

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
July 9, 2012  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 54,476.79
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	54,700.09
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	3,739.46
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	89,030.52
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,755.07
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$271,701.93</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Thomas Richter, Mayor  
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner

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

Mayor pro tem Peacock called on Ken Robol to speak about the Washington Park website. Mr. Robol said that in the past year approximately 500 visitors went to the website; 82% were new visitors, 150 from Washington, with the average visit a length of two minutes or less. Commissioner Nash asked about tags and new pictures. Mr. Robol will work with the clerk for new pictures. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Robol for his report.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to put approved minutes on the website one month at a time. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mr. Wood was asked for his report. He said that the storm cleanup continues, that the dump truck tires need replacing soon for an estimated \$1000, but that there were no major mechanical problems. He also said that he is continuing to paint the speed humps. Mayor pro tem Peacock thanked Mr. Wood for his work watering to keep the new trees alive.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved as amended.

**Old Business**

Mac Jones' ditch: Commissioner Wilkinson reported that Ross Boyer will try and have the ditch finished by July 25.

Fence styles: Commissioner Bowen will report on fence styles at the August meeting. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about Jonathan Boyd's proposed fence. Commissioner Wilkinson said that he would ask Mr. Boyd to come to the Board at the August meeting with drawings.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to use Sid Hassell as the Town attorney. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Nash – expressed his concern regarding the manner in which the Sheriff's Office reports incidents. He is going to speak with the Sheriff's Office regarding his concerns and will also ask Sammy Corey to speak with Karen Ball at the Sheriff's Office. He also said that he had called Animal Control, but that no one had returned his call prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Wilkinson – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – the playground mulch has been delivered and will be spread this week to fill in existing and new areas.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – discussed the “widowmakers” in trees left by the storm. He is going to rent a lift to do some personal work and is willing to share the cost with the Town for removal of some branches at the same time.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reminded the Board of the necessity of the Ethics Training webinar. She will re-send the information to the mayor and Board members. She also asked about the 3% COLA that was budgeted for FY 2012-13. Commissioner Nash made a motion to proceed with the 3% COLA in the next paycheck for employees. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The Zoning Ordinance regarding commercial lighted signs was discussed. It was suggested that the sign policy be re-evaluated. The clerk will ask the City of Washington for their commercial sign policy for the next meeting.

The lean-to shed for equipment was discussed. Although it was placed in the budget, it has not been approved. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to build a lean-to shed for the equipment. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The clerk read a proposal from Bill Rianhard to Mayor Richter suggesting holding the Town Picnic on August 26 to celebrate the Beaufort County Tricentennial. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to decline the August 26 proposed picnic date, keeping the picnic in October, but encouraging Mr. Rianhard to bring the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration “kiosk” to the picnic. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park