

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
December 5, 2016  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 54,506.27
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	60,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	32,111.02
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	81,000.18
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>72,124.99</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 299,742.46</b>

**Present**

**Absent**

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor  
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem  
Lee Bowen, Commissioner  
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner  
Wade Dale, Commissioner  
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial report were approved as presented.

**Old Business**

Isabella Avenue East: nothing to report.

Zoning Ordinance corrections: Corrections are finished and awaiting action after Planning Board final recommendations.

Mayor Richter asked the clerk to read aloud the minutes from the Planning Board's last meeting on November 3, 2016. She read the minutes to the Board. Discussion followed.

Request for expansion of Commercial District Permitted Uses: The request from Mr. Steve Fuchs (4/29/16) to amend the Zoning Ordinance was discussed. The Town Board is in receipt of the 9/7/16 report from the Planning Board on the request. The Planning Board recommended no additional uses be added to the list of Permitted Uses at this time. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to decline to expand the Permitted Uses in the Commercial District at this time. Discussion followed. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. The Town Board indicated that it would remain open to the creation of additional commercial uses in either of the commercial parcels by initiating a list of potential Special Uses upon the request of a petitioner. Passed by all. Mayor Richter agreed to write a letter to Mr. Fuchs with the decision of the Board.

River Road Overlay District: waiting for Planning Board recommendations regarding fence styles and landscaping criteria.

Ditch maintenance protocol: Following the suggestion of the Planning Board, the Town Board instructed Mayor Richter to rewrite the language of the ordinance reflecting the Town maintenance of ditches.

Drainage in right-of-way at 314 College Avenue: Commissioner Bowen reported that the work had not yet been started.

Treescape Ordinance: Mayor Richter led a discussion about the existing Treescape Ordinance saying that it was written in 1980 and that it did not reflect the current trees and/or their maintenance. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion stating that the Treescape Ordinance is no longer in effect. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding the possible privatization of garbage, reviewing some preliminary discussions with two local contractors. Discussion followed regarding personnel, costs, large equipment requirements, customer service, yard debris, white goods, and supervision of personnel. Commissioner Dale made a motion to solicit bids for garbage pickup with several different operating options. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all. Mayor Richter agreed to write a Town Crier regarding Mr. Wood's retirement on 2/1/17 and the consideration of options for Town garbage pickup as well as other issues.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Bowen said that he had an estimate from Ross Boyer for a non-machine cleanout of the ditch from Spruce past Hickory for \$1500.00 which would require two to three days of hand work. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to contract with Ross Boyer for the work not to exceed \$1500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter said that he had spoken with a representative for the resident at 114 Spruce Street regarding cleaning the culvert under the driveway. Commissioner Nash made a motion to improve the swale from the Crew/Jackson property line including the culvert that crosses Spruce not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

The clerk alerted the Board to the fact that Marion Worthy's obituary listed the Town of Washington Park as the recipient of memorial contributions for the planting of live oaks. Commissioner Nash made a motion to for the Town of Washington Park to accept memorial contributions for Marion Worthy and purchase live oaks with the contributions. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Dale – no report.

Commissioner Nash – no report.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that \$15,466.34 in ad valorem taxes had been received from Beaufort County.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the three speed bumps had been ordered from Speed Bumps and Humps, Inc. for \$3495.14.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had received a call about visibility at the intersection of Beech and Isabella. She asked the clerk to have Mr. Wood cut back the plantings there for better visibility at the stop sign.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that there had been one yard sale permit sold to Emma Allen at 317 Fairview Avenue. She reported that the septic repair for the Municipal Building had been completed for \$1500.00; that the audit invoice had been paid for \$4100.00; that there was a National Flood Insurance Program Preliminary Maps meeting scheduled in Washington City Council chambers on December 15<sup>th</sup>; and that the clerk would be meeting with the National Flood Insurance Community Rating System auditor on December 6 with Allen Pittman of the City of Washington. The clerk asked if the Board wanted to give \$50.00 Christmas checks to the employees as in years past. The Board agreed by acclamation to give each full time employee \$50.00, and the part time employee \$25.00 for Christmas.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017, at 7:00 pm because of the January 2<sup>nd</sup> New Year's holiday observation.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park