

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
April 2, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 68,279.26
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	57,200.09
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	11,868.33
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	88,588.49
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,359.89
Total		\$295,296.06

Present

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Absent

Thomas Richter, Mayor

Mayor pro tem Peacock called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Jonathon Boyd who spoke regarding the ditch and culvert behind his house. He stated that he owns both sides of the ditch and wants to build a fence around his property. Commissioner Wilkinson said that he and Mr. Boyd had been talking and proposed letting Mr. Boyd extend the culvert eight feet at Mr. Sawyer's ditch so when Mr. Boyd erects his fence, he will not have a hole under the fence. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to have Jonathan Boyd buy the tile for the ditch and Washington Park would pay for St. Clair to grade the ditch for a maximum of \$500. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all. Also, Mr. Boyd asked if he could remove the four stumps in the ditch prior to St. Clair doing the grading. Commissioner Bowen made a motion for Mr. Boyd to remove the stumps with Commissioner Wilkinson coordinating the scope of the work. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock introduced John Rodman, City of Washington Planning Director. He spoke about the City of Washington's annexation policy as it relates to utility extensions. He explained that it is the City's policy to require any commercial development or multi-family development who desires to connect property outside the City corporate limits to City utilities to agree to submit a petition for annexation. He provided handouts which showed the Family Dollar construction on River Road with maps, as well as the standards for annexation agreements. Mr. Rodman said that the City of Washington has not done any involuntary annexation since 1995 and does not have any formal plans at this time. He suggested that there be meetings to discuss agreements with the City of Washington and the Town of Washington Park regarding areas of development and potential annexation. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Rodman for coming.

Mr. Wood gave his report. The windows of the Municipal Building are being recaulked; an outside receptacle has been replaced; the Tot Lot timbers are in and the area under the monkey bars will be tilled; and the tractor has a new head gasket and flashing lights.

He reported that the tractor and other implements need to be under cover and proposed a 30' x 10' shelter with a shingled roof on the north side of the shed. His estimate is \$600-\$700 for materials with in-house labor. He also said that he will wait until fall to replace the roof on the Municipal Building. The garbage truck is running fine, but the dump truck body cannot be fixed as the bed is rusted out.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

Old Business

Maple Creek tree: Commissioner Nash said that Mr. Talley said that it was Mr. Bagwell's property, but that the tree is not obstructing flow of Maple Creek and asked that the item be removed from Old Business.

Mac Jones' ditch: Commissioner Wilkinson said that Ross Boyer is trying to get to it, hopefully within the next week.

Budget scoping: Commissioner Bowen provided information on affordable alternatives for used trash trucks. Commissioner Pagnani provided a preliminary budget handout asking the Board to consider earmarking funds for replacement of rolling stock; to make any budget changes in their areas of responsibility; and to think about any tax rate changes necessary for next year's budget.

New Business

Commissioner Bowen asked about the resident using Roundup in the ditch on College Avenue. The clerk reported that Mr. Wood had spoken with the resident and will monitor the situation.

Commissioner Wilkinson said that he had spoken with Bettie Bonner Bradshaw regarding the sweet gum tree on the corner of her property and suggested to her that she come before the Board if she wants to remove the tree.

Reports

Commissioner Pagnani – provided monthly financial handouts to the Board.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there were no additional issues in the Park, but there had been car break-ins in North Shores this past Saturday night. He said that he had spoken with Sammy Corey regarding new Community Watch signs and the suggestion of a particular color of reflective tape for residents of Washington Park to aid in identification of property.

Commissioner Wilkinson – had a \$1500 estimate from St. Clair Trucking to install driveway and pipe in the inverted ditch at Jonathan Boyd's property. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to accept the \$1500 St. Clair proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all. Commissioner Wilkinson also had an estimate of \$2500 from Ross Boyer to run elevations and clean out the ditch from Hickory Street to River Road adding rock to make the ditch less deep and allow a positive flow of storm water toward River Road from Hickory Street. Commissioner Nash made a motion to accept the \$2500 estimate from Ross Boyer for this work. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Commissioner Wilkinson also provided handouts from Amick Equipment with an estimate of \$27,370 to replace the body of the dump truck with a custom-made body. Mayor pro tem Peacock, Mr. Wood, Commissioner Bowen and Commissioner Wilkinson will meet to look at the present dump truck body and report back to the Board next month.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that Leo from AMF had straightened the big slide and also welded some areas of the slide. Commissioner Bowen and the clerk will be looking at certified playground mulch prices.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – said that Richard Pfeiffer’s pecan tree is not budding yet and may be dead. He will discuss this at the next board meeting. He also said that he cannot find live oaks for planting, but that crape myrtles run \$25-\$30 and dogwoods run \$20-\$30 and some are available at Plant and See in Greenville. He also said that he would contact Ross Boyer regarding prices of trees.

Clerk’s Report

The clerk reported that there would be a Flanders Corporation Wellness Works 5K Run on Saturday, May 12, through Washington Park at 8:00 am; that she would be attending Clerks’ School in Leland on Friday April 27 for human resources; and she said that the School of Government will be having a recorded ethics webinar for sale for \$125 in June. The Board expressed interest in buying the recorded webinar for use of the entire Board.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park