

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
June 17, 2013
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 99,725.83
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	10,984.69
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	89,948.10
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	70,504.51

Total **\$290,193.91**

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Absent

Lee Bowen, Commissioner
James Pagnani, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order, noting that this was the July meeting and the agenda was approved.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to suspend the meeting to go into the Public Hearing for the proposed FY 2013-14 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all. There was no public comment. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter reopened the regular meeting. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the FY 2013-14 budget as presented and set the tax rate at \$.29 cents per \$100 of valuation. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

The financial statements were read.

Old Business

Parking in the medians: It was noted that the "medians under repair" signs and roping have eliminated the parking in the medians by residents.

Workers wearing shorts during summer months: Commissioner Nash made a motion to allow a three-month trial period (July through September) for workers to wear shorts, but only during non-mechanical job duties with the Town providing uniform shorts. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash and Mayor pro tem Peacock voted for the motion, Commissioner Wilkinson voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Municipal Building use policy: no action or discussion as Commissioner Pagnani was absent.

Speed hump at Pine Street and College Avenue: Commissioner Wilkinson is getting bids for installation.

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: No further communication has been received since Mayor Richter wrote a letter to Mr. Lassiter on May 7, 2013.

Piedmont Natural Gas availability to residents: No response has been received from PNG since Mayor Richter wrote a letter to Mr. Voliva on May 7, 2013.

Speeding on Bank Street: Commissioner Wilkinson reported that the portable speed indicator would return after it was repaired.

Chickens: The clerk reported that there had been no replies to the letters that were sent in April. Commissioner Nash offered to speak with the chicken owners regarding the complaints from residents.

Spruce Street ditch: no update.

Windley-Bell property: Mayor Richter reported that Dan Winfield had contacted Ms. Bell and made an arrangement to care for her property.

New Business

Mayor Richter reported that he and Mr. Wood had placed stakes on the waterfront in front of the Small residence. The roped off areas are to indicate the depression where water pools during large rainstorms. Mitch St. Clair has given an estimate of 86 yards of sand to fill the depression at a cost of \$1500.00. Discussion followed. It was noted that the existing CAMA waterfront permit would need to be modified for this work.

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion have Mitch St. Clair place sand in the depression on the waterfront in the 300 block of River Road, and to have topsoil placed on the sand and seeded with grass. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Nash – no report.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that Dudley Landscaping had cut the dead wood out of the tree at 220 Isabella Avenue and also removed the dead river birches on Riverside Drive for \$1260.00. He also said that he and Mayor Richter had spotted locations for the new trees and would start planting on Wednesday with Mr. Wood. He reported that the red tip bushes that had been transplanted near the tennis court were doing well.

Commissioner Wilkinson – no report.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the Board that filing dates for the Town of Washington Park's Board of Commissioners and Mayor election on November 5, 2013, would be from noon on July 5, 2013 until noon on July 19, 2013, per the Beaufort County Board of Elections.

The clerk will be attending Commercial Driver's License classes on June 24 through June 26, followed by two days of driving classes. The clerk will be out of town from July 2 through July 10, 2013.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park

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