

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

February 10, 2014

MINUTES

7:25 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:

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Gail Elder White, Recreation Director

Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Alderman Christian 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

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 January 27, 2014 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting
- c. Proclamation, Black History Month 2014

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items which consists of the January 27th Special Meeting, the January 27th Regular Meeting and the Black History Month Proclamation.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Sergeant McCormick, Spring Lake Police Department, spoke concerning the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraiser for the North Carolina Special Olympics. He stated he would appreciate support and stated Spring Lake would like to get their name on the back of the t-shirt which requires a \$6,000 donation. He advised anyone can participate in the run but only police officers can carry the torch.

8. New Business

a. Case No. 14-009, Consideration of the Crossfit Fort Bragg Property Request for C(P) Site Plan Review

Mr. Scott presented Case No. 14-009 and advised the developer is requesting to repurpose the old Patriot Outfitters building to a fitness center. He advised, with attached conditions, the request meets or exceeds the Town's subdivision and zoning ordinances. Both the County and Town staff recommends approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case 14-009 with conditions attached.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Resolution (2014) 1, Petition for Annexation, Green Property

Ms. Webb presented Resolution (2014) 1, a petition for annexation from Mr. Terry Green for property located at 534 Thelma Searles Road. This property is contiguous to the Town. If the Board approves Resolution (2014) 1 it will direct the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition, direct staff to conduct a feasibility study and authorize the Clerk to set the Public Hearing date if all is found to be in order.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 1.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, petition for annexation, deed, map and Resolution (2014) 1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Resolution (2014) 2, Name Change, Bank Signatures

Mr. Coats presented Resolution (2014) 2 and requested that the Board approve it to add Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra and Ken Metcalf to the bank signature card.

Action: The Board approved a motion to accept Resolution (2014) 2.

Motion by: Alderwoman Lucas

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 2 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

d. Resolution (2014) 3, Taxpayer Empowerment, Transparency and good Government

Mayor Rey presented Resolution (2014) 3 and stated the purpose of the Resolution is to ensure as the Town does business with outside companies, there is a standard that we expect from companies that we do business with. We expect them to be fair, ethical and that there is a level of transparency when our tax dollars are being used.

Alderman Christian stated he believes this will strengthen the Town and Board's integrity.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2014) 3.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, the Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda pamphlet and Resolution (2014) 3 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

9. Closing Comments

Alderman Christian

- I want to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.
- I want to wish my sister Sharon Marie a Happy Birthday on the 18th.
- I want to thank the Water Department employee who saw a leak at my house and turned the water off until I could get home to take care of it.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- I do think the Special Olympics is special and I appreciate the job that you are doing to help Mr. McCormick. Your presentation was great.
- I would like to thank the Town and I would like to thank the Town Manager for all the work that you did during the water leak and for everything you do in your everyday job because you always take the Board into consideration and I appreciate that.
- The potholes have reappeared in the Southwinds Plaza near PD Quix.

Alderman Higgins

- I want to welcome a new business to the Town. It is always great to see new business come to Town.
- When you guys do what you do and get out there and get involved with things like the Special Olympics it makes the Town look good and I think it endears the citizens of the Town to the workers of the Town and this is so important when they have trust in you and see what you are doing it just makes our job so much easier.
- I compliment Mayor Rey for getting us out of here by 8 o'clock.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- I have received some complaints about the online billing and about the bills not getting out on time but I understand the weather held things up some.
- I am getting some complaints about the roads not being level but since they have been paved there are puddles in the roadway.
- I have told people that Mayor Rey was going to get the County to come out and spray for mosquitos.

Alderwoman Lucas

- We had a great time on Saturday at Shops of Main Street. There were a lot of people there and I encourage everyone to go, they have a lot of shops. This is an awesome opportunity for more businesses to come to Spring Lake. Josie and her husband are doing a great job of getting people in and hopefully moving them to the next level. We are waiting for the Façade that will go up in April.
- I appreciate the information that we get from the departments in a way that I can understand it. I am glad to be here.

Mr. Metcalf

- I enjoy working with you Mayor and this fine Board. The staff is great to work with and I appreciate all of you.

Mr. Buzzard

- Happy Valentine's Day, I hope you enjoy the donuts.

Mayor Rey

- Mr. Metcalf can we get an update on the roadway project at our next meeting?
- I want to welcome Crossfit to our community; I am really looking forward to it.
- I had a gentleman come visit today who is a government contractor and he wants to build an office building on Main Street.
- Thank you guys for everything you are doing. I appreciate the Board.
- If you haven't had an opportunity to read to a child, please do so or have a child read to you.

10. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
Mayor