

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
January 8, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 116,797.10
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	75,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill Checking	40,575.05
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	82,069.30
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>73,029.17</u>
	Total	\$ 387,470.62

Present

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

Absent

Lee Bowen, Commissioner

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

Mayor Richter called on Peter Farrell, resident. Mr. Farrell said that the Washington Park Precinct Democratic Party would like to use the Municipal Building for a meeting. Mr. Farrell said that the clerk had sent a copy of the Town policy for the use of the Municipal Building, but he felt that the fee structure was excessive for a political party meeting. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter said that the Board would get back to Mr. Farrell prior to the proposed political party meeting on February 6, 2018. He thanked Mr. Farrell for his comments.

The financial report and minutes were approved as corrected upon motion by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Old Business

East End Isabella Avenue: The clerk reported for Commissioner Bowen that St. Clair Trucking had the pertinent information and would be providing a quote soon.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Race for Epilepsy ½ Marathon is scheduled for February 17, 2018.

Commissioner Nash -- reported that there had been a breaking and entering of two vehicles in the 500 block of Riverside/Isabella Avenue in December, as well as a suspicious person in the 500 block of Fairview Avenue. He said that he had received the annual report from the Sheriff's Office and that there was a total of nine incidents in 2017, mostly breaking and entering and attempted breaking and entering, but no violent issues.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Cowell – no report.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$37,671.81 in ad valorem taxes last month; that the garbage truck hydraulics were repaired for \$1,517.62; that the State sales tax refund had been received for \$968.88; that local option sales tax was received for \$9,952.54; that the franchise tax had been received for \$3,547.15. She reported that the employees were most grateful for their Christmas gifts and that there was no final invoice yet from William Oden, CPA's office. She gave the supervisor's report saying that Mr. Woolard was still looking for a second part-time helper and that the edging of the medians would continue in January, weather permitting.

New Business

Mayor Richter led an extended discussion regarding the use of the Municipal Building for Washington Park Precinct political party meetings.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to abide by North Carolina GS 163-99 and charge a fee of \$75 (monitoring and utilities) for an annual meeting of a political party while the Town researches the issue further. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all. Mayor Richter will contact Peter Farrell regarding this decision.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018, at 7:00 pm.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park