

Minutes  
Of the  
Spring Hope Retreat Meeting  
Spring Hope Town Hall  
April 22, 2006  
9:00 am

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

Also present: Ken Ripley, Spring Hope Enterprise and Dylan Bunch with RBC.

A discussion regarding Banking Services: It was mention at the March 2006 regular meeting about all of the towns invested funds and banking services being in one Bank; while having another bank in town. Mr. Holpe met with David Dickerson with First Citizens Bank and discussed with him the possibility of the town sharing some of its investments fund with RBC. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the board to take the Water and Sewer Money Market Account from First Citizens Bank and moved it to RBS in two weeks.

**DEPOT PLATFORM:**

Mr. Holpe, Town Manager stated that the Town owns the platform; but not the land underneath the platform. If the platform is to be repaired/replaced, the town needs a longer term lease with D.O.T. on the land beneath the depot. If the platform is to be removed, D.O.T. needs to be notified and the town will have to sign a hold harmless document with Department of Transportation. He stated that he met with representatives of several group:

**LIBRARY**

This would like to restore it if possible, not that much for replacement if it couldn't be restored.

**HISTORICAL:**

They stated to tear it down, if can't restore it.

**MERCHANTS OF THE SMALL MAIN STREET GROUP:**

They were not opposed to tearing it down. Some were concern about the expense that would be involved in repairing the structure. Mr. Holpe had received 3 quotes on repairing the depot platform. Commissioner Clark made a motion to remove the platform from the depot. Commissioner Hawley seconded the motion and passed unanimously. The board recommended Mr. Holpe, Town Manager to make the observation and go with the low bid.

**CEMETERIES:**  
**IMPROVEMENTS:**

Some suggested improvements to the new section of the Oakdale Cemetery:

- 1) Flag Pole
- 2) Driveway Area
- 3) Shrubbery & Flowers
- 4) Walkways
- 5) Benches

Mr. Holpe stated that the town has had problem with the maps and records of Oakdale Cemetery.

He suggested that a surveyor needs to come out to see what could be done, maybe select a committee to design these improvements. He stated that we need to set aside funds in the upcoming budget for these improvements. Commissioner Best stated that we needed to sell the new section of Oakdale Cemetery and get out of the cemetery business just maintain what we have. Commissioner Best made a motion to put a moratorium of selling anymore lots in the new section of Oakdale, Section 4, Stallings Annex. until a decision is made. Commissioner Bissett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**NEW TOWN HALL**

Mr. Holpe stated that he talked to Mark Hurt with Mack Gay & Associates. He was going to look at the blueprints drawn up by The Wooten Company and see what he could do with them. He stated one company could do all the work. He will be getting back with him in two weeks and he will be pin pointing the cost. A design building concept with one selected contractor could lead to a turnkey building in six months for a least twenty nine percent, less cost about \$ 600.00 by eliminating supervision by engineers.

**INTERIM TOWN HALL**

The Animal Shack building at corner of Railroad and Pine Street is available. Mr. Holpe stated that he like for the commissioners to authorize him to negotiate a lease on the Animal Shack building and to line up and proceed with everything involved in the moving process on or before September 1, 2006. He also stated that he would like authorization to request that the Volunteer Fire Department consider letting the police department operate out of that facility during the interim.

### **ANNEXATIONS**

Mr. Holpe stated that he had heard a lot of comments about the town needing to grow and develop through annexation. The board suggested that Mr. Holpe prepare a comprehensive annexation plan for the board's consideration.

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