

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

June 10, 2013

MINUTES

7:02 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:

Ken Metcalf, Interim Town Manager
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Tina West, Human Resources Director
Allen Coats, Finance Director
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans 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

The Board added GovTide Presentation as item 9e to the agenda.

Action: The Board approved a motion to add GovTide Presentation as item 9e to the agenda.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the amended agenda.

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

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

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 May 13, 2013 Special Meeting

- b. Minutes of the May 13, 2013 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the May 28, 2013 Special Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the public forum.

8. Public Comment Period on Proposed FY 2013-2014 Budget

No one spoke for or against the proposed budget.

9. Presentations

a. Samuel Council Chapter 555th Parachute Infantry Association

Alderman O'Garra introduced Mr. Booker the President of the Samuel Council Chapter 555th Parachute Infantry Association. Mr. Booker presented a certificate from the scholarship committee for a contribution made by Alderman O'Garra on behalf of the Town of Spring Lake.

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

b. Yard of the Month Certificates for June

Mayor Rey announced the Yard of the Month recipients and presented certificates to those recipients in attendance. Yard of the Month recipients for June are:

Larry Dobbins, 592 Pinetree Lane
Bruce Goodwin, 1624 Crescent Drive
Mr. & Mrs. Hollers, 404 Harril Circle
Sunok Philips, 200 Wapiti Drive
Sarah Thomas, 101 Ashton Place
Erika Wynn, 604 Regina Drive
Sonic Drive In, 1208 Bragg Boulevard

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

c. Blight Update

Mr. Spinks gave the Board an update on the housing code and blighted structures in Spring Lake. He also reviewed the upcoming actions he plans to take regarding structures on his list. Those structures include 212 Hendon Street; 122 North First Street; 400 Rutherford Street; 406 A & B South Sixth Street; 408 South Sixth Street and Lot 16, E Street in Lee's MHP.

Action: The Board approved a motion to take further action the five cases presented.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

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 four.)

d. Code Enforcement Update

Officer Bronson provided the Board with an update on what he has done regarding code enforcement as it relates to grass and vehicles. The Board inquired if we are putting tax liens on the properties that we cut the grass and bring up to code. Mr. Coats advised we have not utilized that venue yet, we are focusing on trying to track down absentee owners for reimbursement. The attorney advised putting a lien on the property however for situations where you want to recover the money, the property would have to be foreclosed on which is a costly process. For situations where we do not know who the owner is, we can record the lien but the owner would have to be found to foreclose on the property anyway. We can use that as a last resort but are putting our efforts on alternative methods such as criminal summons to address the recovery.

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

e. GovTide

Mr. Michael Roberts from AIT presented information regarding GovTide. GovTide is a Government to Business to Employment to Investment Portal. They are a fully integrated, hosted, economic development system with centralized data to facilitate effective public policy and programs. He stated they would like to provide their service to the Town at no cost for 60 days and then come back to the Board with a proposal to continue the service. Mayor Rey advised this is something we may consider in the near future after we hire our new manager.

(A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

10. New Business

a. Case 13-048, Consideration of the 620 Investment, LLC/Carolina Dentist, Request for a C(P) Site Plan Review

Mr. Scott presented Case 13-048 and advised the developer is requesting a change in use from a Blockbuster Store to a dentist office. The requested use is permitted in the C(P) district. He stated staff recommends approval with conditions.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case 13-048.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Cumberland County Joint Planning Department Memo and Case No.13-048 documentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

b. Case 02-248, Consideration of the Heritage at Fort Bragg, Request for a Group Development Revision Review

Mr. Scott presented Case 02-248 and advised the developer is requesting approval of a group development revision to a previously approved apartment development. The previously approved structure was a 12 unit apartment building that burned and the developer is requesting to build a 17 unit apartment building. Staff recommends approval with conditions.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case 02-248.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Cumberland County Joint Planning Department Memo and Case No.02-248 documentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

c. Request for Capital Purchase, Police Department

Chief McDuffie requested the Board consider a request to replace four aging police vehicles. He told the Board that his department returned to the General Fund in the last budget cycle, approximately \$52,000. He requested approval to reallocate \$35,000 to purchase a SUV marked police vehicle and to reallocate the unspent funds from General Fund from last year.

Action: The Board approved a motion to allow the Police Department to reallocate \$35,000 from unspent 2012-2013 budget funds that will be returned to the General Fund from the Police budget to purchase a marked SUV police vehicle.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

d. Budget Amendment 2013.17, Police Department

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.17 to budget the funds that were just approved for the Police Chief.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.17.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2013.17 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment ten.)

e. Budget Amendment 2013.18, Recreation Department

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.18 to budget fund raising money from the concession stand to the Receptions Department. Mr. Metcalf stated the funds will be used in the Senior Center and the Community Center for building and equipment maintenance.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.18.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2013.18 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eleven.)

f. Resolution (2013) 18, Approval of Loan Application for Street Paving Project

Mr. Coats requested the Board approve Resolution (2013) 18 to authorize the application for the loan for the street paving project. The request for bids has been sent out for this project.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2013) 18.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2013) 18 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment twelve.)

g. Resolution (2013) 19, Declaring Surplus Vehicles

Mr. Coats advised Resolution (2013) 19 declares two police vehicles as surplus to be sold at GovDeals.com.

Action: The Board approved a motion to Resolution (2013) 19.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2013) 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment thirteen.)

h. Resolution (2013) 20, Approval of Manhole Repairs, Lower Little River Interceptor Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Blumenfeld stated Resolution (2013) 20 is equivalent to a change order. The Resolution gives approval to repair two manholes outside the scope of work and authorizes the Manager and Finance Director to approve future change orders provided they do not exceed the amount budgeted for the project.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2013) 20.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Letter from SAK Construction and Resolution (2013) 20 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eleven.)

11. Closing Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- One issue I want to get on the record is that we have a panhandling issue at several intersections of Spring Lake. This issue is prevalent in Fayetteville also and I would like the Manager and Chief to come up with a strategy to address this issue and report back to Board at next meeting.

Alderman Christian

- Sunday is Father's Day. My father has been gone for eleven years and I want you to remember your father.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- I would like to thank you all for coming out.

- I spoke with Mr. Metcalf about the sign ordinance being on an upcoming meeting.
- I would also like yard sales to be discussed again as well.
- I experienced something about a month ago. On Highway 210 and Chapel Hill Road I had someone stop me and request that I take them to the gas station to get gas and their actions seemed strange to me. I am saying this to try to help everyone be safe and aware of what is going on around you.

Alderman Higgins

- Glad everyone is here tonight.
- Good meeting tonight Mayor.

Alderman O'Garra

- Call the Police Department and they will go out and check these suspicious people out.
- My preacher sends tidings to the Mayor and Paul, he hopes you are doing well and he is still looking for information on his sign – stated in jest.

Mr. Buzzard

- I wanted to make sure the Resolution for Mr. Blumenfeld does give the Manager approval to sign off on future change orders. It was clarified that the Resolution does contain that language.

Mayor Rey

- Good evening and good work.
- I want to recognize Ms. Cynthia Flowers, our newest assistant working in the Mayor's office.
- Please know that your trash pickup with the new company begins July 1, 2013. Your old cans will be picked up on the last pick up of June.

12. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous



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

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor