

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
May 7, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 66,910.06
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	57,200.09
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	11,869.06
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	88,643.12
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	69,408.71
Total		\$294,031.04

Present

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

Absent

Patrick Nash, Commissioner

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

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood to give his report. Mr. Wood reported that he was replacing stop signs on metal poles, as needed. He reported no manpower or equipment issues at this time. Mayor Richter complimented Mr. Wood on how good the Park looked.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved.

Old Business

John Rodman's visit in April: Commissioner Bowen asked if the City of Washington required new construction to ask for annexation in order to hook up to City utilities. The clerk said that she understood that all new commercial and multi-family construction was being handled in this manner. Commissioner Pagnani asked if the proximity of property was the basis for annexation and if Washington Park is the closer municipality, do we want to consider the property on a case by case basis. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter said that it is unlikely that the Town of Washington Park would want to expand.

Trey Smith: Mayor Richter asked for the Board's expectations from Trey Smith regarding fences, dogs, and modular housing. It was determined that the dog issue was completed as the Town had adopted the Beaufort County Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Bowen offered to come up with a list of fence styles for the Board to consider before asking for Trey Smith's assistance. Commissioner Pagnani asked about the motion that was passed August 1, 2011 amending the zoning ordinance restricting modular homes. Mayor Richter read the motion to the Board. It was decided to do nothing further with this issue.

Budget: Commissioner Pagnani asked if there were any additions to the preliminary budget pages that had been delivered at the last board meeting. He recommended to the Board that a new category be created that would be a "fund" for rolling stock. He

informed the Board that one cent in property tax would realize \$5000 for estimating purposes and asked the Board for recommendations. Discussion followed regarding payment plans for new trucks. Commissioner Wilkinson asked that \$25,000 be budgeted for a new dump body plus \$10,000 for maintenance of the trucks. Commissioner Bowen asked about having the dump truck body replaced by Godwin who had made the original body. He said that Mr. Wood had gotten a price for less than \$10,000 from Godwin. Commissioner Bowen said that he would follow up with a quote on the dump truck. Mayor Richter asked each commissioner if their areas needed any additions to the recommended budget numbers. Commissioner Wilkinson replied that equipment other than trucks were doing fairly well, but would like to include a shed for the tractor and equipment for \$800 in the Park Area General category. Commissioner Bowen said that the recreation number should remain the same. Mayor pro tem Peacock asked for \$2000 for planting trees in the budget in either Environmental Protection or Park Area General. Commissioner Wilkinson asked for an additional \$1800 for the Municipal Building new roof. Mayor Richter suggested a possible 3% salary increase for the clerk and the employees and 1.5% possible merit awards for the clerk and the employees. Discussion followed. These suggestions were put in the FY 2012-2013 proposed budget.

It was determined that the June 4, 2012 meeting would have the public hearing for the proposed budget with the advertisement for public viewing published at least ten days prior to the meeting in June.

It was suggested that the Town Picnic be blended with the Beaufort County Tricentennial celebration with Bill Rianhard coordinating the event with the Washington Park Garden Club. Mayor Richter will contact Mr. Rianhard with this suggestion.

Mayor Richter reported that he had spoken with Kevin Furlough regarding Three Acre Wood and the hurricane damage estimate for \$2500. Mr. Furlough will begin work this week.

Reports

Commissioner Bowen – a new spring has been ordered for the spring toy that is broken. Parker Bark Mulch will deliver 70 cubic yards of mulch within the next two weeks.

Commissioner Pagnani – provided monthly financial handouts to the Board.

Commissioner Wilkinson – the ditches are finished at Boyd's on Bank Street. Ross Boyer will be starting at Boyd's next week, then work toward Mac Jones' ditch. He has asked Hugh Sorrell to determine whether the culvert to River Road is DOT's or ours.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – will be planting twenty dogwoods in the medians.

Commissioner Wilkinson made a motion to award the audit contract to William Oden, Jr., CPA, for \$4100. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park