

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

August 25, 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 (arrived at 7:03 p.m.)
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

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

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra asked for a moment of silence for James Foley who was kidnapped in Syria.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

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

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

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 August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent item, the minutes for August 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Robert Cooper, 130 Deerfield Drive, spoke regarding the Spring Lake Bus System. He requested the bus begin and end in Spring Lake the way it did prior to July 1, 2014. He advised there is a 30 minute wait each morning and believes this change is costing the bus system and riders more.

Betty Sanford, 104 Wapiti Drive, spoke regarding speeding in the Deerfield Subdivision and the smell of the water at times. She asked the Town to consider placing two speed bumps on Wapiti and to look at the water issue.

8. Public Hearing

a. Case P14-34: Rezoning of 1.93 +/- acres from R10 Residential to C1 Local Business or to a more restrictive zoning district, located 2230 N Bragg Blvd

Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing. Ms. Lori Epler from Larry King and Associates stated they have worked with this family for more than 30 years and is here to answer any questions that may arise.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the Public Hearing on Case P14-34.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

9. Presentation

a. Neighborhood Gateway Beautification

Mr. Starnes presented the Board with a proposed program to address the appearance of the gateways to the major subdivisions in Town. This project will redesign, construct and maintain the entrances to each of the major subdivisions in Spring Lake. It will be a partnership between the Town, Home Owner's Association and Neighborhood Watch Groups. Mr. Starnes identified the major subdivisions as: Deerfield, Holly Hills, Manchester Forest, Woodland West and Laketree. He proposed to create a subcommittee (not more than 11 members) under the jurisdiction of the Community Appearance Commission consisting of Community Appearance Commission members, residents from each subdivision (not more than 2 per subdivision) and town staff appointed by the Town Manager. He stated the subcommittee would plan and execute this project. Funding would come from grants and private donations. He asked for the Board's approval to move forward on this project. Mr. Starnes will bring back information about the various available grants. He stated the continued maintenance aspect would have to be determined at a future date. The Board would like to include the entrances to the Town as well.

Action: The Board approved a motion to proceed with the Community Appearance Commission's Project and approve the creation of a subcommittee.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. USDA Rural Development

Mr. Randy Gore, State Director, USDA Rural Development, provided the Board with an overview of the programs USDA Rural Development administer. He advised they are mandated by Congress to administer their programs in rural communities. He spoke about the Business and Industry Program which guarantees the loan entity that they will "break their fall should the project go south." For this program, the population of the community cannot exceed 50,000. Because of our proximity to Fort Bragg and Fayetteville, Spring Lake is not eligible for their programs. He suggested the Town consider partnering with our congressional member to gain an exception. He also suggested creating a Farmer's Market in Spring Lake. Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program where they administer funds for non-profits, federally recognized Indian tribes and small municipalities to build facilities such as a fire station. The population cannot exceed 20,000. They have a Solid Waste and Water Program, population cannot exceed 10,000 but we may be able to get an exception. They also have a Rural Business Enterprise Grant that may help with the neighborhood beautification initiative. Grants are tied to median household income. We must first get the door open to allow Rural Development to come in and help us.

10. New Business

a. Case P14-34: Rezoning of 1.93 +/- acres from R10 Residential to C1 Local Business or to a More Restrictive Zoning District, Located at 2230 N. Bragg Blvd.

Mr. Scott presented Case P14-34. He stated Cumberland County Joint Planning Board recommends approval and stated it is consistent with the Land Use plan and requested Board approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case P14-34.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department Action Memorandum and Site Profile is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

b. Weaver Street Speed Limit

Chief McDuffie presented options to the Board of Aldermen regarding the speed on Weaver Street. He advised they could leave the signage and speed limit as is, place a yield or stop sign at the curve or change the speed limit at the curve to 5 miles per hour or to 10 miles per hour. He stated he recommends changing the speed limit to 5 or 10 miles per hour at the curve on Weaver Street. The Board's consensus was to erect a stop sign at the curve on Weaver Street. This amendment will be brought back before the Board at the next meeting for final approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to erect a stop sign at the curve on Weaver Street.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

c. Budget Amendment 2015.3, Street Department

Ms. West presented Budget Amendment 2015.3 to commit fund balance funds to purchase 2 snow plows. She advised the purchase was authorized in FYE 2014 but there was a problem with the vendor

and the equipment was not ordered prior to June 30, 2014.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2015.3.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2015.3 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

d. Resolution (2014) 16, WWTP Pump Project

Ms. West stated the Board previously approved for the screw pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be replaced and also approved the installation of a grinder to work with the screw pumps. The Board approved for the funding of this project to come from loan proceeds. The Local Government Commission requires the Town to apply for the loan and approve a Resolution stating the Town's intent to borrow the funds and repay them over a period of more than five years with the amount not to exceed \$500,000. She requested Board's approval for Resolution (2014) 16.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 16.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 16 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

11. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor