

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
August 7, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 125,167.20
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	75,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill Checking	31,604.20
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	81,658.67
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>72,663.77</u>
Total		\$ 386,093.84

Present

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Absent

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor

Mayor pro tem Peacock called the meeting to order. The agenda was approved as presented upon motion by Commissioner Dale and second by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

There was no public input.

The minutes and financial reports were approved as presented upon motion by Commissioner Nash. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Old Business

Isabella Avenue East drainage: Commissioner Bowen reported that he would have quotes from Singleton and St. Clair at the next meeting. He also stated that he would be meeting with residents before beginning the work.

Zoning Ordinance corrections: no action.

River Road Residential Overlay District: no action.

New Business

The clerk presented a request and drawing to the Board for a permeable (non-paved) parking pad in the Town's right-of-way in front of 601 Small Street. The resident acknowledged that he would be responsible for any repairs to this area if the Town exercised its right-of-way ordinances. Discussion followed. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the request of the resident at 601 Small Street with the stipulation that the owner would be responsible for replacing or repairing the area if the Town needed to do any work in the right-of-way. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the resident approving the request.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the FinishStrong Triathlon would be held on the Washington Park waterfront on August 19, 2017. Setup will be on Friday, August 18, 2017. He also reported the upcoming Town Picnic would be held on Sunday, September 24th with a rain date of Sunday, October 1st. He reported that Advantage Sports had completed power-washing the tennis courts this week and will begin resurfacing them this week, depending on the weather. A waterfront engagement party hosted by the resident at 220 College Avenue on October 21st was approved by the Board by acclamation.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there had been no incidents in July reported by the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. He also noted the increased presence of Sheriff's patrols in Washington Park.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he, Mayor pro tem Peacock, and Commissioner Cowell had met with AA Hauling and St. Clair Trucking regarding grading the alley and had received quotes for the work there. AA Hauling's quote was \$3200; for an extra \$300 the Tot Lot parking area on Fairview would be graded. St Clair's quote was \$3100. Discussion followed regarding paving the alley versus grading every three years. No action was taken. Commissioner Bowen will call the Geo-Cell people again regarding the sizeable erosion at College and Hickory.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had not heard from Ross Boyer. She also reported that Jeremy Jarvis' Eagle Scout project had been approved. The clerk will follow up with Jeremy.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report. He said that he would like to wait for the Mayor to return to discuss employee evaluations and merit awards at the next meeting.

Clerk's Report

The clerk informed the Board that Mr. Toby Woolard's six-month probationary period would end on August 31, 2017. The Board approved the \$1.00 per hour pay increase for Mr. Woolard to continue as a permanent employee of Washington Park.

The clerk reported that she had sent a certified letter regarding the overgrown yard at 602 Small Street. It has since been mowed. She reported that the annual Workers' Compensation Insurance was paid in full for \$3485.25; that the Town had received \$905.08 in ad valorem taxes this month; that one yard sale permit had been issued; that one fence permit at 411 College had been issued; that all required reports (Powell Bill, Workers' Comp self-audit, solid waste, annexation and house permits) had been filed in a timely manner; that she had called Dudley Landscaping regarding the Isabella Avenue median trees (should be done in the spring), the river birch in the median on Riverside drive, and the tree between 306 and 318 Isabella in the Town's right of way. She also reported the hiring of a new part-time employee to do Tuesday garbage pick-up and fill in for weed-eating, etc. as needed. The clerk said that she had received a report from Beaufort County that the collection rate for property taxes was 99.62% in Washington Park.

The clerk reported that she had received calls from residents requesting speed-humps in various areas in the Town. Discussion followed. Commissioner Bowen will look at the requested areas and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park