

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

February 24, 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  
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  
Jason Williams, Asst. Fire Chief  
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

**2. Invocation**

Alderwoman Sutherland 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**

Mayor Rey requested to add item 9f, Ordinance (2014) 5, Budget Ordinance Amendment, Authorized Positions and item 9g, Board to Consider the March 10, 2014 Meeting Schedule to the agenda.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

The Board approved the agenda as amended.

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

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderwoman Lucas

**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 February 10, 2014 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the February 10, 2014 Regular Meeting

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for February 10<sup>th</sup> Special

Meeting and February 10<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

Mr. Robert Cooper, 130 Deerfield Drive, thanked the Town for the new paving. He advised there are no roadway markings at intersections of streets that were paved.

## **8. Presentation**

### **a. NCDOT U-4444 Highway Project Update**

Mr. Greg Burns, NCDOT, gave the Board an update on the U-4444AB/B project. He stated the proposed timeline of completion for the Randolph Bridge is late fall of 2014. The Poe Avenue Bridge and the traffic switch onto Randolph Road is proposed to happen in the spring of 2015 and the closing of Bragg Boulevard and traffic switch is proposed to occur in the spring of 2016. Mayor Rey asked for an updated set of plans or a new map and Mr. Burns stated they will provide us with that. Mayor Rey also asked about how school children who walk to school will get from one side of town to the other and it was determined they will have to use the sidewalk on the overpass to get from one side of Bragg Boulevard to the other side.

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

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Appointment, Spring Lake Community Appearance Commission and Minimum Housing Board**

Ms. Webb requested this item be tabled due to the agenda memo and application not being in the packet. She will bring this item back at the next Board meeting.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to table this item.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**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 three.)

### **b. Budget Amendment 2014.11, Police Department**

Mr. Coats requested approval of Budget Amendment 2014.11 to budget North Carolina League of Municipalities Vest Program grant money for the purchase of bullet resistant vest for the Police Department.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2014.11.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Lucas

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2014.11 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

**c. Budget Amendment 2014.12, Fire Department**

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2014.12 to budget grant funds from the Firefighter's Burned Children Fund to purchase educational material.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2014.12.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2014.12 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

**d. Budget Amendment 2014.13, Water Operations Department**

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2014.13 to budget fund balance to cover the cost of installing the 12" valve on the water line so that we can isolate Main Street area without turning the entire Town's water off when a leak or break occurs.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2014.13.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2014.13 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

**e. Resolution (2014) 4, On Time Communications**

Mayor Rey presented Resolution (2014) 4 and requested the Board approve it.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2014) 4.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 4 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

**f. Ordinance (2014) 5, Budget Ordinance Amendment, Authorized Positions**

Chief McDuffie presented Budget Ordinance (2014) 5 to change a Detective Sergeant position to a Lieutenant position in preparation of Captain Stafford's upcoming retirement. He provided an overview of the duties that each position performs and offered information on how he will distribute the duties if this request is approved. He also advised the salary increase would not take effect until the new budget year starts but proposes to give a 5% extra duty increase until July 1, 2014.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2014) 5.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 5 hereby incorporated by reference and made a

part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

**g. Board to Consider the March 10, 2014 Regular Meeting Schedule**

Mayor Rey stated that he and the Manager will not be in Town on March 10, 2014 and asked the Board to cancel the March 10, 2014 meeting.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to cancel the March 10, 2014 meeting.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

**10. Closing Comments**

**Alderwoman Sutherland**

- Chief McLamb is not here but I'm sure he will get the message. I think the grant approval and the little robots that will be part of the reading program initiative is great.
- I have had several complaints about the clothing containers that are setting all around Town. I would like to see us pass an Ordinance that restricts them to one central location to help keep them from becoming a nuisance.
- I received a call for the Recreation Director and I want to give you a thumbs-up for being responsive to two separate citizens.
- I thank Ms. Rosa for what you do.
- Ms. Carrie is not here but that is a hard working woman I have to give her credit for it. Ms. Carrie has a whole lot of tasks and I believe you should tell people when they do something right and not just when they do something wrong. To everyone, I appreciate what you do. If we all work together we can do a great job for this Great Town of Spring Lake.

**Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra**

- I would like to say hello and good evening to all the guests who are here this evening. Planning Department, thank you for coming down, workers – drive on.
- On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> Ms. Nettie Washington Douglass will speak at Ferguson-Easley Elementary school. She is the great, great granddaughter of Booker T. Washington.
- We need to set up a car show on Main Street. I will let the Mayor finish this.
- Lillian Black Elementary School called me and said they need funds to help get some children to the Circus this Friday. PAK Cleaners, Spring Lake Optimist Club, Stitch In Time and I donated to help the kids.

**Alderwoman Lucas**

- I want to echo what Ms. Sutherland said about the Town employees and what I have seen since I have been on the Board. You are keeping us informed and I thank you all for your hard work.
- I like to see Manager's promoting from within and making opportunities available for the people who are already in place.
- I'm looking forward to seeing what is next.

**Alderman Christian**

- I want to thank Mr. Cooper for bringing that issue to our attention.
- I thank Mr. Pate for being so faithful.
- I welcome our guests.
- I hope Ms. Webb feels better.
- Good luck Mayor on your test.

**Mr. Metcalf**

- I thank the citizens of Spring Lake. They are the most patient people on the planet. I appreciate how they treated the employees during the recent storms.
- I thank the Town Departments for the work during the recent storms.
- I really want to thank Mayor Rey and this Board for all your support.

**Mayor Rey**

- Thank you everyone for all your work, I appreciate the Town's staff during the past storms and this Board's leadership.
- I just want to say thank you to the Board for our visionary investment in technology and broadband and to On Time Communications.
- I had a great time this weekend at the car show, I do look forward to bringing that to our Town. This is another opportunity to showcase our community.
- We need to reach out to the owners of Southwinds about the potholes.
- If you haven't had an opportunity to read to a child, please do so or have a child read to you. I want to thank Ms. Flowers and all the staff who are participating in reading to our elementary kids. I think this will make all the difference for our community in the next decade.

**11. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*  
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey  
Mayor