

MINUTES  
OF THE  
TOWN OF SPRING HOPE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2006  
7:00 P.M.

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

Also present: John Holpe, Town Manager; Liz Fairman, Town Attorney; Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise; Amanda Clark, Nashville Graphic. Mark Edwards, Town Attorney was absent due to illness.

Mayor Pro Tem Marion Clark called the meeting to order and the invocation was given by Commissioner Best.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> with corrections. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public Forum: Edna Denton. She was not present but she had talked to the town manager earlier about lots adjoining her property with high grass.

Commissioner Best made a motion to go into a Public Hearing on the Budget for FY-06-07. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dylan Bunch presented the Revitalization Board Budget Report. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that the Revitalization Board wanted to roll over approximately \$ 4,000 for next year. They were asking to take the money from the Business licenses which would set up a matching grant fund for business improvement projects. Business owners who want to improve their store fronts may receive a grant of up to \$ 500.00 after submitting a report. They will be reviewed based on criteria. A maximum grant of \$500 will allow to aid six businesses. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. John Holpe, town manager stated that he would take it out of contingency fund or unappropriated fund balance.

Commissioner Best made a motion to close the Public Hearing and enter back to the Regular Session. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to roll over \$ 4,000 from the current fiscal year, plus an additional \$ 1,000 for new years' budget and add additional \$3,000. The money will be used to replace each trash can that needs it rather than replacing them all at once. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Town Manager proposed budget changes for Fiscal Year 06-07:

- Add \$ 12,000 to General Fund Revenues and \$12,000 to Expenditures 10-7100-00 for rollover of Powell Bill Funds for portion of Backhoe payment.
- Add \$4,808 to General Fund Revenues and \$4,808 to Buildings Expenditures for rollover of unspent Revitalization Funds.
- Consideration of decreasing General Fund Revenues by \$ 52,470 for Fire District Tax and by deleting Fire Department Contribution of \$52,470.
- Consideration of adding \$50,000 to the Water and Sewer Revenues from Unappropriated Fund Balance and by adding \$ 50,000 to Water and Sewer for continuation of dead end line loop project and water tank gate value improvement work.
- Consideration of authorizing the town manager to make budget adjustments from one line item to another within a department.
- Proposed New General Fund 06-07 Budget is 998,409 with a \$.62 tax rate
- The proposed 06-07 Water and Sewer Budget is \$479,401 with no rate change
- Total proposed 06-07 Budget is \$1,477,810

Commissioner Best made a motion for the First Reading and approval of Budget Ordinances for FY-06-07. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the water bills write off. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to adopt a resolution to continue the Spring Hope Small Main Street Program. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kurt Bass was present to discuss the Town Recreation and the Recreation Association asking the board to place members on the board. John Holpe, town manager mention Allen Proctor, Sandra and Roger Morris. Commissioner Best stated that two of those members were not in town. The board asked Kurt Bass to recommend two town residents to be added to the Recreation Association Board of Directors. After some discussion, Commissioner Best stated that he will represent the town board as an ex officio non voting director,

After some discussion concerning the Planning Board reappointment, Commissioner Best made a motion to table the vote of the Planning Board members. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, town manager stated that Robert Williams had asked him about moving the election at the Community Building. Before that happens some improvements would need to be done. A handicapped parking space would need to be installed. Commissioner Best made motion to bring the building code up to standards; we need to install a handicapped parking space. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he had a proposal for \$ 1,400. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Town Board requested that the Nash County Board of Commissioners consider the adoption of a resolution to change the boundaries of the Spring Hope Fire Tax District by increasing the sum to include the territorial area within the corporate limits of the Town. The fire tax will be collected directly by the county. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adopt a Resolution to change the Boundaries of the Spring Hope Fire Tax District. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to adopt a Resolution ratifying and confirming the Relationship between The Town of Spring Hope, Nash County and Nash County's Outside Cable Consultant and Attorney with Respect to Representations of Cable Matters. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion for a Budget adjustment from Fund Balance for two invoices for Architect/Engineering fees for the New Town Hall Project. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that Dennis Perkerson had the low bid to demolish the platform at the Library. Also, all of Wilkins Street was not in the town limits. Williams Paving paved that part in town. There is 450 feet of Wilkins Street that is not in town and it should be paved by October 1, 2006.

Tim Denton, Chief of Police gave his report. He stated that Michael Marshall will be the next police officer. He has had eight years of experiences. He stated that the Police Department had gotten the grant from the Crime Control Commission.

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