

Town of Spring Lake
Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen
Municipal Building
300 Ruth Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390

November 10, 2014

MINUTES

7 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderwoman Densie Lucas
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

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| Ken Metcalf, Town Manager | Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney |
| Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager | Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director |
| Paul Hoover, Public Works Director | John Kleinert, Maintenance Director |
| Troy McDuffie, Police Chief | Tina West, Interim Finance Director |
| Gail Elder-White, Recreation Director | Jason Williams, Assistant Fire Chief |
| Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk | |

2. Invocation

Alderman Higgins gave a non-sectarian invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Item 8b, Harnett County Public Utilities Update was deleted from the agenda. Mr. Burns, Harnett County Manager, sent information for the Board which was delivered to each Board Member at the meeting.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the amended agenda.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the amended agenda.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one.)

6. Approval of Consent Items

The Board approved the consent items:

- a. Minutes of the October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. Veterans Day Proclamation

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting and Veterans Day Proclamation.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. Presentation

a. Spring Lake's First Fire Chief's Badge

Ms. Mary Taylor gave a short history of the beginning of the Spring Lake Fire Department and a brief history of former Mayor Taylor's service to the Town. She then presented Mayor Taylor's Fire Chief's badge. Prior to becoming the Mayor, Newell Taylor was the Town's first Fire Chief. Ms. Taylor wanted the Fire Department to have his badge and felt he would be proud for them to have it.

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Harnett County Public Utilities Update

This item was deleted from the agenda at the meeting.

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. NCDOT Update on U-4444 and Proposed Improvement to Highway 87 at Sonic

Mr. Randy Wise, NCDOT, provided the Board with an update on the U-4444 roadway project. He stated the Randolph Bridge should be completed and the traffic switch onto Randolph should happen in early spring 2015. The Poe Avenue Bridge should be completed in summer of 2015 and the traffic switch closing Bragg Boulevard should occur in the spring of 2016. The length of the project is 1.696 miles at a cost of \$32.3M. He thanked the Town's Public Works Department for all their help.

Mr. Greg Burns announced the public forum scheduled for November 20, 2014 on the Odell Road widening. The forum is scheduled for 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. to speak with folks about the planning and design stage and they will take comments. This forum will be held at the Town Hall.

Mr. Burns then asked if the Town wishes for NCDOT to pursue a resolution for Hwy 87 between Odell Road and McKenzie Road. He proposed to put a median in that area like the rest of Hwy 87 and the Board's consensus was to proceed with this resolution if possible.

(A copy of the agenda memo and PowerPoint Presentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

9. New Business

a. Ordinance (2014) 18, Amendment to Spring Lake Code of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Peddlers and Solicitors

Chief McDuffie reviewed the proposed changes and requested the Board approve Ordinance (2014) 18.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 18.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, proposed changes to Chapter 30 and Ordinance (2014) 18 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

b. Resolution (2014) 23, Petition for Annexation, Miller Property

Ms. Webb presented Resolution (2014) 23 and advised Mr. Miller petitioned to be annexed into the Town of Spring Lake. Resolution (2014) 23 will task the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and task staff with conducting a feasibility study. Ms. Webb asked the Board to approve Resolution (2014) 23.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 23.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, petition for annexation and Resolution (2014) 23 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

c. Resolution (2014) 24, Petition for Annexation, Goins Property

Ms. Webb presented Resolution (2014) 24 and advised Ms. Goins petitioned to be annexed into the Town of Spring Lake. Resolution (2014) 24 will task the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition and task staff with conducting a feasibility study. Ms. Webb asked the Board to approve Resolution (2014) 24.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 24.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, petition for annexation and Resolution (2014) 24 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

d. Resolution (2014) 25, Support for Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Mr. Metcalf presented Resolution (2014) 25 supporting a natural gas pipeline. Duke Energy and Duke Energy Carolinas wants to bring a new pipeline to North Carolina and they feel this new pipeline will help this area with economic growth. The pipeline will run the I95 corridor but there are grants that will help us get natural gas to the Town. It was clarified that the closest natural gas line, excluding Fort Bragg, is 8 miles away and it would cost approximately \$1M per mile to get the line to Spring Lake. The pipeline construction team and Duke Energy would like to come in the Spring and make a presentation to the Board and answer questions.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 25.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, petition for annexation and Resolution (2014) 25 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

e. Resolution (2014) 26, 2015 Holiday Schedule

Ms. Henegan presented Resolution (2014) 26 and the proposed 2015 Holiday Schedule. She reviewed the proposed holidays for 2015 and requested the Board approve Resolution (2014) 26 approving the 2015 Holiday schedule.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule and Resolution (2014) 26.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, 2015 Holiday Schedule and Resolution (2014) 26 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

f. Resolution (2014) 27, Amendment to Town's Personnel Policy

Ms. Henegan presented Resolution (2014) 27 to amend the current Personnel Policy to allow employees, regardless of age, who serves the Town for 30 years to retire with medical benefits. Currently the policy requires an employee to be 55 years of age to receive this benefit. It was clarified this change will help us retain employees and will be a recruitment tool. Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about other municipalities and if they do this and Ms. Henegan stated they do.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 27.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, proposed policy change and Resolution (2014) 27 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment ten.)

g. Budget Amendment 2015.5, Police Department

Ms. West requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2015.5 to recognize insurance proceeds and appropriate the expenditure incurred to repair a managed 2011 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2015.5.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2015.5 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eleven.)

h. Budget Amendment 2015.6, Recreation Department

Ms. West requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2015.6 to budget funds received from the Boys and Girls Club which reimburses the Town for use of the Town's facility.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2015.6.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, memorandum from Recreation Director and Budget Amendment 2015.6 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment twelve.)

i. Budget Amendment 2015.7, Fire Department

Ms. West requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2015.7 to recognize a \$200 donation and a \$1,200 grant into the Fire Department's budget.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2015.7.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, memorandums from Fire Chief and Budget Amendment 2015.7 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment thirteen.)

j. Budget Amendment 2015.8, Police Department

Ms. West requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2015.8 to recognize the receipt of unauthorized substance seizures funds and allocates the funding to the Police Department.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2015.8.

Motion by: Alderwoman Lucas

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, memorandum from Police Chief and Budget Amendment 2015.8 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment fourteen.)

k. Budget Amendment 2015.9, WWTP

Ms. West requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2015.9 to recognize the revenue from the installment purchase proceeds and appropriate the expenditure for the construction portion of the WWTP Influent Pump Project.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2015.9.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2015.9 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment fifteen.)

l. Ordinance (2014) 19, Amend Rate and Fee Schedule, Police Department

Ms. West presented Ordinance (2014) 19 to amend the Rate and Fee Schedule to coincide with the Ordinance amendment the Board adopted earlier regarding Chapter 30. In reviewing the Ordinance it was discovered that the Rate and Fee Schedule was not up to date with the proposed changes. Approving Ordinance (2014) 19 will put the Rate and Fee Schedule in line with the Ordinance.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 19.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, proposed changes to the Rate and Fee Schedule and Ordinance (2014) 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment sixteen.)

m. Ordinance (2014) 20, Amend Rate and Fee Schedule, Recreation Fees

Ms. West presented Ordinance (2014) 20 to modify the Rate and Fee Schedule to clarify who is eligible for gymnasium and fitness room memberships at no charge.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2014) 20.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, proposed changes to the Rate and Fee Schedule and Ordinance (2014) 20 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seventeen.)

10. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
Mayor