

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
April 7, 2014
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 102,556.36
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	20,473.56
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	90,221.56
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,126.43
Total		\$303,408.69

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Brian Wood, Commissioner

Absent

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

Clerk Dale administered the oath of office to the new Planning Board members: Anne Baxter, John Crew, Ashley Jones, Bill Rianhard, and Charles Rogers. The clerk reported that she had administered the oath to Connie Grimes, Planning Board member, earlier in the day. Mayor Richter thanked the Planning Board for their voluntary service for the Town of Washington Park.

Danny Meadows of Draper Aden Associates spoke regarding the east end of Isabella Avenue storm water. Mr. Meadows presented a proposal which would include online topography, GIS maps, a survey with ditch cross-sections, and a final engineering evaluation for the Board. The cost of this proposal is \$6000. Discussion followed regarding possible solutions for handling water on Town property. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Meadows for attending the meeting.

Mayor Richter asked Commissioner Bowen to get estimates from St. Clair Trucking for the three alternatives outlined by Draper Aden in the preliminary study. It was decided not to pursue the newest proposal from Draper Aden at this time.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

Old Business

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: no further update at this time.

Tilter for the garbage truck: Commissioner Bowen has received the parts and will try to complete the work this month.

Attaching unpaid violation fees to property tax bills: The clerk said that she had spoken with David Harris at the Beaufort County Tax Collector's office. The Tax Office does not

provide this service. Mr. Harris said that the City of Washington participates in the NC Local Government Debt Setoff Program which attaches the fees to NC state tax refunds and lottery winnings. No further action required on this item.

Budget FY 2014-15: Based on increased recent break-ins, Commissioner Nash will look into security camera costs and report back to the Board. Mayor Richter reported that he, Mayor pro tem Peacock, and the clerk had met with City Manager Allgood and City Finance Officer Rauschenbach regarding the Fire/EMS contract with City of Washington. The current three-year contract expires June 30, 2014. The current contract price is \$33,847. The City of Washington made an initial proposal of \$71,457 based on the net cost per City resident. Several other proposals were discussed. Final determination by the Washington City Council will be made during their budget discussions later this month. Mayor Richter is also speaking with the County Manager regarding the availability of Bunyan Fire District services for Washington Park. Commissioner Nash made a motion to authorize Mayor Richter and Mayor pro tem Peacock to go to the City of Washington with a four-year contract proposal for the current rate (.064/\$100) plus 10%. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

New Business

Mayor pro tem Peacock read a letter from Laura Darre' asking for a copy of the current rules on golf carts in Washington Park and her concerns about legalization of golf carts. Mayor Richter will write a letter to Ms. Darre' stating that the Town of Washington Park has no ordinance and does not intend to adopt one.

Mayor Richter said that Bill Rianhard had asked him about the possibility of a "no wake zone" near the bridge at Havens Gardens. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to have Mayor Richter work with the City of Washington and Wildlife Resource Commission to explore a "no wake zone" from the Havens Gardens boat launch out into the Pamlico River past Worthy Point. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Young Life 5K Glow Race had 380 participants on April 5, 2014. He also reported that there will be a 5K for Parkinson's on May 17, 2014; the Northside FFA 5K has been rescheduled to June 8, 2014; the Triathlon will be held on June 28, 2014; and a wedding scheduled on the waterfront (Hugh Sorrell's son) on September 27, 2014.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there had been a burglary at 400 Riverside Drive and a burglary at 520 Isabella Avenue this past month. There have also been break-ins in unlocked cars.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen -- said that he has not been able to contact Mr. Barwick at Ammex Paving about re-paving. He will continue to call him. At David Gossett's request, Commissioner Bowen has contacted Ross Boyer who agreed to look at Maple Creek and estimate the debris cleanup. St. Clair Trucking has given an estimate of \$970 to replace the pipe under Sawyer/Boyd properties on Bank Street. Commissioner Nash made a motion to have St. Clair do this work for \$970. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all. Commissioner Bowen reported that Mr. Wood and the men have

fixed the ditch at 606 Fairview. He said that he and Mr. Wood would look at the drainage at 112 Riverside Drive. He has spoken with the resident at 415 Bank Street about the possible use of geo-grid for erosion control in the ditch. The resident at 404 College Avenue had asked about drainage behind and next to their house. Commissioner Bowen determined that both areas are private and should be discussed with adjoining property owners regarding drainage.

Commissioner Wood – reported that he is waiting for trees to show growth at 322 Riverside Drive and 112 Riverside Drive before making decisions on removal.

Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about grading the alley between Pine and Walnut to reverse the crown to help drainage. Mr. Wood reported that he had spoken with St. Clair Trucking and had an estimate of 10 loads of material @ \$400 per load to fix the alley. Commissioner Dale made a motion fix the drainage in the alley between Pine and Walnut by grading and filling with “crush and run” material not to exceed \$4000. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that she had written a letter of Zoning Compliance for an addition to the residence at 124 Spruce Street. She reported on behalf of the supervisor that NCDOT had delivered street paint for Washington Park; that Alvin will take a vacation week at the end of April; and that repainting stobs was an upcoming project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park