

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
September 8, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 88,889.49
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	45,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	11,676.13
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,536.15
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>71,613.52</u>
Total		<b>\$ 297,715.29</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

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

There was no public input.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved after corrections to the text.

**Old Business**

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen reported that he had spoken with Mr. Talley regarding the proposed residential construction at 420 Riverside and the drainage of the front of the lot. He said that there was no firm plan at this time, as it is pending septic approval. Commissioner Bowen said that he will continue to follow up with Mr. Talley prior to any work on the Isabella Avenue drainage. Discussion followed regarding potential runoff and how that could affect the drainage.

No wake zone: Mayor Richter said that he had not heard from John Rodman at the City of Washington.

Three Acre Wood cleanup: Commissioner Wood reported that Slade Landscaping had finished the cleanup. The final bill was \$2975.00.

Fire contract: no report.

Geothermal: Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that Dr. Taylor would not be using the geothermal system. This item will be removed from the agenda.

Tree trimming by Washington Electric Utilities: Commissioner Wood reported that he had spoken with the representative from WEU, Kenny McConville, regarding the pecan tree in the right-of-way at 113 Isabella Avenue. Mr. McConville said that WEU would cut

the tree to 6' but would not grind the stump. The clerk will contact Mr. Hardt for clarification.

Town Picnic: The clerk asked if the Board wanted to have barbecue and chicken ordered from Boss Hogg's again this year. The Board agreed by acclamation. The clerk said that a picnic flyer would be delivered on Friday, September 25 and that the picnic sign would be put on River Road on Monday, September 21. The picnic date is Sunday, October 4, 2015. In the event of rain the location will be moved to the Municipal Building.

### **New Business**

Mayor Richter said that he and the clerk had reviewed the Zoning Ordinance and that there were numerous errors (grammatical, typographical, etc.). He has forwarded the proposed corrections to the Planning Board for review. There will be a public hearing scheduled when the Planning Board finishes their review, before adoption by the Board.

Mayor Richter read a letter that he had written to the local NCDOT regarding the intersection of Edgewater Drive and River Road. There is a no left turn sign there which is being ignored by drivers. He has not received an answer from DOT yet. Mayor Richter will follow up.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – reported that the next scheduled events are the Town Picnic on Sunday, October 4, and the St. Peter's Riverfront Eucharist on Sunday, October 11.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there was nothing from the Sheriff's Office. He deferred to Mayor pro tem Peacock regarding a report of a nuisance dog.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – said that he would like to defer personnel items until the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Bowen – reported on the ditch caving-in at 602 Hickory Street. The "GeoCell" people recommended heavy duty wire cages in stair shapes filled with rock. These cages cost \$75 and are 8'x2'x2'. Commissioner Bowen said that he felt that these were more labor intensive than the gridded plastic.

Commissioner Wood – reported that the nine dead liveoak trees had been removed. Commissioner Nash asked about the large dead pine branch in front of 320 Isabella Avenue. Mayor Richter will look at it with Commissioner Wood and Mayor pro tem Peacock.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that Dudley Landscaping had been paid \$650 for removing the tree in the right-of-way at 218 Riverside Drive and also been paid \$100 for grinding three stumps on the waterfront. She reported that the Washington Park Garden and Community Club's Open House/Wine and Cheese Party was scheduled for September 15 at 5:00 pm. The clerk said that the blade for snow removal had been purchased with Powell Bill funds for \$1031.21. She said that the Town had received the Beaufort County \$1620 recreation fund allocation. The clerk reported that the NCLM had done the annual

audit of the Town's Workers Comp Insurance and that it was found to be accurate. She also reported that the Town had paid \$250 to Sid Hassell, the Town Attorney, for services regarding the fence ordinance violation. The clerk also reported trash being left on the shore of the Town's western waterfront area. Commissioner Dale suggested putting a "pitch-in" there to provide a close area for refuse.

The clerk gave the supervisor's report. A belt broke on the garbage truck while at the landfill and Mr. Wood fixed it there. An air brake valve was replaced on the garbage truck. This month's garbage was 24,420# and the yard waste was 35,480#.

Mayor pro tem Peacock led a discussion of merit awards for employees. Commissioner Wood excused himself from the discussion. Commissioner Dale excused himself from the discussion. The clerk excused herself from the discussion.

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 5, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park