

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
October 1, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 62,275.50
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	10,958.16
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	89,419.62
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,906.20
Total		\$251,590.26

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
 Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
 Lee Bowen, Commissioner
 Patrick Nash, Commissioner
 Jim Pagnani, Commissioner
 Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Absent

Mayor Richter called on Major Kenny Watson of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department who spoke about the ongoing investigation of fourteen car break-ins in Washington Park. Major Watson made suggestions for residents to discourage further break-ins, including locking vehicles, improving outside lighting, cutting back overgrown hedges, etc. He also said that there was a juvenile non-resident being held for the crimes, but the Department is looking for other possible accomplices. Mayor Richter thanked Major Watson for coming to the meeting.

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

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood reported that he is continuing to paint street humps. He presented an estimate for fixing the bed of the dump truck from Beaufort County Iron Works for \$1982.10. There was no bed undercoating estimate, but that will be secured. Mr. Wood also presented three roofing estimates for the Municipal Building (\$5750, \$4650, \$4560), two estimates for the building of the equipment shed (\$1500, \$2600), and two estimates (\$650, \$745) for concreting the Sawyer driveway. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Wood, saying that the Park looks good and that the men are doing a good job.

Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to go into the Public Hearing. Mayor pro tem Peacock seconded. Passed by all.

Mayor Jennings of Washington thanked the Board, and made an open invitation for future joint Board meeting. He spoke about the voluntary annexation of the Family Dollar property, indicating that the resolution and ordinance was required to be approved by both parties, i.e. the City of Washington and the Town of Washington Park, according to the General Statute regarding non-contiguous properties. The fact that the Town of Washington Park is 100 feet closer to the Family Dollar property than the City of Washington, and that the City of Washington requires annexation agreements for new properties desiring water and sewer, is the reason for this public hearing and annexation

agreement. There was no public comment on this annexation agreement. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Bowen seconded. Passed by all. Mayor Richter asked for cooperation with the City of Washington regarding the railroad crossing at Havens Gardens, and Mayor Jennings and City Manager Kay agreed to send correspondence regarding this matter. Mayor Richter thanked Mayor Jennings and the City Manager Kay for attending the Board meeting.

Commissioner Nash moved to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Wilkinson seconded. Passed by all.

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

Old Business

Ryan Cowell/3 Acre Wood: Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that Ryan had an estimate of \$250 to fix the bridge and pathway, plus whatever the reject would cost plus the transport of reject. Mayor Richter will contact Ray McKeithan at PCS for reject cost. Commissioner Bowen agreed to oversee the bridge and walkway, and Mayor pro tem Peacock will deal with the tree. Mayor pro tem Peacock will remove the top of the big oak tree covering the walkway as well as the branches that are closing off the path. He will remove these for firewood. Commissioner Nash made a motion to authorize \$250 from the Park to source and transport reject and if any of this amount is left over, to give as much as \$50 to Ryan Cowell for the project. Commissioner Pagnani seconded. Discussion followed. Passed by all. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked about having Dudley remove the rest of the tree. Commissioner Nash voiced interest in removing the rest of the tree using a log-splitter and four-wheeler.

Mac Jones' ditch: Commissioner Wilkinson said that it was still too wet for Ross Boyer to work on this ditch.

Sawyer/Boyd driveways: The Board reviewed the estimates for the concrete work. Commissioner Pagnani moved to have Chapman do the concrete work to level the driveway (no bump) for \$650.00. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Garbage truck tilting mechanism: Commissioner Bowen said that he anticipates doing the design for the tilter in-house. Commissioner Nash made a motion to authorize \$1000 for Commissioner Bowen to design and produce the tilting mechanism. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all.

Town Picnic: The clerk reported that Sammy Corey had offered to cook pork shoulders, chickens, and hotdogs for the picnic. A motion was made by Commissioner Pagnani to purchase food, tent, and chairs for approximately 85 people for the Town Picnic on October 14. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Windley-Bell property: Mayor Richter reported that he had sent an email to Ms. Bell, but nothing had been done prior to tonight's meeting. It was discussed that a certified letter should be sent outlining the time frame of two weeks to mow, and if no satisfaction, then a lien would be put on the property.

Reports

Commissioner Pagnani – distributed and discussed a proposed appraisal report for future merit awards for the Board to look over. Mayor Richter thanked Commissioner Pagnani for his work on this subject and suggested that the merit award discussion continue at the next board meeting. Commissioner Pagnani suggested that a closed session regarding the remaining employees be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. It was decided after discussion that Mayor pro tem Peacock would present Brian with his merit award as soon as possible.

Commissioner Nash – reported that he had spoken with Sammy Corey who was following up with the Sheriff's Office on the thefts of the unlocked cars. He had no report from Animal Control. He also reported that the chickens on the west end of the Park had gone to Chapel Hill, but that the East End chickens are in limbo.

Commissioner Wilkinson – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that the cherry-picker that was rented by the Park was very successful in trimming trees.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that William Oden, CPA, had been paid 75% (\$3075) of the audit bill; she reported that the Washington Park Garden and Community Club was pleased with the turnout for the Wine and Cheese party despite the weather; she reported that the Powell Bill first distribution had been received in the amount of \$7628.41. She reported that the leaf machine vacuum needed a replacement hose for \$450 plus shipping as well as the need for a replacement blower for \$250. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was to replace the hose and the blower as soon as possible. The Clerk asked the Board to change the Board meeting date from April 1, 2013 to April 8, 2013 because of the Easter Monday holiday.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park