

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

January 14, 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	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Tina West, HR Director	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans requested a moment of silence.

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 agenda was approved.

Action: The Board approved the agenda.

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 December 10, 2012 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for December 10, 2012, Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the public forum.

8. Presentations

a. Air Quality and EPA's Ozone Advance Program

Ms. Bah presented the program goals for Air Quality in Cumberland County and the EPA's Ozone Advance Program. She stated they work with FAMPO to facilitate air quality work in Cumberland County. Currently Cumberland County is the only county in North Carolina participating in the Ozone Advance Program. Ozone Advance is a voluntary program the EPA sponsors to help coordinate efforts to meet the national ambient air quality standards for ozone. They strive to help attainment areas to ensure continued health protection, better position areas to remain in attainment and efficiently direct available resources toward actions to proactively address ozone problems quickly. She presented a Resolution supporting the Ozone Advance Program and requested the Board consider the Resolution. The Board by consensus decided to take action on the Resolution during this meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Resolution with necessary cosmetic changes.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Resolution (2013) 2 and PowerPoint Presentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Community Transformation Grant Project, Tobacco/Smoke-Free Initiative

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Harris from the Cumberland County Department of Public Health provided the Board with a presentation on tobacco free living. This initiative is focused more on people being exposed to secondhand smoke. Their presentation included strategic direction, facts about secondhand smoke exposure, the health care costs associated with smoking and authority given to local governments to regulate smoking in government buildings and on government and public property. They are hoping to work with each municipality to pass ordinances that each community is comfortable with. All Cumberland County buildings are smoke free inside the building; however, no other municipality has adopted a tobacco free ordinance to date.

Mr. Burns inquired if some counties have designated areas instead of banning smoking entirely and Mr. Harris advised they do and usually it is 25-50 feet from the building. Mr. Burns advised we are working on tweaking the Ordinance to bring back before the Board at a future meeting. Alderwoman Sutherland expressed the need for a designated area for those who choose to smoke located where non-smokers would not be exposed. Mayor Pro Tem Hogans inquired about the ramifications for someone who does not follow the rules. Mr. Wilson stated if this becomes a

Problem, the Board may need to create a policy and enforce the policy. He advised that people get used to the new rules and usually they just abide by them. They prefer to work with individually with municipalities and create an ordinance that best suits each municipality.

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

c. Town's New Web Site

Mr. Burns stated staff wants to make the Town more technologically accessible through social media. Ms. DeGarmo presented the Town's new web site. She stated the look is cleaner and is easier to navigate. Additionally, the site will be upgraded to be fully accessible from mobile devices. The main categories will be accessible from every page which is not the case currently. The proposed "roll-out" date is February 4, 2013.

(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. Case No. 12-145, Consideration of the Kingdom Community Development Property, Request for A CB Site Plan & Group Development Review, Spring Lake Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: CB; Total Acreage: 0.59+/-; Located at 125, 127, 129 & 131 North Main Street (SR 1449); Submitted By Kingdom Community Development (Owner)

Mr. Scott presented Case 12-145 advising the applicant is requesting to add office use to an existing building that houses a barber shop and a church. The required parking is being provided on the adjacent lot and remotely at the church on the corner of North Main and Scarborough Streets. Mr. Scott advised County and Town staff recommends approval with the attached conditions. The applicant requested exclusion of condition #2.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case 12-145 with attached conditions.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Resolution (2013) 1, Clean Water Management Trust Fund Support

Mr. Burns presented Resolution (2013) 1 and advised the Town's recent projects were all financed through this agency. He stated he recommends the Board support this agency and their funding requests for FYE 2015.

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, CWMTF's Letter and Resolution (2013) 1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

10. Closing Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- Happy New Year to All.
- Congratulations to the staff on the dismissal of the Gentry Group v. Town of Spring Lake lawsuit.
- I look forward to 2013 and hope we can be as successful as we were in 2012.

Alderman Christian

- I wish everyone a Happy New Year.
- The Chamber's Annual Dinner this past weekend was a huge success.
- I will have surgery next Wednesday and will miss the next meeting.
- Thanks to Carrie for the work on the web site.
- Thanks to Ken for working on the call box project.
- Thanks to the residents for keeping us on our toes and I look forward to 2013.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thank you everyone for being here this evening.
- I pray that you have a healthy and prosperous New Year.
- Thanks to Town employees and citizens for attending the prayer vigil on December 10th.
- We need to keep our schools and children in our prayers.
- I want to thank Officer McCormick for all he does for the Town. He is approachable and it reflects well on the department.
- The grand opening of my new business, Fredricka's Hidden Treasures Thrift and Boutique located at 1405 N. Bragg Boulevard, will be on February 1, 2013 and I invite everyone to come out. There will be "giveaways" all day long.

Alderman Higgins

- Thank you everyone for being here tonight.
- I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I look forward to working with everyone in the coming year.
- We are successful because we have a good workforce and they represent us well. I encourage them to keep up the good work.

Alderman O'Garra

- Happy to see us moving forward.
- Kids are playing basketball games at the gym and I invite you to come watch them.
- Our Chamber's Annual Dinner was really something. It was very professional. Spring Lake is shining and we are moving forward.
- Glad to see this paper stating Gentry Group is "out of our hair." This is just another way of saying we are going in the right direction and we need to give kudos to our new young Mayor.
- Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for January 21, 2013.
- We all know that our Mayor is very fluent when speaking but we have a second speaker in this Town. Our Town Manager spoke the other night for about 10 minutes and captivated the audience. We plan to work him in the future.

Mayor Rey

- Happy New Year again to everyone. I am excited about the New Year. A lot of good work happened in 2012 but now we have to focus on 2013.
- Will soon have some traffic issues with the road work coming. We need to educate our community and be able to create whatever strategies are necessary to ease that pain.
- Martin Luther King Day of Service is scheduled for January 21, 2013 as well. Please see Regina Xadu for more information.
- Thanks to everyone for their hard work.

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

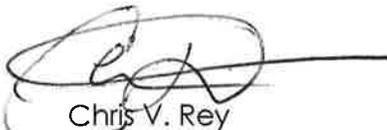
Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



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

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor