

Minutes  
Of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
September 10, 2007  
7:00 p.m.

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

There were several citizens present. Mayor Gwaltney opened the meeting and invocation was given by Commissioner Newkirk.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to go in a Public Hearing regarding rezoning of a lot at 201 North Ash Street from Residential 8 to either Central Business or to Central Business Special Use for Retail/Office. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. After discussion Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve a Special Use Permit in a R-8 Zone. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing regarding filing of a CDBG application for storm drainage improvement work on South Pine Street at JHRG, Inc. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. David Cox with RSM Harris Associates, Inc. presented the budget for this project: \$190,000- Estimated Construction & Engineering Cost \$ 18,000- Administrative Cost The total cost of the project, minus the \$24,000 , the value of the pipe to be contributed by D.O.T. would be \$ 184,000, 75% CDBG grant would be \$ 138,000 and 25% Local Match would be \$ 46,000. Carolina Gateway Partnership has made a commitment of \$ 12,500, Owner of the Property, \$ 6,200 and the town share would be \$ 27,300. Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. There was a discussion of this project and it was decided to let the engineer come to the board and work everything out to keep the water from going under the building at JHRG, Inc.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go back to the regular session. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that a list of Permitted Conditional Uses in a Central Business Zone was in the agenda packet. There will be a Public Hearing held at the next meeting to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

The Interlocal Agreement between the County of Nash and Town of Spring Hope concerning Recreation was tabled until later.

There was a discussion concerning amending its junked motor vehicle ordinance or adopting a new one which would define a junked motor vehicle as any vehicle without a license tag or current registration. The statutes do not provide for such a broad definition of "junked motor vehicle". Mark Edwards, Town Attorney was asked to look into the issue.

The Board of Adjustment needs a replacement for Don Smith (deceased). Commissioner Bissett made a motion to appoint Jody Langford for the town alternate. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to approve the Spaulding Enterprise Fund Budget for 2007-2008. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bishop Davis and Carolyn Baker with the Church of God of Prophecy were present to discuss with the board, why the board will not let them rent the Spaulding Auditorium for church services anymore. Commissioner Hawley stated that he had no problem but he did not want the building tied up every Sunday. The board decided if the building was not rented they could rent it.

Mark Edwards, Town Attorney stated that a motion to close Hazel Alley had previously been approved, but no written ordinance. The attorney was asked to draw up an ordinance for closing Hazel Alley.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that a Retirement Party would be held for Earl Wilkins, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Western Sizzlin Steak House in Rocky Mount.

Tim Denton, Chief gave an update on the Police Department. He stated that the department currently has 3 full time openings. Officer Brandon Rush submitted his resignation effective September 10<sup>th</sup>. He stated that background investigations are underway on some applicants. Also he has sent out letters for assistance from other agencies for the Pumpkin Festival.

Commissioner Newkirk stated that one day a week is not working well for picking up garbage for the businesses. He stated we need to go back and look at recycling contract at a cheaper rate and go back to picking it up 2 times a week.

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