

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
June 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 62,453.68
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	54,700.09
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	6,454.47
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	88,643.12
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,408.71

Total **\$281,660.07**

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Absent

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem

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

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood to give his report. Mr. Wood reported that the radiator on the garbage truck was being replaced for a cost of \$1000, and that the dump truck rear axle was being replaced for a cost of \$900. He also said that he would be on vacation from June 5 through June 12 and that William Ore was scheduled to help on garbage pickup days. He said that he had rented a dump trailer while the dump truck was being repaired and that had worked well. He reported that he would begin painting the streets after June 13, 2012. Commissioner Wilkinson spoke about the Sawyer's driveway repair saying that it would cost less than \$500 to fix it with concrete ourselves, and that he had had a paving estimate of \$1500. Commissioner Nash made a motion to fix Mr. Sawyer's driveway with concrete. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. Passed by all.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkinson to go into the public hearing for the budget. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. There being no public for the hearing, Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to come out of the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

Old Business

Mac Jones' ditch: Commissioner Wilkinson reported that Ross Boyer will get to it as soon as possible. Commissioner Wilkinson also reported that all ditches worked well during the recent heavy rains.

Fence styles: Commissioner Bowen will report on fence styles at the August meeting.

Budget: Mayor Richter stated that the proposed budget with the three cent increase would provide funds for vehicle replacement and repair, unless there were any concerns

from the Board. There were no concerns from the Board members present. Commissioner Pagnani spoke about the merit awards that were budgeted, reminding the Board that just because they were in the budget, did not mean that they had to be awarded, but were to be awarded based on merit.

Commissioner Nash moved to adopt the FY 2012-2013 budget ordinance as presented and set the tax rate at \$.29 per \$100 of valuation. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. Passed by all.

New Business

Commissioner Wilkinson asked about the possibility of trimming or “rounding up” of trees in the Park, specifically at 211 and 209 College Avenue. The clerk reported that Mayor pro tem Peacock had voiced his concern about this precedent, saying that he has been trimming trees that are dead, dying, or dangerous, but if the Board wanted to change this, he would abide by the Board’s decision. Commissioner Nash voiced his concern that the aesthetic should be more important in the Park as long as there was no danger to residents. It was decided that Mayor pro tem Peacock would continue to decide on tree trimming.

Commissioner Wilkinson presented a letter and proposed Agreement to Participate in Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Beaufort, Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties. He explained that FEMA has told Beaufort County that they would cover all costs involved in the rewrite of the plan by appointing Craven County as the lead county and provide the funding to them for the project. A motion to accept the agreement was made by Commissioner Bowen. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all. Mayor Richter will sign the agreement for Washington Park and the clerk will deliver it to Beaufort County Emergency Management.

Reports

Commissioner Bowen – the spring toy spring has been replaced and is ready to be installed. He will get with Mr. Wood the week of June 11 for delivery of the playground mulch.

Commissioner Pagnani – provided monthly financial handouts to the Board.

Commissioner Wilkinson – told the Board that the Park had provided the pipe for Sawyer’s inverted culvert and would like to have the Park reimburse Jonathan Boyd for the pipe because his culvert was also inverted. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to reimburse Jonathan Boyd \$208 for pipe to correct Washington Park’s improperly inverted pipe in the culvert. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there had been a break-in at 216 College Avenue, that counterfeit money had been passed at Sentry Hardware, and that two dogs were in quarantine for dog bites. He reported that the clerk had sent a letter to Gordon Davis of 603 Small Street regarding the overgrown lawn, but that there was no response to the letter. Commissioner Bowen said that he would contact Charles Rhodes about Mr. Davis. Mayor Richter asked Commissioner Nash to investigate if chickens were being raised at 606 Bank Street.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that she had sold four yard sale permits this year. She also said that new keys for the tennis court would be available on July 10. She reported that she had spoken with Stephanie Benson of the Powell Bill regarding the removal of dead trees in the Town's right-of-way. Ms. Benson said that this was an acceptable expense under the Powell Bill funds. Dudley Landscaping will be paid \$1300 for removal of the pine tree on 500 block of Fairview Avenue and the tree at 100 block of Riverside Drive. Clerk Dale said that she would be on vacation from June 29, 2012 until July 7, 2012.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park