

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
October 5, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 84,800.17
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	45,000.00
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	19,283.58
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	80,627.35
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>71,711.71</u>
Total		\$ 301,422.81

Present

Thomas Richter, Mayor
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Brian Wood, Commissioner

Absent

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

There was no public input.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

Old Business

Isabella Avenue east end drainage: Commissioner Bowen reported that the river would crest tomorrow, October 6, between 2 and 5 a.m. and that basically the Pamlico River is at the same level as the street at the east end of Isabella Avenue. Commissioner Bowen reported that he had not heard back from Mr. Talley regarding the proposed construction. Discussion followed regarding doing Options 1 & 2 of the original proposal, and having Hugh Sorrell do an immediate plan/design and St. Clair Trucking do the work. Commissioner Wood made a motion to have Hugh Sorrell do the design work and St. Clair Trucking do the digging and placement of pipe (Options 1 & 2 of proposal) not to exceed \$2500.00, as soon as possible. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

No wake zone: Mayor Richter said that he feels that John Rodman and the City of Washington will spearhead a no wake zone. Washington Park will participate in a modest fashion, by cosigning paperwork and assisting in the purchase of a buoy. Mayor Richter will follow up with John Rodman.

Fire contract: no report.

Fence ordinance violation: the clerk has forwarded the email to the Board from Ms. Klinger wanting to speak to the Board at the November Board meeting.

DOT intersection at Edgewater and River Road: Mayor Richter will continue to follow up with the DOT engineers.

New Business

The clerk said that she had received a letter from Sid Hassell, Town Attorney, saying that he would be retiring on December 31, 2015. She asked the Board to consider names for replacing the town attorney. Mayor Richter suggested asking Mr. Hassell when the clerk picked up the records from his office.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the “Sweatin’ for Slick” fundraiser took place on September 26, that the Town Picnic had been cancelled due to the storm, and that the next scheduled event is the St. Peter’s Riverfront Eucharist on Sunday, October 11, which is dependent on the weather and ground saturation. He reported that two requests for events had been received: one to take place in March 2016 (Special Olympics 5K/10K) and one in March 2017 (Race for Epilepsy). He said that neither event would originate or finish in Washington Park. The Board approved both events and asked the clerk to inform the sponsors of the decision.

Commissioner Nash – reported that there was nothing from the Sheriff’s Office nor from Beaufort County Animal Control. Discussion followed regarding the potential for increased activity on the western waterfront due to Havens Gardens having closed gates at sunset. Commissioner Nash said that he would contact the Sheriff’s Office with the concern and ask for increased patrols in the area.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – has spoken with the resident at 416 College Avenue regarding the possibility of a ditch in front of the residence. His elevated house pushes water toward 404 College Avenue. In heavy rains 404 College Avenue has standing water in the yard. Discussion followed regarding the swale behind 416 College Avenue and possible drainage access.

Commissioner Wood -- reported that he had not heard from Mr. McConville of WEU to meet and identify trees that would be cut. He will meet with Mayor pro tem Peacock regarding the height for cutting the crepe myrtles in the median on Isabella.

Clerk’s Report

The clerk gave the supervisor’s report saying that new steps had been welded on the rear of the garbage truck; a new LED flasher had been purchased for the truck; that the Spruce Street ditch had been cleaned; and that Alvin had to be written up for being repeatedly late for work. Garbage poundage was 28,820 and total yard waste was 28,940 pounds.

The clerk reported that she had spoken with Mr. Hardt of Washington Electric Utilities and he agreed to have the WEU grind the stumps of cut trees if the Town would dispose of the tree debris. She reported that she had spent \$111.00 toward the picnic, but that only \$18.00 was perishable, the rest being usable in the spring if needed. The clerk reported that the Town had received \$7606.64 in Powell Bill distribution. She reported

that the investigative portion of the audit was finished and that Mr. Oden had said that it was "clean" and he would get the written portion to the Board in time for the November meeting. She reported \$10,152 in location option sales tax, \$4,054 in utilities franchise payments, and that three tennis keys had been sold and one yard sale permit purchased. The clerk reported that merit awards totaling \$3,385.54 had been distributed to the employees.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2015.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park