

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
October 5, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

United Bank	General Fund	\$ 197,758.44
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	82,100.00
United Bank	Powell Bill Checking	12,763.26
United Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	65,094.51
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>75,923.47</u>
	Total	\$ 433,639.68

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 agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Cowell. 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 Dale. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Old Business

320 Isabella Avenue: Mayor Richter reported that neither he nor the clerk had heard from the property owner.

Hurricane Isaias debris pickup reimbursement: Clerk Dale said that the NC Public Safety Department is waiting for the President to declare the storm a disaster in North Carolina.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that there are three waterfront events with deposits for next year, one on 4/17/21, one on 5/15/21, and one on 6/19/21. He also suggested that part of the recreation budget money be used to paint the playground equipment this winter by the men.

Commissioner Nash – reported that the Sheriff's Office had no reports for September, but that he knew of an accident at the corner of Edgewater and River Road. He also reported that the clerk had informed him of a motorized vehicle within the chained area on the east end of the waterfront. Discussion followed regarding replacing the posts and chains on the waterfront. Mr. Woolard will look at pricing new chain and posts.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he had spoken with Charlie Manning at BE Singleton and discussed grinding the pavement instead of removing with a backhoe.

Commissioner Bowen agreed to that procedure and Mr. Manning said that it would be done in seven to ten days.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that she had spoken with Mac Simpson of ReLeaf and that they would be looking at planting some trees in Washington Park in November.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$13,397.94 in ad valorem taxes, and \$15,780.00 from the state in local option sales tax and franchise taxes; that Brian Alligood, Beaufort County Manager, is following up regarding inaccuracies in property tax bills in Washington Park; that the Town received a refund of \$188.892 from the NC League of Municipalities after the 2019-20 workers' compensation audit; and that half of the Powell Bill allocation of \$13,770.80 had been received from the State. The clerk pointed out that this is approximately a \$520 decrease from last year's allocation. She reported that Larry Carpenter, CPA, had uploaded the Town's preliminary audit to the Local Government Commission and that the Board should have copies by the November Board meeting. The clerk said that she had called Washington Utilities to replace four street lights: Bank & Spruce Streets, Bank & Hickory Streets, Bank & River Road, and Pine & College Avenue. All of the new street lights are LEDs. Clerk Dale reported that the Town had paid \$300 to a contractor to mow the Spruce Street ditch; that the three-year \$521.00 clerk's bond had been paid; and said that she had enjoyed driving the new truck for garbage pickup while Mr. Woolard took a week's vacation. She gave the supervisor's report saying that the men had cut back low-hanging branches over the roadways throughout the Park to accommodate the new garbage truck; that a hole on the waterfront left by tree removal had been filled; and that they had rebuilt the front drive on the mower.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 9, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park