

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
December 7, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

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| United Bank | General Fund | \$ 206,671.97 |
| United Bank | Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund | 82,100.00 |
| United Bank | Powell Bill Checking | 12,623.78 |
| United Bank | Powell Bill/Saving CD | 65,154.25 |
| United Bank | Capital Reserve Fund/CD | <u>76,031.36</u> |
| | Total | \$ 442,581.36 |

Present

Thomas B. Richter, Mayor
Lee Bowen, Commissioner
Belinda Cowell, Commissioner
Wade Dale, Commissioner
Patrick Nash, Commissioner

Absent

Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. 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 neither he nor the clerk had been able to contact the owner.

Hurricane Isaias debris pickup reimbursement: Clerk Dale reported that the documentation was finished for the debris pickup as well as management costs associated with the project. The Town is waiting now for FEMA to approve the project and associated costs in the amount of \$20,419.40.

New Business

Mayor Richter read a letter from the resident at 215 College Avenue asking about a variance for his L-shaped lot to put a 24'x48' garage on the property. Mayor Richter led an informal discussion regarding variance requirements and the particular elements of the variance request. The Board asked Mayor Richter to write a letter to the resident outlining several options to the homeowner which would not require a variance for the proposed structure.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that he was unaware whether the Turkey Trot had gone through Washington Park on Thanksgiving Day.

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 November. Commissioner Nash noted that they were still having trouble differentiating calls in Washington Park, but that there was a report of obtaining property by false pretense at 300 Isabella, and a report of communicating threats at 303 Fairview Avenue.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had spoken with ReLeaf Washington and that they would be planting four live oak trees in the median in the 100 and 200 blocks of Riverside at Ross Boyer's earliest convenience.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that the grinding and paving of the private drive had been completed.

Mayor Richter read an email from Will Page following up on his visit to the Board meeting in November regarding his parents' concerns about erosion of the ditch around their house at 530 Isabella Avenue. Discussion followed. The Board asked the Mayor to write a letter to Will Page saying that the Board wants to explore multiple solutions for minimizing and managing the water flowing through that ditch prior to making any permanent decisions.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the HVAC system in the Municipal Building had been replaced by Hardee Company for \$3750; that the ad valorem for November was \$53,663.57; that the local option sales tax received was \$11,117.46; that one tennis key had been sold; and that a street light out on Spruce Street had been reported several times by residents and the clerk but had not been repaired/replaced yet. The clerk said that the Powell Bill checking account had changed at United Bank and that there was no interest for the checking account, but no fees either. The clerk reported a reduction in her insurance for 2021 resulting in a \$208 savings; and that Mr. Woolard would be on vacation from 12/7/2020 through 12/10/2020. Clerk Dale reported that the garbage truck was at Elks Garage because it had started without a key. Commissioner Bowen is researching possible solutions online for this unwanted "remote start." The clerk also reported that the rusted doors on the dump truck had been replaced with plywood and 2x4s until CAM finishes the new body for the dump truck.

Commissioner Nash made a motion to give Christmas gifts of \$50 to each full-time employee, and a Christmas gift of \$25 to the part-time employee. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. Passed by all.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park