

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
January 4, 2021
7:00 p.m.**

United Bank	General Fund	\$ 214,533.08
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	82,100.00
United Bank	Powell Bill Checking	8,256.68
United Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	65,184.63
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>76,086.25</u>
	Total	\$ 446,160.64

Present

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

Absent

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called for public input. There was no public input.

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

Old Business

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter reported that he had spoken with the owner who said that she was unaware of the deterioration. Mayor Richter has sent her pictures of the house for her review. Mayor Richter will follow up with more pictures and phone calls.

Hurricane Isaias debris pickup reimbursement: The clerk reported that all the paperwork is finished with FEMA and the State of NC on this project. She said that the Town is just waiting for the check to be issued.

New Business

Mayor Richter told the Board that the State is requiring all municipalities to update their Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Land Use Plan under 160D legislation. Mayor Richter is in the process of updating the information for a mandatory Public hearing before June 30, 2021.

Reports

Commissioner Cowell – reported that four live oak trees had been planted and watered well. She said that she has spoken with Ross Boyer regarding suggestions for replacement trees under the power lines on Isabella Avenue.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the final bill for B.E. Singleton had been paid in the amount of \$11,250 for the work on Isabella Avenue and the private drive. He said that Mayor Richter had written a letter to the Pages regarding the erosion east of their property giving ninety days for Washington Park to have some alternatives to bulkheading. He is working with Hugh Sorrell to determine the Town's easements in that area. Commissioner Bowen also said that he had received a phone call from the resident at 510 Isabella regarding poor drainage on the north side of Isabella Avenue East. He will look into possible solutions to the problem.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – no report.

Commissioner Nash – reported that he had received a report from Will Caputo at the Sheriff's office with all the calls for that office during December. Commissioner Nash noted that they were still having trouble differentiating calls in Washington Park from the rest of the County.

Commissioner Dale – reported that two tennis keys and one pickleball key had been sold in December. He asked that the men continue to fluff the mulch under the swings and put more sand in the diggers on the playground. The clerk will follow up with Mr. Woolard.

Clerk's Report

The clerk presented a Budget Ordinance Amendment for the repair of the garbage truck transmission and purchase of a new cart tipper and a Budget Ordinance Amendment for the purchase of a new HVAC for the Municipal Building. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to approve the two Budget Ordinance Amendments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

The clerk reported \$13,713.29 in ad valorem taxes had been collected; that the local option sales tax received in December was \$11,561.38; that a driveway permit had been issued to the resident at 106 Spruce Street; that the beaver trapper contracted to trap in Maple Branch had caught one beaver, so Ross Boyer was going to try and go in and clear Maple Branch of debris. Clerk Dale reported that the second installment of Powell Bill funds had been received in the amount of \$6,882.90. The clerk gave the supervisor's report saying that there is an ongoing electrical problem in the garbage truck and that he had repaired a power steering leak on the dump truck.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Richter.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park