

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
August 1, 2011  
7:30 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 51,295.65
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	10,851.10
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	31,922.16
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	87,464.26
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	108,183.51
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$289,716.68</b>

**Present**

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

**Absent**

None

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

Mayor Richter called for Mr. Wood's report. Mr. Wood reported that the facility where the Town takes the garbage is having repairs done for the next week, and that the garbage would be taken to EJE Recycling and Disposal. He reported that he replaced the fuel lever on the garbage truck which raised its mph, as well as replaced the right hydraulic brake assembly on the dump truck. The Tot Lot gates have been fixed and are working correctly. The Tuesday-Friday garbage pickups are working very well. Maintenance and clean-out continues on the Spruce Street ditch on the east side of the homes on Spruce Street. Mr. Wood is investigating a different chemical to spray on weeds in the ditch.

Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Wood for his report.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

**Old Business**

Mayor Richter reported that he had spoken with the men as requested regarding future pay increases and merit awards.

Mayor pro tem Peacock said that he had spoken with Bill Rianhard regarding the Windley Bell property and that Mr. Rianhard had further concerns about the property. Mayor Richter said that he would speak with Mr. Rianhard about this property.

Clerk Dale reported that Mr. Wood had received a complaint from a resident about boats left on the waterfront. The resident felt that it was "unsightly." Commissioner Bowen asked if there was an ordinance about private property being left on the waterfront. Mayor Richter replied that there had been a lack of commitment by the Board to tackle this difficult issue over the years. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash and Commissioner Bowen volunteered to come up with ideas on this issue for next month's meeting.

## New Business

Mayor Richter stated that as there are few available lots for building in Washington Park, could the Board discuss whether all new construction had to be stick-built, rather than modular. Historically, there have been no building permits issued for non-stick-built construction in Washington Park. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to amend the Washington Park Zoning Ordinance to prohibit other than conventional, on-site, stick-built homes on the remaining unbuilt lots in Washington Park. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter will contact Lee Padrick of the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, to come to the next Board meeting to discuss modular construction in NC communities.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to restore the Definitions of Livestock Section 90.021, and Section 90.022 Prohibition of Certain Animals to the Title IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS, Chapter 90, to the Washington Park Code of Ordinances. These sections would read as:

“§90.021 DEFINITIONS.

LIVESTOCK

(1) An animal that typically is kept principally for productive or useful purposes, rather than as a pet.

(2) The definition includes but is not limited to horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep, mules, and chickens.

§90.022 PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN ANIMALS.

No person may have or keep within the Town any livestock or wild animals. See Definitions.”

Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash voted against the motion. Mayor pro tem Peacock, Commissioner Pagnani, Commissioner Wilkinson, and Commissioner Bowen voted for the motion. Motion was passed.

Clerk Dale reviewed the language in the current yard sale ordinance stating that yard sales could only be held in rear yard. A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Peacock to amend Title XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, Chapter 110, to the Washington Park Code of Ordinances to add front yard and would read as:

“§110.19 **PROPERTY PERMITTED TO BE SOLD; DISPLAY.**

(B) Personal property offered for sale may be displayed within the residence, in a garage on the same premises, carport, or in the front or rear yard, but only in those designated areas. No personal property offered for sale under this section shall be displayed on the side yard area of any premises or in any public right-of-way. A vehicle offered for sale, however, may be displayed on a permanently constructed driveway within the front or side yard.”

Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that he was not returning the local gentleman's calls regarding the Park-owned trees being “rife” with tent caterpillars. Mayor Richter said that nothing is different this year from any other year, and that we should not spend money unnecessarily, but that Mayor pro tem Peacock should speak with the gentleman on behalf of the Board.

Commissioner Pagnani suggested that the Board consider an alternative day of the week for the monthly meeting. No action was taken.

The Resolution to Reject Merging Beaufort Community College with Another Community College was discussed. It was decided to send the original to the Chair of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee of the NC State Legislature and copies e-mailed to all other members. (See attached)

## **Reports**

Commissioner Pagnani – reported that the Clerk is doing a monthly flash report on income and expenses.

Commissioner Nash – reported several vehicular break-ins in mid-July, primarily change and folding money were taken. The Sheriff's office said that there is a suspect in custody. Commissioner Nash also said that there was another vehicular break-in two days prior to the meeting. The subject of pit bulls was discussed after Jacklyn Smith called the Clerk and Commissioner Nash regarding a "threatening" pitbull. There had been one other incident of a Park resident feeling "threatened" by the same pitbull. Commissioner Nash has tried to contact the dogowner with no success. He will continue to try to contact her. Commissioner Bowen asked about a "vicious dog ordinance," stating that this was written into the Bay Hill subdivision ordinance. Mayor Richter said that he would ask Lee Padrick to comment on vicious dogs also at the next meeting.

Commissioner Wilkinson – reported that the Spruce Street and Riverside culverts were completed and that College Avenue had been graded and paved. Mr. Sutton will pave Riverside tomorrow, after which the speed hump on Riverside Drive will be installed. He also reported that St. Clair was working on a broken culvert on Isabella Avenue and Beech Street, and that the repair should be less than \$500. It was discussed that all commissioners should be able to authorize a \$500 limit on expenditures without e-mail notice.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – stated that he was not pleased with the cleanup after the Triathlon, having found shirts, shoes, and drink containers on the waterfront. Mayor Richter said that he would contact Catherine Glover. Mayor pro tem Peacock said that the dogwood trees are not making it in the heat and drought. He is experimenting with the crepe myrtles in front of the Rianhard's house on Isabella Avenue. Watering the trees was discussed.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he was scheduling enhancements to the Tot Lot with Mr. Wood; that he was looking for special mulch for the Tot Lot, and a squeegee for the tennis courts.

## **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that she would be on vacation from August 4<sup>th</sup> until August 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a note on the door and a message on the telephone directing people to see Brian Wood for tennis keys.

Mayor Richter reported that the application for the CAMA permit for the multi-purpose area on the waterfront had been sent in.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park