



## SOUTH HILL TOWN COUNCIL

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008

#### 7:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of having a Public Hearing on the Real Estate Tax Rate. The special meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the South Hill Municipal Building located at 211 South Mecklenburg Avenue in South Hill, Virginia.

Council members in attendance were Chad J. Barbour, M. B. "Millie" Bracey, William R. Gregory, J. Woodrow "Woody" Kidd and Mike Moody. Council members Gregg Harper and C. Leroy Sasser were not present at the meeting. Others in attendance were Kim Callis, Anna Cratch, Heidi Porter, Brad Johnson and Lincoln Sturdivant.

Kim Callis opened the Public Hearing for comments for and against increasing property tax levies due to changes in property values resulting from the Mecklenburg County general reassessment. There is no proposed increase in the property tax rate of \$ .34 per \$100 of property value. Staff is required to hold a Public Hearing if the real estate tax is not lowered so that tax levies increase by less than 1%. The Public Hearing was advertised in the South Hill Enterprise on April 27, 2008. While some additional revenue may be realized, it may be offset by refunds to taxpayers who appeal their property values, and by rapidly increasing fuel and insurance costs.

There were no speakers in favor of or against the proposal.

**Councilman Kidd moved** and **Councilwoman Bracey seconded** to leave the property tax rate at \$ .34% per \$100 as advertised. A **roll-call vote** was requested and voiced as follows:

Councilman Barbour-Aye  
Councilman Gregory-Aye  
Councilman Kidd-Aye  
Councilman Sasser-Absent.

Councilwoman Bracey-Aye  
Councilman Harper-Absent  
Councilman Moody-Aye

The special meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

#### 7:30 P.M.

A special meeting of the South Hill Town Council was held on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of appointing someone to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Johnny M. Cook, Jr. in Ward 1. The special meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the South Hill Municipal Building located at 211 South Mecklenburg Avenue in South Hill, Virginia.

Council members in attendance were Chad J. Barbour, M. B. “Millie” Bracey, William R. Gregory, J. Woodrow “Woody” Kidd and Mike Moody. Council members Gregg Harper and C. Leroy Sasser were not present at the meeting. Others in attendance were Kim Callis, Anna Cratch, Heidi Porter, Brad Johnson and Lillie Feggins-Boone.

Mayor Horne reported that Lillie Feggins-Boone was the only candidate who submitted a request in writing to be given consideration to fill the vacant Council seat in Ward 1. Mayor Horne asked if anyone else would like to request that his or her name be given consideration as well. No one replied. **Councilwoman Bracey moved** and **Councilman Moody seconded** to close the nomination process. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

**Councilman Kidd moved** and **Councilman Barbour seconded** to appoint Lillie Feggins-Boone to fill the unexpired term of Johnny Cook in Ward 1. A **roll-call vote** was requested and voiced as follows:

Councilman Barbour-Aye  
Councilman Gregory-Aye  
Councilman Kidd-Aye  
Councilman Sasser-Absent.

Councilwoman Bracey-Aye  
Councilman Harper-Absent  
Councilman Moody-Aye

Everyone congratulated Ms. Feggins-Boone.

There being no further business matters before the South Hill Town Council, Mayor Horne adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Anna B. Cratch.

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Earl O. Horne, Mayor

Attest:

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Anna B. Cratch, Town Clerk