

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
September 8, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 95,772.20
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	3,480.85
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,261.52
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	71,257.23

**Total** **\$269,802.58**

**Present**

Thomas Richter, Mayor  
Wade Dale, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner  
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem  
Brian Wood, Commissioner

**Absent**

Lee Bowen, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved. Mayor Richter called upon the residents who were present. Bettie Bonner Bradshaw of 322 Riverside Drive asked the Board to cut down the sweet gum tree in the alley next to her driveway. She said that although the tree was not dying or dead, it was a messy tree and potentially harmful to her concrete driveway pillars. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter thanked Ms. Bradshaw for coming. Del Miltenberger of 322 River Road asked the Board about commercial and residential zoning. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Miltenberger for coming.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

**Old Business**

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: Mayor Richter reported that this repair is in the NCDOT's spring project list in 2015 per Brian Alligood, Washington City Manager.

Tilter for the garbage truck: Commissioner Wood said that he had had the hydraulic cylinder taken off.

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen was absent.

No wake zone: Mayor Richter reported that both the County and City Managers had agreed to present the issue to their respective Boards. The Washington City Council has instructed Brian Alligood, City Manager, to work with Mayor Richter and Randell Woodruff, County Manager in contacting NC Wildlife Resources. Mayor Richter will follow up with the County Manager.

Maple Branch debris: Commissioner Bowen was absent.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: Mayor Richter reported that he had walked through the area and felt that it would be a massive cleanup. Commissioner Wood said that he had

sprayed the poison ivy and other vegetation. There are approximately 10-15 cords of wood in the affected area to be removed. Mayor Richter asked the Board members what their vision of Three Acre Wood is and if they felt that nature should be allowed to take its course there. It was noted that Dudley Landscaping could not access the area to remove the dangerous trees yet. Mayor Richter said that he and the clerk would look for a grant to clean up the area.

Fire contract: Mayor Richter and Mayor pro tem Peacock will investigate alternatives to the fire contract with the City of Washington.

Derelict boats on the waterfront: Commissioner Nash will draft a notice to residents for the upcoming Town Crier, advising them to provide names and addresses for all boats or they will be removed from the waterfront.

### **New Business**

Beaufort County Tourism Authority Feasibility Study: Mayor Richter provided information from the Washington Park representative, Bill Rianhard. Commissioner Nash made a motion to endorse the creation of a Beaufort County Tourism Authority with a resolution to that effect. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Tot Lot had been reserved for a birthday party on September 13, 2014. He also reported that the Beaufort County recreation allocation in the amount of \$1,620.00 had been received and added that the tennis court lights needed to have wires re-run and that Wilkinson Enterprises had given an estimate of \$500. Commissioner Wood made a motion to hire Wilkinson Enterprises to repair the tennis court lights not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all. Commissioner Dale said that he had received a request for a 5K Run for Alzheimer's on April 11, 2015. That event was approved by acclamation. Commissioner Dale showed the Board correspondence from James Patterson requesting Washington Park's participation in a marathon and half-marathon for Cure Epilepsy on March 28 or 29, 2015. The clerk was asked to follow up with Teresa Hamilton of the City of Washington Parks and Recreation Department on this matter.

Commissioner Nash – no reports of break-ins or animal control issues.

Commissioner Wood – reported that he and the men would be taking down the leaning trees on the waterfront at the eastern end. Mayor Richter asked about the remaining red tip bushes at the tennis court. He also reported that St. Clair Trucking had repaired the culvert twice at 405 River Road's Bank Street side and now has put in sod to help prevent erosion.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk gave the supervisor's report stating that he had replaced the water pump in the garbage truck, that he had removed the carpet at the front entrance of the Municipal

Building, that the Spruce Street ditch had been cleaned and sprayed, and that everything else was going smoothly.

The clerk reminded the Board that ethics training must be completed by October 31, 2014. She also said that the Washington Park Garden and Community Club's annual Wine and Cheese Party would be on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. A flyer with the Town Crier will be distributed on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The clerk requested that the Town Picnic date be included in the Town Crier. The clerk also requested that the rain date for the Town Picnic be changed to October 19 as October 12 is a holiday weekend. Mayor Richter agreed to include these changes in the upcoming Town Crier. The clerk said that she had received \$2,337.33 in ad valorem and NC vehicle taxes, \$9,018.12 in local option sales tax, and \$63.10 in solid waste tax in August. The clerk said that she would be attending a debt set-off workshop on September 9, 2014 at Beaufort County Community College.

Commissioner Wood excused himself from the discussion on personnel. Commissioner Nash made a motion to go into closed session for personnel discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to come out of closed session. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter reported that the Town Board had approved merit awards for Brian Wood, James Woolard, Alvin Langley, and Denise Dale.

The next meeting will be October 6, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park