

Minutes
Of the
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 9, 2006
7:00 pm

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

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

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Best made a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2006, September 18, 2006 and September 25, 2006. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Russell Pearlman with The Wooten Company reviewed the plans for the New Town Hall. Commissioner Best made a motion to submit the final plans for the construction of the new town hall to USDA for approval, and then the architects will put the bids out for construction. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to purchase the property adjoining the town hall for \$65,000; a donation of \$10,000 will go back to the town from Erader Mills. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

John Boykin with EnviroLink, Inc was present to give an update on the town water and sewer system. He stated that the wells were capable of producing up to 257,760 gallons of water per day at full capacity. Commissioner Best stated that we have a good system here and going with the county water system would be expensive at this time. Mr. Holpe, town manager stated that the current cost for producing water in Spring Hope is \$.87 cents per thousand or about \$43,000 a year. The Wooten Company stated it would cost nearly \$300,000 a year based on buying 155,000 gallons of water per day at a bulk rate cost of \$5.67 per thousand. Mr. Holpe stated that he was scheduling meetings with the county officials to get more information on this project. John Boykin stated that the sewer system needs some upgrades, regarding its wastewater filter system which uses a trickling filter technology which has been abandoned by most towns.

Commissioner Clark stated that we were going to bring the matter back up of selling plots in the Stallings Annex Section of the Oakdale Cemetery. She made a motion to start back selling lots. Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Holpe, Town Manager requested that all Spaulding Gym Renters that have dances need to obtain and pay for certified police officers to be at the gym during the dances. Commissioner Best made a motion to accept John Holpe's proposal and to get with the Police Chief to work this problem out. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Best made a motion to adjust the budget for \$55,000 for the property adjoining the town hall and the recording fee of \$ 797.00 and also approve the overtime for the Pumpkin Festival. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss personnel for the Police Department. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Hawley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bissett. There was more discussion.

The board voted to rent a temporary location during the construction of the New Town Hall. The location will be at the corner of Main Street and Pine Street. Commissioner Hawley made a motion to allow Mr. Holpe to pay the owner, Eugene Griffin, a \$500.00 non-refundable deposit, the rent per month with repairs to the bathroom facilities that needed to be upgraded, at the owner expense. Other repairs needed would be split between the town and the owner. Commissioner Best seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.