

**Minutes  
of the  
Regular Meeting  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners  
April 10, 2006  
7:00 pm**

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic.

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

Commissioner Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2006. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Zachery Lamm gave his report on his completed report on his Eagle Scout Project. He thanked the board for helping him with this project. He had pictures of everything that he had done at the park. The board commented on his report and thanked him for what he had done. He had made improvements to the picnic shelter, picnic tables and benches, grills, the basketball court and the walking track.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Ordinances. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was no discussion, Commissioner Hawley made a motion to closed the Public Hearing and enter back into the Regular Meeting, Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adopt the first reading of the New Zoning Ordinances. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Best stated that the changes that have been made will be a benefit to the town

Derek Hawkes, with The Wooten Company and John Boykin, EnviroLink gave a status report on the Water and Sewer Distribution System which included evaluating the existing water distribution system and to determine need improvements, identify undersized lines, adequacy fire flows, need to

replace lines, pressure problems and elevated storage capacity, recommended and cost estimate of improvements

G. W. Warren had a lot in town that he wanted to donate to the town. The size of the lot is 50 x 110 feet. The board asked Mark Edwards, Town Attorney to draft a deed for the said lot. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to accept the donation of a lot given by G.W. Warren. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager was requesting authorization to declare as surplus property of old equipment and etc. Commissioner Newkirk made a motion authorizing the town manager to dispose of said surplus property. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Spring Hope's Small Main Street Group presented a letter to the board stating that they would like to send to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Evangeline Ezeilo spoke on behalf of the Main Street Group. They were asking the town to enter into a lease agreement with the NCDOT Rail Division that the town could use and to beautify the open land around the railroad between Highway 581 and Ash Street. The improvements would include open land surrounding the Historic Depot "Central Park Area" as well as the graveled lot between Pine Street and Highway 581. Some of the improvements would include a movable stage, design landscaped beds, benches, decorative and shade trees, angled parking and an information Kiosk. Ms. Ezeilo was asking permission to send the letter on behalf of the town. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to send the letter to Stephen Head, NC DOT Staff Engineer, Rail Division in Raleigh. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager request for a budget amendment in the water and sewer account number 30-8100-5500 to change the name from Sewer Jet to Backhoe. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to make the change for budget amendment to purchase a backhoe. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager recommended adding members to the Recreation Association. As stated in the Recreation Ordinances, Chapter XIII, Section 2: The Appointment of Recreation Association Board of Director. Mark Edwards stated that recreation board could not appoint members as of the ordinances. The ordinance needed to be amended. Commissioner Best stated we needed to have some control over the ballpark. Commissioner Newkirk recommended the town manager to take care of this problem. Commissioner Best suggested that the town manager work it out and bring it back to the board.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to adopt the Resolution requesting NCDOT to Clean Interchange of U.S. 64 Bypass at Highway 581 and to Plant Shrubs/Flowers. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager requested authorization to advertise for bids for street paving (List Attached). The board gave him permission to advertise for bids on these streets.

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