

**Regular Meeting
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
January 9, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

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

Also present: Mark Edwards, Town Attorney; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Geoff Cantrell, Nashville Graphic; John Ramsey, Rocky Mount Telegram.

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

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2005. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Gwaltney administered the oath of office to Commissioner-elect Lee Bissett.

Public Forum:

Eddie Brinkley stated that the ditch adjoining his side of his property was not draining properly.

Commissioner Bissett stated that he thought it was the town's ditch. Mayor Gwaltney stated that he would check to see what more could be done and get back with him.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to approve the Contract for Legal Services with Fields and Cooper from February 1, 2006 to January 31, 2007. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to approve the 2006 Holiday Schedule:

New Year's Day January 2
Monday
Martin Luther King Jr's January 16
Monday
Good Friday April 14
Friday
Memorial Day May 29
Monday
Independence Day July 4
Tuesday
Labor Day September 4
Monday
Veteran's Day November 10
Friday
Thanksgiving November 23 & 24
Thursday & Friday

Christmas December 25 & 26
Monday & Tuesday

George Meeks Jr. Public Work Director stated that he met with Rian's Paving Company on the morning of January 9th concerning pot holes in need of repair. They were Ash and Pine Streets, intersection of Mclean and Walnut Street, Wilder Drive, McLean and Hopkins.

He stated that a portion of Barbee Street needed to be dug out and asphalt the entire part of that street. Commissioner Newkirk stated we need to get a quote from Rian's Paving to repair these pot holes.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the Employment Contract for John Holpe as the town manager. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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