

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
March 7, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

United Bank	General Fund	\$ 349,827.07
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	82,100.00
United Bank	Powell Bill Checking	22,231.08
United Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	65,320.22
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	76,282.51
United Bank	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	<u>68,261.82</u>
Total		\$ 664,022.69

Present

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

Absent

Belinda Cowell, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called upon Mr. William Rianhard. Mr. Rianhard said that he was in attendance to ask for an update on 320 Isabella Avenue. Clerk Dale reported that the Town Attorney was trying to schedule a meeting with the City of Washington Building Inspector, but it was not scheduled at this time. Commissioner Nash reported that he had continued to try to reach Lt. Kelly Cox regarding surveillance and safety issues at 320 Isabella Avenue but had not had any success. Both Clerk Dale and Commissioner Nash agreed to continue to pursue these avenues until a resolution is achieved. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Rianhard for his continued interest.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Bowen. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Old Business

320 Isabella Avenue: see above.

North side of Isabella Ave East end: no report.

Eastern Washington Park town boundary: Commissioner Bowen reported that the Town Attorney is continuing the title search.

400 block College/Fairview Avenues: Commissioner Bowen reported that the residents at 404 and 416 College Avenue together are going to put 60 cubic yards of sand between the residences and slope the area from west to east which should allow water to drain toward the rear of the property at 404 College and ultimately the ditch at the west side of 411 Fairview Avenue.

Replacement dump truck: Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that he and Mr. Woolard are continuing the search for a smaller, 10-12 cubic yard garbage truck. There are no vehicles available at this time.

Parking vehicles in the Town's rights-of-way: No report from the Planning Board yet.

Washington Park Land Use Plan: Mayor Richter presented a draft of a Washington Park Land Use Plan compliant with NC GS 160D legislation. He asked the Board to review and provide corrections and suggestions as soon as possible. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to send the updated Washington Park Land Use Plan to the Planning Board after corrections were made. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the 3/19/2022 5K 5:00 Somewhere and Pub Crawl was scheduled with 100 people participating as well as the 3/20/2022 5K Race Against Child Trafficking with 100 people scheduled to participate. Commissioner Dale said that a resident wished to donate a child-sized picnic table to the playground; that the tennis courts would be power-washed by mid-April; and that the rest of the windscreen for the tennis court would be installed this week. He reported that he had contacted Parker Bark for a quote on playground mulch and it would be \$1700. Commissioner Nash made a motion to approve the purchase of the mulch for \$1700. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash – no incidents to report from the Sheriff's Office.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – asked the Board to consider projects for next year's budget as the clerk would be presenting the budget in May. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to adopt the budget amendment for \$23,500 for the tractor and Powell Bill expenses in the General Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he had spoken with the resident at 128 Spruce Street and Mr. Woolard had spoken with the resident at 124 Spruce Street regarding cleanout of tiles under their driveways. The Town employees had attempted to clean the tiles, but the tiles needed replacing. Commissioner Bowen will supervise this drainage project.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that ad valorem taxes had been received for \$18,524.66; local option sales tax was received for \$13,180.91; and solid waste tax received for \$77.44. She reported that she had sent the recreation appropriation request to Beaufort County for \$1620 for next fiscal year. Clerk Dale reported that she had bought Rodeo for Mr. Woolard to spray the ditches; that \$970.04 was spent repairing the deck on the mower; that one fence permit had been issued for 301 River Road; and that an outbuilding

request for 402 Walnut Street had been approved. She gave the supervisor's report stating the garbage truck brake slackers should be repaired by March 9 or 10; that a hole on the side of the street at 102 Spruce Street would be repaired; and that a rock selector valve needed replacing on the John Deere tractor for \$1810.00. The clerk said that she had been attending online webinars for guidance on approved American Recovery Plan funds.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park