

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
August 6, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 43,023.21
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	54,700.09
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	3,654.73
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	89,030.52
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,755.07

Total **\$260,163.62**

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Absent

Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

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

Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to have the Mayor write a letter to the City of Washington saying that the annexation of the Family Dollar was approved by the Town of Washington Park, but only on this one-case basis. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood reported that the roof on the building and construction of the shed were being put off until time and manpower become available. Yard waste and garbage combined for this month totaled 46,540 pounds. He reported that of the 217 homes in Washington Park, 34 homes had 100-gallon garbage cans, 62 homes have regulation size 32-gallon garbage cans. His concern is that the men have to dive into the cans to make the cans light enough to be handled by one or two men. He proposed looking into a "tilter attachment" for the garbage truck which would allow the men to dump 100-gallon cans. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of a more assertive trash can policy. Commissioner Pagnani asked Mr. Wood to refine the costs of the proposed tilter with descriptions of how it would fit the current and future garbage trucks for the next meeting's discussion.

Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about the pile of playground mulch. Mr. Wood said that he was going to spread it out as it settled.

Mayor Richter called on Kim Sawyer who was present to speak about her driveway at 407 Bank Street. She presented pictures of the driveway. She said that the cinderblocks were coming apart, that the sand had washed into the ditch, and that she wanted her driveway back to its original condition. Commissioner Wilkinson said that Ross Boyer had not finished cleaning the ditches yet, and that Mr. Boyer would redo the cinderblocks if they were not properly constructed. Mrs. Sawyer requested a review of the drainage before the problem is fixed. She questioned the decision of concrete for the driveway instead of asphalt. Mayor Richter said that construction would not be initiated until Mrs. Sawyer was consulted about the repair, but that it would be ironed out expeditiously.

Commissioner Pagnani noted that there is now a line item for a "Rolling Stock Fund" in the monthly financial report. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion create a "Rolling Stock Fund" line item in the monthly financial report and to have the clerk put money into the "Rolling Stock Fund" as revenue comes in. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

Reports

Commissioner Pagnani – spoke about merit awards. He recommended communicating what a merit award could be, i.e., what is meritorious and the expectations thereof. Mayor pro tem Peacock stated that there should be a simple way to evaluate performance with observations. Mayor Richter said that he would contact the NC League of Municipalities and look into some evaluation forms from other towns.

Commissioner Wilkinson – reported that Ross Boyer is still working on the ditch from Spruce Street to River Road. He also questioned the status of the Town's right-of-way as listed in the Code of Ordinances. This issue was raised because of a resident who is spraying Roundup in the Town's right-of-way ditch. Discussion followed. Mr. Wood will speak to the resident again.

Commissioner Nash – was not present, but asked the clerk to give his report. Mr. Johnson has been contacted regarding his chickens, but would like to come before the Board in September to discuss the issue. There have been more thefts from unlocked vehicles reported to the Sheriff's Department. The clerk reported that a flyer would be distributed tomorrow regarding break-ins in Washington Park. Sammy Corey would like to come to the Board in September to ask about coordinating a Washington Park sticker program for bicycles, so that they would be recognizable to law enforcement if stolen. No report from Animal Control.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that Bret Shepherd's swing set was broken to pieces, and questioned what should be done. Mr. Wood will try to figure out who owns the swing, and tell them to either fix it, or we will dispose of it. Mayor pro tem Peacock said that more trees, especially dogwoods, had died. He also said that he would be renting the cherry picker for himself and Park use in the next couple of weeks.

Old Business

Mayor Richter reported that he had spoken with Bill Rianhard regarding the Beaufort County 300th Celebration, telling him that the Board did not want to do anything official, but if Mr. Rianhard wanted to do something, the Board would support his efforts.

Fence Styles: Commissioner Bowen was absent, so no report. He will report on fences at the September meeting.

It was decided that the Town picnic date would be Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 1:00 pm with a rain date of Sunday, October 21st. It was decided to cook a pig and some chickens for the picnic.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented a document from DENR regarding the proposed expansion of the marina. It was decided that the Town of Washington Park as an adjoining property owner had no objections to the project. The clerk would forward the document without objections to DENR.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park

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