

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
August 3, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 92,097.32
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	45,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	13,359.67
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,536.15
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>71,613.52</u>
Total		<b>\$ 302,606.66</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Patrick Nash, Commissioner

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

Mayor Richter called on Keith Hardt of the City of Washington Electric Utilities to talk about tree trimming in Washington Park around utility lines. Mr. Hardt said that he had met with Mayor pro tem Peacock, Commissioner Wood, and Clerk Dale and had identified major areas of concern regarding trees and power lines in Washington Park. Mayor Richter said that as he understood the situation, WEU would cut back and get trees in shape, and that the Town of Washington Park, if they chose, would maintain the trees under the lines. Mr. Hardt said that the height of the trees would depend upon the type of tree. He said that the goal for the WEU is to spray and mow only within the utility right-of-way, but that the utility is willing to work with the Town. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wood made a motion for the Town of Washington Park to enter into an agreement with Washington Electric Utilities that WEU would initially cut trees on Washington Park property only and that the Town of Washington Park would maintain the trees subsequently, with property owners dealing with WEU on an individual basis. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Discussion followed. Passed by all. Mr. Hardt said that he would speak with WEU officials about underground lines in Washington Park that could be included in future budgets. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Hardt for his time and continuing consideration for this project.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

**Old Business**

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen will speak further with the Talleys regarding their building plans to ascertain how the drainage on Isabella Avenue will be affected.

No wake zone: no report.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: Commissioner Wood reported that he and Mayor pro tem Peacock met with Mr. Slade of Slade Landscaping. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to allow Slade Landscaping to come into Three Acre Wood, pick up, remove the dead trees, and grind the undergrowth for no more than \$4000. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Fire contract: no report.

Boats on the waterfront: There are currently no derelict boats on the waterfront. Commissioner Bowen brought up stickers for boats for residents which had been discussed in previous meetings. Discussion followed. It was decided that as there is no enforcement available at this time, the issue should be removed from the agenda and tabled indefinitely.

Geothermal: Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding private residents using Town property to move geothermal discharge to the river. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion that would have the Town attorney draw up an agreement to allow Dr. Taylor to move his geothermal discharge under Riverside Drive, then along the south side of Riverside Drive then west to Selden Taylor's property with legal expenses to be paid by petitioner (Dr. Taylor). Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all.

Fence ordinance: Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding the height and lack of transparency of the fence at 206 River Road. Safety, security, cost, and time issues for a change to the ordinance, as well as the enforcement of the existing ordinance, were discussed at length. Additionally, Board members agreed that the standards in the ordinance as enforced are appropriate. Commissioner Wood made a motion to have the Town Attorney write a letter to the resident requesting the removal of her fence. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Speed Humps: Commissioner Bowen reported that he had spoken with Mr. Delmonte regarding his concern with speeding on College Avenue and the possibility of a speed hump in the 400 block of College Avenue. A map of the existing speed humps and stop signs was examined. Discussion followed. No motion was made to have a speed hump installed in the 400 block of College Avenue.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that the FinishStrong Triathlon was successful. No events are scheduled until October.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he had spoken with a representative of the honeycomb plastic grid regarding the ditch that had caved in at the corner of Hickory and College. The representative said that he had some new material that he would like Commissioner Bowen to consider.

Commissioner Wood – reported that eight of the live oaks seem to be dead and asked if the Board felt that they should be removed. Discussion followed. It was decided that the dead trees should be cut down 1-2" below the ground and removed if possible by tractor. The diseased tree at the corner of Pine and Riverside Drive was discussed. It was

decided that it should be removed as it is hollow in the center and therefore dangerous. The tree is in the Town's right-of-way.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that July 1, 2015 was the beginning of the fiscal year and that several annual dues had been paid. The clerk reported that three tennis keys had been sold this month, as well as one fence permit. She said that flowers had been sent from the Board to Dianne Wood upon the death of her mother. The clerk reported that she had signed up for load management for the Municipal Building air conditioning unit. She said that the annual Solid Waste Report for NC DENR and the Powell Bill reports had been submitted and that she was working on the annual NCLM Workers Compensation audit for submission by September 1. The clerk gave the supervisor's monthly report saying that the cave-in at the ditch at Shorewood and Isabella Avenue had been filled with rip-rap. Alvin will be using four days of vacation in August, James will be using two days of vacation in August, and Mr. Wood will be using one day of vacation in August. There have been some minor issues with equipment, but overall everything is working well. Garbage total poundage was 29,820# and yard waste was 26,400#.

The next meeting will be September 14, 2015, because the first Monday of September is the Labor Day holiday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park