

**Town of Washington Park
Municipal Building
September 14, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

United Bank	General Fund	\$ 188,927.75
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/Truck Fund	82,100.00
United Bank	Powell Bill Checking	5,889.99
United Bank	Powell Bill/Saving CD	65,065.15
United Bank	Capital Reserve Fund/CD	<u>75,870.46</u>
	Total	\$ 417,853.35

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. Commissioner Dale made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Mayor Richter called for public input. Kim Miltenberger Warren was present to speak about estate sales and extenuating circumstances regarding sales. She said that she felt that an estate sale should be allowed more frequently than twice a year. Mayor Richter asked her about having an auctioneer at the property, but Ms. Warren said that she would not be comfortable with that. Discussion followed regarding Ms. Warren's request. Mayor Richter thanked Ms. Warren for coming to the meeting and said that she would be hearing from the Board soon.

The financial report and the minutes were approved upon motion by Commissioner Bowen. Seconded by Mayor pro tem Peacock. Passed by all.

Old Business

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

New Business

Mayor Richter led a discussion regarding estate sales vs yard sales. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to allow Ms. Warren one estate sale per month for six months, beginning with one this month (September) and that the Board and Ms. Warren would reassess at the March 2021 board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all. Mayor Richter will write a letter to Ms. Warren outlining the Board's decision regarding estate sales.

Reports

Commissioner Dale – reported that the Bo Bowen memorial plaque is completed. He also reported that the Hannah's Heroes Glow Run had been cancelled for September 12th, and that the Town had received the Beaufort County recreation allotment for FY

2020-21 in the amount of \$1620. Commissioner Dale recommended that the Town not have a Town Picnic this year because of the pandemic. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to cancel the Town Picnic this year. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all.

Commissioner Nash – reported that the Sheriff's Office had no reports for August. He has forwarded information on derelict boat issues to the Board members.

Mayor pro tem Peacock – reported that the old garbage truck had been given to Elks Garage for \$1000 in future labor costs. Clerk Dale excused herself from the meeting. Commissioner Dale excused himself from the meeting. Mayor pro tem Peacock led a discussion regarding merit awards for the three employees. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to give all employees a 5% merit award. Seconded by Commissioner Nash. Passed by all, with Commissioner Dale excusing himself from the vote.

Commissioner Bowen – reported that he had left a message for Singleton regarding the paving of the private drive. He will update the Commissioners when he receives a response. Commissioner Bowen also said that he had had a meeting with the resident at 200 Isabella Avenue regarding re-landscaping the front yard and grading to drain water into the median.

Commissioner Cowell – reported that Dudley Landscaping had done \$650 worth of tree work throughout the Town in August. She also said that she had been in touch with RELEAF regarding fall planting of trees.

Clerk's Report

The clerk reported that the Town had received \$147.50 in ad valorem taxes in August; that \$11,322.38 had been received in local option sales; that the Town had received a refund on the flood insurance for \$409.00; that new steps had been made at Beaufort County Iron Works for \$200; that three tennis keys had been sold; and that a \$188.82 refund from the NCLM Workers Compensation Insurance had been received after their audit. The clerk said that she had had an inquiry from a resident regarding their vehicle registration renewal and that Washington Park property tax was not listed on their renewal form. The clerk said that she has spoken with the Beaufort County Tax Assessor's office, but she would follow up again with any further information provided to her.

The clerk said that she had received a call from a resident regarding political signs and the Town's political sign ordinance. Discussion followed regarding changing the language in the ordinance to prohibit any political signs in the Town's right-of-way. Commissioner Bowen made a motion to change the language to prohibit political signs in the Town's right-of-way. Seconded by Commissioner Dale. Passed by all.

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

The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 5, at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Denise D. Dale
Clerk, Town of Washington Park