

**Town of Washington Park  
Municipal Building  
May 6, 2013  
7:00 p.m.**

First South Bank	General Fund	\$ 97,027.16
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund	19,030.78
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Checking	10,983.75
First South Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	89,948.10
First South Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	70,317.37

<b>Total</b>		<b>\$287,307.16</b>
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**Present**

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

**Absent**

None

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

Mayor Richter asked Mr. Wood for his report. Mr. Wood said that the building, grounds and vehicles were all fine, and that he was continuing to use William Ore as extra help until a replacement for CJ is found. He reported that there was 31,460# of garbage and around 20,000# of yard debris (the scales have been broken at White Post). Mr. Wood asked the Board if he could wear shorts on very hot days while driving the garbage truck. The clerk volunteered to contact the Town's Workers Compensation representative to see if there were restrictions for sanitation workers regarding uniforms. Mayor Richter asked if the Town's ditches were ready for hurricanes. Mr. Wood said that he was waiting to spray ditches when there was no wind. He asked about the erosion of the ditch on the south side of the 400 block Bank Street. He also reported that someone was spraying in the ditch in front of 511 College Avenue. Discussion followed. Mayor Richter will write a letter to the resident.

The minutes and financial statements were read and approved.

**Old Business**

Speeding on Bank Street: Commissioner Bowen said that he had spoken with a resident who complained about the continued speeding on Bank Street. Commissioner Bowen said that he had looked into other municipalities' speeding issues and generally, speed humps were the recommended answer. He noted that enforcement issues were a problem, and that some municipalities have citizens monitoring speeding and then have law enforcement follow up. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wilkinson said that he would speak with the Beaufort County Sheriff's office and see if the Town could use the mobile speed indicator and place it around the Park to make drivers aware of their speed.

Fence Ordinance: The clerk was instructed to email the final version of the Fence Ordinance from Trey Smith to the Board. Commissioner Pagnani moved to proceed with the advertisement of a Public Hearing regarding the Fence Regulation change to the Zoning Ordinance preparatory for consideration of adoption at the June 3, 2013 regular Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bowen. Passed by all.

Municipal Building use policy: Commissioner Pagnani distributed a draft of a proposed Washington Park Facilities and Grounds Use Policy which includes the use of the Municipal Building, Tot Lot, waterfront. Mayor Richter thanked Commissioner Pagnani for all his work and asked the Board to review the policy and be prepared to discuss it at the June Board meeting.

Speed hump at Pine Street and College Avenue: A resident had asked members of the Board when the speed hump would be installed on Pine Street. Commissioner Wilkinson said that he wanted to have all the paving done at one time and that he wanted to wait until the mobile speed indicator had been used in the Park.

Vehicles/Parking in the median: The clerk was instructed by the Board to have Mr. Wood repair damage in the median in the 200 block of Isabella Avenue with grass seed and hay.

Railroad crossing at Hudnell and Park: The clerk read a letter from Mr. Lassiter of the North Carolina DOT regarding the crossing. Mr. Lassiter said that Coastal Carolina Railroad will be contacted by the DOT, as well as the Beaufort County Engineer. Mayor Richter will write a reply to Mr. Lassiter thanking him for the update and asking him for updates.

Piedmont Natural Gas availability to residents: The clerk gave a report based on her discussion with Mr. Dan Voliva of Piedmont Natural Gas in New Bern. Mayor Richter will write a letter to PNG asking specifically for a map of the lines and houses affected, expressing the Town's dissatisfaction with PNG's response to residents.

Chickens: The clerk reported that she had sent letters to two residents citing the Washington Park ordinance that prohibits chickens; she has not been contacted by either resident.

Replacement of public works employee: Commissioner Bowen initiated a discussion regarding the size and type of workforce in Washington Park. The Mayor and the Board agreed that the Town should maintain the present level and type of workforce and continue to provide the current services, but that the issue should be revisited often. Mr. Wood, the clerk, Mayor Richter, Commissioner Bowen, and Mayor pro tem Peacock will review the applications for public works employee on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. and proceed with interviews thereafter for the position.

Windley-Bell property: The backyard at 320 Isabella Avenue is beginning to look overgrown. Mayor Richter said that he would contact Ms. Bell regarding the lawn.

Fiscal 2013-14 budget: It was decided that the Public Hearing for the FY 2013-14 budget would be Monday, June 17, 2013. The clerk will advertise the public hearing.

### **Reports**

Commissioner Pagnani – no report.

Commissioner Nash – said that there had not been any break-ins or any animal control reports.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – said that there was an advertised sale at a tree farm in Greenville with mature trees for \$49.99. He was authorized by the Board to see what trees were available and purchase as necessary with a limit of \$2000.

Commissioner Bowen – no report.

Commissioner Wilkinson – no report.

### **Clerk's Report**

The clerk reminded the Board that the Washington Triathlons would be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 2013 on the waterfront.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Denise D. Dale  
Clerk, Town of Washington Park