

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

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 77,587.68
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	13,878.16
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	90,038.65
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	70,692.15
Total		\$271,227.42

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
James Pagnani, Commissioner
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem

Absent

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

Mayor Richter called on Jimmy Spain. Mr. Spain asked permission to cut down the pecan tree at his house at 211 College Avenue which is on Washington Park property. He said that it is a nuisance and that he could trim it, but would rather cut it down. He said that he is willing to replace the tree with another. Discussion followed. It was decided that Board members needed the opportunity to look at the tree in question and that a decision will be made next month. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Spain for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood asked Mayor pro tem Peacock about cutting the growth on the riverside on Edgewater Drive. Mayor pro tem Peacock said that it was fine for now, but should be cut to a height of one foot in the spring. Mayor Richter suggested taking "before" and "after" pictures for recordkeeping. Mr. Wood reported that some rust areas on the garbage truck had been fixed and also that he had been working on the wiring system of the truck, replacing flashing lights with LEDs to reduce the load. He reported that a new weed eater had been purchased and that Alvin had been reglazing and painting the windows of the Municipal Building. Mr. Wood asked about replacing the roof of the tennis court shelter. After some discussion, it was decided that the entire shelter should be removed and replaced by a single bench. Mr. Wood reported that there was 24,200# of garbage in September and 31,360# of yard waste.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

Old Business

Municipal Building usage policy: The clerk will re-send the two-page "Town of Clyde" facility usage policy to the Board members for review with Trey Smith at the November meeting. The clerk will ask Mr. Smith to strike "no alcohol" from the proposed usage document.

Speed hump at Pine Street and College Avenue: Mayor Richter and Lee Bowen met with Kevin Furlough's representative regarding the paving issues for the speed hump and other patches. A letter was sent to Kevin Furlough outlining the required repairs to satisfy the contractual obligations. Mr. Furlough has received the letter and will call Mayor Richter October 8, 2013, to discuss the repairs.

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: Mayor Richter will send a followup note to Mr. Lassiter asking for an update.

Speeding on Bank Street: Commissioner Nash reported that the Sheriff's office will bring the speed monitoring device this week and will locate it in the 400 block of College Avenue.

Chickens: The Planning Board has been asked to review chickens in residential areas and to make recommendations to the Town Board.

Spruce Street ditch: Mayor Richter will ask Sid Hassell, Town attorney, to attend a future Board meeting to discuss quit claim, quiet claim, or doing nothing.

Waterfront depression fill-in: The clerk said that she would contact Mitch St. Clair to begin work on the area now that the picnic is over.

Mid-East Commission representation for enforcement of ordinances: This issue is tabled until January or February for new Board members.

New Business

Mayor Richter explained that Ford Freeman (Marion Worthy property, 100 Riverside Drive) needs septic tank repair in the Town of Washington Park's right-of-way. Commissioner Nash made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a proposal with Ford Freeman and the Town for Mr. Freeman to use the right-of-way to repair the septic field with the restriction that allows the Town of Washington Park to use any portion of the right-of-way for any Washington Park use in perpetuity. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bowen to adopt the Beaufort County Animal Control Ordinance modifications for the Town of Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter asked Board members to think about candidates for representation on the Mid-East Commission and the Washington Park Planning Board. These will be discussed at the November Board meeting.

Reports

Commissioner Pagnani – none.

Commissioner Nash – none. He commented on the anonymous complaint about boats on the waterfront. Discussion followed regarding the number of boats on the waterfront and ownership thereof. Mayor Richter suggested a rack for kayaks. A lively discussion

followed regarding registration stickers for boats, placement of boat racks, possible fees and rules, and . Commissioner Nash asked that all announcements regarding boats be published in the Town Crier prior to implementation.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that a civil engineer from Clayton Professional Engineers of New Bern will come the week of October 21, 2013, to give a free evaluation of the Isabella Avenue east end drainage.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that most of the trees that have been planted this year are doing well, with watering being done by Park personnel as time allows. He said that he had done some tractor work in the ditch behind 505 Fairview Avenue to improve the drainage. He said that he and the clerk had looked at the swale between 112 Riverside Drive and 120 Riverside Drive and determined that it was not a Town ditch.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that \$7,701.78 in Powell Bill funds had been received from the State, merit awards (\$2931.76) for the clerk and Mr. Wood had been paid, and that 75% of the audit (\$3075) had been paid to William Oden, CPA. The final audit was distributed to entire Town Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park