

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

July 8, 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:** Alderman James Christian  
Alderman Richard Higgins  
Alderman James O'Garra  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Mayor Pro Tem Napoleon Hogans was absent.

**Others Present:**

Ken Metcalf, Interim Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief	Tom Spinks, Inspector
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**

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:** 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 June 24, 2013 Special Meeting

b. Minutes of the June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items which includes the minutes for the June 24, 2013 Special Meeting and the minutes of the June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

**7. Public Forum**

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

**8. Presentation**

**a. Recognition of Spring Lake Angels Girls Softball Team**

Mayor Rey presented the Spring Lake Angels Girls Softball Team members with a certificate of recognition for their achievement this year.

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

**b. Yard of the Month for July**

Mayor Rey presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients in attendance. The following people won the award for July:

Sandra Cartwright, 1609 Bliss Avenue  
Betty Hobson, 402 Harril Circle  
Richard Kowinsky, 1207 Wilderness Drive  
Phil & Val Maples, 202 Weaver Street  
Ernest & Gloria White, 1338 Gary Street  
Brian Wood, 198 Laketree Boulevard  
Pizza Hut, 1101 N. Bragg Boulevard

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

**c. CEED Lease to Home Program**

Ms. Hrabovsky advised CEED will be requesting the Board to remove taxes and fees assessed to 1012 Dianne Circle. CEED would like to take over this property, rehabilitate it and prepare it for their Lease to Home program. The owner lives in California and does not plan to do anything with the property. This home has been vacant for more than a year and one-half. She also explained how CEED works. Mayor Rey advised it would not be proper for the Town to forgive taxes on property that has not yet been turned over to the non-profit and requested that Ms. Hrabovsky bring this request back to the Board once CEED has the deed to the property. The Board agreed.

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

**9. New Business**

**a. Ordinance (2013) 9, Demolition Case 2012-048, 252 S. Main Street**

Mr. Spinks advised demolition case 2012-048 is to demolish the Shangri-La Motel located at 252 South Main Street. He said our Ordinance is designed to bring properties up to code if possible and if not possible, it allows us to demolish structures that are unsafe. He advised the owners and parties of interest of this property have failed to comply with a lawful order to bring the property up to code. He requested the Board approve Ordinance (2013) 9 to demolish the structure located at 252 S. Main Street. The Board asked if once the structure is torn down can the Town put a tax lien on the property to get our money back and Mr. Buzzard advised we can.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2013) 9.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2013) 9 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

**b. Ordinance (2013) 10, Amend Chapter 12, Yard Sales**

Mr. Hoover advised Ordinance (2013) 10 amends the Ordinance to reflect the consensus given at the last meeting to increase the number of yard sales allowed per year to four per residence. He also advised this amendment contains a text amendment to clarify that yard sales are permitted in residential zoning districts only. The Board expressed a desire for the Police Department to check for yard sale permits and ensure yard sale signs are taken down in a timely manner. There was discussion about the wording in Section 12-491(2). The attorney inquired if it should read "and" or "through" and Mr. Hoover advised the wording should be changed to "through." It was clarified that churches are covered under the non-profit section of this ordinance.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2013) 10 with the noted change to Section 12-49(2).

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, current Ordinance Chapter 12 with changes noted and Ordinance (2013) 10 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

**c. Board to Consider July 22, 2013 Meeting Schedule**

Mayor Rey asked the Board if they wanted to cancel the last meeting of this month to allow the Board a break for the summer.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve cancelling the July 22, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**10. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) - Privilege-Confidential – Approval of Closed Session Minutes  
Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) - Economic Development  
Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel**

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) – Privilege-Confidential – Approval of Closed Session Minutes, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

**Motion by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

Mayor Rey invited Mr. Metcalf and Mr. Hunt to the Closed Session.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 8:54 p.m.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**Vote:** Unanimous

**9. New Business Con't**

**d. Agreement, Marketing for Industrial Park Property**

Mr. Hunt requested to bring the agreement back at the August 12, 2013 meeting. The general consensus of the Board was to proceed with his request.

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

**II. Closing Comments**

**Alderman Sutherland**

- I want to thank you all for being here.

**Alderman Higgins**

- I thank you for being here also.

**Alderman O'Garra**

- Good night.

**Alderman Christian**

- Ditto, glad you had patience to wait for us.

**Mr. Metcalf**

- I would like to congratulate the Spring Lake Angels on their undefeated season.

**12. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor





Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk