement Plan. The water and sewer rate schedule was put on hold until he hears from Dean Byers with the Rural Water Association.

John Holpe, Town Manager also went over the General Fund Budget which included all the departments. In the Administrative Department includes part-time help and a copier.
For Capital Improvements: Community Building, Boy Scout Hut and our local match in the CDBG, recycling, Education and Training and License Fees for Grass Cutters.

A Budget Public Hearing was set for Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 6:00 pm at the Community Building.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go into closed session regarding personnel, Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After discussion, Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go out of closed session. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Minutes
Of the
Regular Meeting of the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
June 11, 2007
7:00 pm

Members present: Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Marion Clark, Bill Newkirk, Clyde Best and Lee Bissett. Commissioner Hawley was absent. Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic; Justin Boulmay, Rocky Mount Telegram.

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

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2007, May 21, 2007; and June 4, 2007. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Forum:

Bishop Thomas Davis and Carolyn Baker with the Church of God of Prophecy spoke to the board regarding rental of the Spaulding Auditorium. They had been renting the auditorium from the town for the last two years and the lease did not expire until September 2007. He stated that a rumor had gotten out that the church was not paying the rent. Commissioners stated that was an untrue rumor and they apologized to Bishop Thomas Davis, pastor of the church and agreed the church had done nothing wrong.

Michael Stephenson with the Nash Arts Council was not present, but he had sent a letter asking support of a "Sunday in the Park" type concert. It was tabled until the next meeting for Mr. Stephenson could explain it more to the board.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the Tax Write Off; Water Write Off, and Release and Discoveries of Taxes (see attached). Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to adopt a Resolution to Continue in the Small Town Main Street Program. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve a Resolution to adopt the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan with Nash County. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he check on recycling with Wyatt McGhee with Upper Coastal Plain of Government. They do not collect recycling and also do not have any dumpsters. He stated that he would have some options available at June 21, 2007 meeting.

Commissioner Best made a motion to enter into an agreement with the Nash County Board of Elections. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion for a request for Department of Transportation study to have a traffic control device placed at the intersection of South Walnut Street and Second Street. Mr. Holpe was asked to write a letter to Department of Transportation to take a look at that site.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve a budget adjustment of \$7200 to Water and Sewer Revenues and Expenditure account of 30-8100-9600. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that vehicles park at South Pine Street and West Main Street, blocking the view of other vehicles. The board considered putting No Parking Signs the

Commissioner Best made a motion to give a 2% COLA and merit raise. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best stated that we need to write a letter to the State asking them if they would take up the railroad tracks at all railroad crossings.

There was a discussion on home delivery mail. Commissioner Best made a motion to pass a resolution asking the post office for home delivery in town. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. John Holpe, Town Manager stated he would contact the legislation about home delivery in town.

Commissioner Best made a motion to recess the meeting until June 21 at 6:00 pm at which time a Budget Public Hearing would be held at the community building on the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes
Of the
Recessed Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
And Budget Hearing
June 21, 2007
6:00 pm

Members present: Commissioners Marion Clark, Stanley Hawley and Clyde Best. Mayor Buddy Gwaltney, Commissioners Bill Newkirk, and Lee Bissett were absent. Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic; Justin Boulmay, Rocky Mount Telegram; Joe Burnette, Spring Hope Enterprise; Hillary Hellon, Wilson Daily Times.

Mayor Pro Tem Marion Clark reconvenes the meeting.

John Holpe, Town Manager reviews the budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Michael Stephenson with the Nash Arts Council was present asking support from the town. Commissioner Hawley stated that he needed to come back at a later meeting when all of the commissioners were present.

Joe Wilkinson talked about a grant that the Revitalization Board got back in 1986. Mayor Pro Tem Clark asked him to bring it back at our regular meeting.

Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Budget Hearing and go into the regular meeting. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to accept the 2007-2008 budget as presented by John Holpe, Town Manager. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes
Of the
Special Called Meeting
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
June 27, 2007
12:00 pm

Members present: Commissioners Marion Clark, Clyde Best, Bill Newkirk, Stanley Hawley. Mayor Buddy Gwaltney and Commissioner Lee Bissett were absent. Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager, Amanda Clark, and Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Pro Tem Clark opened the meeting.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the following budget adjustments:

Revenue Item:	Account #	Amount
Misc. Revenue	10-3350-0000	\$16,000
Expenditure Item	Account #	Amount
New Town Hall	10-5000-7300	\$5,000
Contracted Services Sanitation	10-5800-7300	\$11,000

Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.