

Minutes
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 8, 2006
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Mayor Gwaltney presided and the invocation was given by Commissioner Newkirk.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2006 and the Retreat Meeting of April 22, 2006. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to go into a Public Hearing of the Planning Commission Recommendations for Rezoning two parcels. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The first Public Hearing was to rezone from Central Business and Residential Multi-Family to Special Use Conditional. Light manufacturing the portion of property at 212 South Pine Street going southward on Pine Street to about midway to intersection of Pine and Ash Street. The request was brought to the board by Johnny Kennedy, who owns Kennedy Bus Parts. Richard Morgan owns the property that Kennedy's business is on but plans to sell both the property and the building to Mr. Kennedy. He was interested in rezoning the property on Pine Street as well a building behind it and two acres beyond. There was a discussion of an alley that crosses the property of 212 South Pine Street. Mark Edwards, Town Attorney told the board he wasn't sure if the alley belonged to the town or to someone else. He stated that since the alley wasn't part of the request, the board could go ahead and approve it, if they wished.

The other parcel to be rezoned from General Business to Residential 15, the parcel of property Located on south side of US 64 East Alternate immediately east of intersection of US 64 East Alternate and Louisburg Rd. John Holpe, Town Manager stated the property was currently being used as a residence as well as a daycare. Mr. and Mrs. Jones wanted to purchase this property, but the bank would not loan them the money until the property was rezoned.

After discussion, Commissioner Bissett made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearings and enter back into the Regular Meeting. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bissett made a motion to approve the first reading of the two rezoning issues as recommended by the Planning Board, Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Small Main Street Group has requested an approval to place Downtown Informational Signs in the Downtown Area. Commissioner Bissett made a motion approving the placing of these signs in the Downtown area. The town manager and the police chief will check to see where the best location to install them. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was a discussion of appointing additional members to the Recreation Association. Commissioner Hawley stated that the two or three additional members should be residents in

Town and out of town. Mayor Gwaltney stated that we need to look at some names and find out if they are willing to work. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to table this discussion until next month meeting when all members are present.

The financial assistance to the Recreation Association was going to be discussed but Commissioner Hawley made a motion to table this decision until next month meeting. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lillie Brodie was present and voiced concern over the lots on Wilder Drive. John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he would look into it. Mayor Gwaltney stated we need to contact Bobby Jones, the owner about cutting it.

There are five members of the Planning Board, whose term expires in June, 2006. It was suggested to wait until next month to give other people an opportunity to serve on the board.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to transfer \$ 9,000 from Account # 30-8100-0200 to Account # 30-8100-4502. Commissioner Newkirk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he had some proposals on repairing the depot platform. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to give the project to the lowest bidder. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Holpe, Town Manager stated that he will be attending a Community Development Block Grant Economic Development Workshop on May 17th – 19th.

A Budget Workshop was schedule for May 10th, Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Newkirk made a motion to close the regular meeting and go into a closed session regarding contract negotiation. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously