

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

June 9, 2014

MINUTES

7:28 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
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderwoman Densie Lucas was absent.

Others Present:

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director	John Kleinert, Maintenance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Tina West, Interim Finance Director	Gail Elder-White, Recreation Director
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: Mayor Pro Tem 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 May 12, 2014 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 12, 2014 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the June 2, 2014 Special Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items which consist of the Minutes from May 12th Special Meeting, Minutes of the May 12th Regular Meeting and Minutes of the June 2nd Special Meeting.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Nathaniel Fitch, Sr., 735 Goodyear Drive, stated that he previously inquired of the Police Chief about a Police Athletic League (PAL) and asked for an update. Mr. Metcalf stated that we will get him some information in the upcoming days. He stated that we just need to get started. Mr. Fitch also offered to pay one-half of the costs to bring an existing structure up to code if one could be found. Mr. Fitch will inquire again in 30 days.

8. Public Hearing

a. Proposed FYE 2015 Budget

Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the proposed FYE 2015 Budget.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the Public Hearing on the FYE 2015 Budget.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

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

9. Presentation

a. Presentation of "The Rivalry Trophy"

Mayor Rey presented the Fire Department with the Rivalry Trophy and proclaimed them the champions until the next game.

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

b. Certificate of Achievement, Yard of the Month

Mayor Rey presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients in attendance. Mr. Starnes presented them with a small gift token as well. The following people won the award for June:

Mr. and Mrs. Terrence Mackie, 619 Goodyear Drive
Robert & Angelia Tunnell, 206 Laketree Boulevard
Village on the Lake, 605 Village Lake Court

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these

minutes – see attachment four.)

10. New Business

a. Resolution (2014) 11, Endorsing Request to Name I-295 “The Airborne and Special Operations Highway”

Mayor Rey requested the Board consider approving Resolution (2014) 11. He stated the other municipalities in Cumberland County have adopted a Resolution to do the same.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 11.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 11 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

b. Budget Amendment 2014.24, Recreation Department

Ms. West advised Budget Amendment 2014.24 is to purchase a John Deere 1200A bunker and field rake. This purchase will be a capital purchase and will require Board approval of the Budget Amendment and the Capital Purchase.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2014.24.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Budget Amendment 2014.24 and Memorandums from Recreation Department is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

11. Closing Comments

Alderman Sutherland

- I want to thank you all for coming out.
- I thank my colleagues, the employees and the Manager for the work on the budget. I hope that I make the best decision for the citizens of Spring Lake for the future. I hope I have done my due diligence and I thank you Mr. Mayor for the opportunity to go back and look at the budget again. I know the Town Manager and Department Heads have been working diligently on this budget and we are trying to do the best for the citizens of this great Town of Spring Lake.
- Again, thank you again for allowing me to serve.

Alderman Higgins

- I welcome everyone here tonight.
- It was a good debate on the budget tonight and very interesting.
- It is good to be here.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- I congratulate my neighbors for getting the Yard of the Month, this will make me work a little harder.
- Mr. Fitch, I was telling the Chief to keep you close. You know the saying – “keep your friends

close and watch out for your enemies." I said it this way so I wouldn't get in trouble (stated in jest.)

- I'm glad everyone came out tonight.

Alderman Christian

- I echo my colleagues' thoughts on the budget. It is difficult, probably the most difficult one I have worked on and there is a lot more to do.
- Coach Fitch, have you thought about talking to Cross Fit.
- I was listening to the radio last Thursday and I heard Mayor Rey put on quite a show, he is a radio star.
- My Uncle Bob Barges, a WWII veteran, just passed away.

Mr. Metcalf

- I am just happy to be here.

Mayor Rey

- I echo all the comments my colleagues said. I'm looking forward to us going back and see what else we can trim. I think it is prudent that we make sure our citizens know that a lot of legislative changes have impacted this current budget and future budgets. Please make sure you are mindful of that. No matter what your feelings may be about the sweepstakes machines, we lost close to \$150,000 in our budget. The General Assembly just passed the business franchise tax that will cause us to lose \$9,000 from this budget and \$40,000 in next year's budget. That is almost \$200,000 in revenue that the city used to get and no longer get. The cost of doing business has gone up and that means it goes up for the city as well. I just want our citizens and businesses to be mindful of these facts. You can see the impact that the General Assembly has already had on Spring Lake. We have tightened our belt; we started with \$1.3M in the hole and have already cut \$1M from it. We are now looking to cut another \$300,000 to meet our obligation. That may come in the form of cutting the cost of living increase, a tax increase or fund balance. The Board is committed to making that decision without sacrificing safety. We have been elected to make hard decisions and we are committed to that.
- Thank you all for showing up this evening.

**12. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege
G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development
G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel**

Action: The Board approve a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

13. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk



ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey

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Mayor

