

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

February 11, 2013

MINUTES

7:00 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 Napoleon Hogans
Alderman James Christian
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Tommy Burns, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Paul Hoover, Director of Public Works	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	Drew Brooks, Fayetteville Observer

2. Invocation

Alderman Higgins gave a nonsectarian 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

A corrected agenda page was given to the Board members prior to the meeting. The agenda was approved.

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

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman 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 28, 2013 Regular Meeting
- b. Resolution (2013) 4, Accepting Report of Unpaid Taxes and Directing Tax Collector to Advertise Tax Liens

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for January 28, 2013 Regular Meeting and Resolution (2013) 4.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the public forum.

8. Presentations

a. Police Department Commendations

Chief McDuffie presented Detective Melton Brown, Officer Jessica Sadlerrocker, Officer Angel Diaz and Officer Darin Bronson with commendation medals for their specialized work as 5th Platoon during the 2012 holiday season.

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

9. New Business

a. Budget Amendment 2013.12, Recreation Department

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.12 to budget insurance proceeds from damage occurring during a severe lightning storm for the repairs to the Community Center fire alarm system.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.12.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, memo from the Recreation Director and Budget Amendment 2013.12 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

b. Budget Ordinance Amendment (2013) 1, Authorized Positions, Police Department

Ms. West requested the Board approve Budget Ordinance Amendment (2013) 1 to eliminate the temporary part-time administrative assistant position in the Police Department.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Ordinance (2013) 1.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, proposed changes to the position classification plan and authorized employee positions and Ordinance (2013) 1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

c. Resolution (2013) 5, Accepting Loan for Lower Little River Interceptor

Mr. Blumenfeld advised the Board previously approved the application for this loan and this is the paperwork that will secure the loan at 50% grant and 50% zero interest. He requested Board approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2013) 5.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, DENR loan offer and acceptance document and Resolution (2013) 5 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

10. Closing Comments.

Alderman Higgins

- It is good to be here tonight.
- I congratulate the Police Department. It is a good day for Spring Lake.

Alderman O'Garra

- I thank everyone for coming out tonight.
- I am really happy with what the Police Department did with the amount of people they had to do it with.
- Troop 772, our Spring Lake Boy Scout Troop will be selling BBQ plates for \$8 on March 9, 2013. I will be your point of contact for tickets. I thank you in advance for your support.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- Holly Hills Community Watch met last Thursday and there were a lot of comments made about the Police Department walking the neighborhoods and the citizens really appreciate this. Thank you Chief.
- I want to make a comment about our bus system. I think the bus system is needed but the way it is configured, as far as the way we are paying for it, I do not believe we can sustain that. Previously we requested information about options we may have and the brief we received did not quite answer that. I am requesting staff research different municipalities and counties in North Carolina and determine if any of them are paying for their bus system with anything other than General Fund. I would like specifics on the ones who are able to do this. I would also like to get the "one, two, threes" of what it would take to get an item on the ballot for voters in Spring Lake. I want to again state that I am convinced this bus system is needed but I am convinced the way we are funding it is not sustainable. The Board may not do anything, we may leave things the way they are but I do have questions about the way the contract was let and what funding mechanisms were considered at that time. I do think we should have an option for the bus system because the General Fund dollars we are slowly subsidizing this bus system with are supposed to be doing other things.

Alderman Christian

- I appreciate all the support, flowers and visits I received after my surgery. I truly appreciate the outpouring of support from everyone, it has meant a lot to me.
- I appreciate everything the Police Department has done.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- I would like to thank you all for coming out to support and hear what the Town is doing.
- Chief, thank you look well in your uniform.
- The 5th Platoon, great job. I hope we can continue because it makes a big difference when the police are there.
- We have talked about this before and I would like to see our Police Department get more involved in the schools.

- I thank the Mayor, Town Manager and Jeff Hunt for coming out to the ribbon cutting at the Hidden Treasures Boutique and Thrift Shop. The support meant a lot to me. I know the Mayor, Town Manager and Chamber President go out to businesses when they open and I'm sure it means a lot to them as well.

Mayor Rey

- I want to thank everyone for your continued hard work, especially our Police Department. It pays off. I ask that there continue to be communication with this Board and that Department as we continue to make sure we identify the resources that are necessary to keep our town safe and that we continue to work together to get resources so that we can continue to provide what is needed for the town. Thank you Chief for what you guys continue to do and thank you everyone for your hard work.

11. Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development

Action: The Board approve a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4).

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into Open Session.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:



Chris V. Rey
Mayor