

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
March 7, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 88,594.90
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	18,775.10
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	13,026.24
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving	116,491.26
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	106,286.92

Total		\$343,174.42
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Present

Absent

Mayor Thomas Richter
Jeff Peacock, Mayor pro tem
Patrick Nash, Commissioner
Jim Pagnani, Commissioner
Don Wilkinson, Commissioner

Mayor Richter called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Peacock to amend the agenda to include the selection of a replacement for Commissioner Cowell's position. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called on Mr. Wood for his report. He said that he had one estimate to replace the roof of the Municipal Building for \$3600, and that he was going to get other estimates. He reported that the hydraulic brakes on the dump truck had failed, and that to send it out for repair would be around \$3000 per Commercial Truck. Mr. Wood said that he could repair the brakes for approximately \$350 per side for basic parts and it could be worked on one day at a time instead of having it gone for a week at CTE. Discussion followed. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to have Mr. Wood immediately repair the dump truck hydraulic brake system, the work to be done by Mr. Wood. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Mr. Wood stated that the parts for the leaf machine had been received and that it should be repaired by the end of the week. He also reported that 28,000 pounds of garbage, and 23,000 pounds of yard waste had been removed this month. Mr. Wood also said that he would be attending pesticide school in Fayetteville on March 29 and 30, 2011. Mayor Richter thanked Mr. Wood.

Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and open the Board of Adjustment Meeting and Public Hearing. Commissioner Pagnani seconded. Passed by all.

The Board of Adjustment reviewed the request from Mr. Peter Rupp for a variance for a 24' x 24' garage at 200 River Road. The five items required for a

variance were reviewed. Mr. Rupp assured the Board that the garage would be six feet from the house and that he would maintain a five-foot setback from the side lot line. Commissioner Wilkinson asked about the septic tank drain field and the repair field. Mr. Rupp replied that the septic tank was under the deck and could be reached from the right side of the yard. Mayor pro tem Peacock made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Mr. Rupp that would maintain five feet of a ten-foot side-yard variance. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash moved to come out of the Board of Adjustment meeting and close the Public Hearing; and return to regular meeting session. Seconded by Commissioner Pagnani. Passed by all.

The minutes and financial statement were read and approved as corrected.

Reports

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that he had made a map of the Town pecan trees and showed the 13 trees in and around the Tot Lot. He said that he had an estimate of \$1500 from Stewart Dudley for trimming 13 trees. Commissioner Pagnani made a motion to have Dudley Landscaping trim the top 25% of the pecan trees in and around the Tot Lot for a maximum of \$2000. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Discussion followed. Passed by all.

Mayor pro tem Peacock also said that Dr. Marshall Taylor would remove the large piling on the waterfront within the week. He also reported that two live oaks were available for planting. The Board agreed that Mayor pro tem Peacock should use his discretion in planting the live oaks. Commissioner Nash asked about replacing crape myrtles as they die out, especially on Isabella Avenue. Mayor pro tem Peacock will make a map showing replacement crape myrtles in Washington Park.

Commissioner Pagnani – reported that the small picnic tables had been messed with over the weekend and that a leg had snapped off.

Commissioner Nash – no report.

Commissioner Wilkinson – no report.

Old Business

The Clerk showed the Web site by Ken Robol that is in progress. The Web address is <http://townofwashingtonpark.com>. The commissioners were asked to look over the Web site and give suggestions to the clerk for further development.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pagnani to adopt the resolution honoring Commissioner Cowell (copy attached). Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

The proposed resolution promoting a Beaufort County Tourism Development Authority was revisited. Commissioner Pagnani questioned "Why?" or more, "Why not?" Discussion followed. A motion was made by Commissioner Wilkinson to support a county-wide Tourism Development Authority and adopt the proposed resolution supporting same. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

New Business

The City of Washington-Washington Park fire contract was discussed. The proposed fire contract is based on property values in the Bunyan Fire District and the Broad Creek EMS District. This was seen to be a more equitable and predictable way of determining the cost of the fire contract. A motion was made by Commissioner Pagnani to accept the proposed fire contract. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkinson. Passed by all.

The Mayor and Commissioners provided names for consideration by the Board as a replacement for the vacant seat of Horace Cowell. Lee Bowen was selected to fill that seat for the remainder of the term ending November, 2011. The Mayor called Lee Bowen to determine his willingness to serve. Lee accepted the position and will be sworn when it is convenient for all.

Corner lot setbacks were discussed. Mayor Richter said that there were not any setbacks for corner lots in the Zoning Ordinance other than the 10' side yard setback noted for all lots. Many communities (according to Lee Padrick at the Division of Community Assistance Regional Office) split the difference between a regular front yard setback and the regular side yard setback as the setback on corner lot side yards.

In the Washington Park Zoning Ordinance, the front yard setback is 30'. The ordinance calls for a 10' side yard setback for lots generally. The median figure would be 20'. The commissioners, in discussion, noted that many of the side yards are more than 10' at houses with corner lots. They also noted that there were some houses at corner lots that were less than 10'. Commissioners were asked to think about this issue for further discussion at the next meeting.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Dale reported that the Town receives an annual \$200 grant for safety from NCLM as part of the Workers Compensation insurance policy. She has ordered ear protection, safety vests and a new first-aid kit. She also has ordered Nova Leveler for the "birdbaths" on the tennis court which should arrive before the end

of the week. She reported that the fire contract with the City of Washington for 2010-2011 had been paid.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park