

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

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| United Bank | General Fund | \$ 332,796.06 |
| United Bank | Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund | 82,100.00 |
| United Bank | Powell Bill Checking | 22,231.08 |
| United Bank | Powell Bill/Saving CD | 65,303.58 |
| United Bank | Capital Reserve Fund/CD | 76,276.03 |
| United Bank | American Rescue Plan Act Fund | <u>68,253.97</u> |
| Total | | \$ 646,960.72 |

Present

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner

Absent

Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Bowen 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 there for an update on 320 Isabella Avenue. Mayor Richter reported on the meeting with the City of Washington Chief Building Inspector, Mike Weldin. This meeting included discussion regarding the apparent condition of the building from the outside. There appears not to be deterioration equal to at least 50% of the tax value. However, Mr. Weldin will be following up with the Town Attorney to ascertain the next steps. Mayor Richter did advise the Board and Mr. Rianhard that the electrical meter had been pulled on 1/25/2022. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Rianhard for his continued interest.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. 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 Sorrell Surveying had completed the survey. Mr. Sorrell will be contacting the Town Attorney to discuss his findings.

400 block College/Fairview Avenues: Commissioner Bowen reported that Mr. Sorrell was looking at alternatives to the ditch behind the properties as there are two power poles in the way of a ditch.

Replacement dump truck: Mayor pro tem Peacock reported that he and Mr. Woolard had been looking at a smaller, 10-12 cubic yard garbage truck. At this time there are no trucks available, but they will continue the search.

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

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that a new power washer attachment had been purchased to clean the tennis courts. This tool will allow the men to clean the courts twice a year. He reported that Bo Brooks asked permission for a 5K run for Beaufort County Literacy for 3/19/22; also, the resident at 212 Riverside Drive asked for permission to have his guests use the waterfront that abuts his property for a party on 3/19/22. Commissioner Dale said that he was getting quotes for repairing tennis court cracks and was also going to get quotes for sanitized bark mulch. Commissioner Dale reported that a plein air artist had requested using the waterfront for classes for students. Discussion followed regarding activities requiring sponsorship by Washington Park residents. The clerk was asked to respond to the inquiry saying that the activity needed to be sponsored by a resident and that a resident would need to be a part of the class.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Bowen – no further report. See above.

Commissioner Cowell – no report.

The clerk reported for Commissioner Nash that he had contacted the Sheriff's office several times with no success regarding the loan of a security camera for 320 Isabella Avenue.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that ad valorem taxes had been received for \$24,594.83; that local option sales tax received was \$11,490.75; that one tennis key was sold; and that the W-2s and 1099-NEC forms had been completed, distributed, and mailed. She gave Mr. Woolard's report which included updates on equipment repairs of tractor, truck, and mower. The clerk reported that the City of Washington had updated their fuel farm software and provided new cards.

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

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park