

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

March 28, 2016

**MINUTES**

7:09 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 Rey presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Larry Dobbins  
Alderman James Christian  
Alderwoman Densie Lucas  
Alderman James O'Garra  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

**Others Present:**

Tad Davis, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources	John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation
Paul Hoover, Director of Public Works	Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief	Doris Snider, Senior Center Director
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

**2. Invocation**

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins 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.

**Motion by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**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 March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting
- b. Proclamation, National Volunteer Week 2016

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes for March 14, 2016 Regular Meeting and Proclamation, National Volunteer Week 2016.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

## **8. Presentation**

### **a. Presentation from Spring Lake Optimist Club to Spring Lake Recreation Department**

Alderman O'Garra presented the Spring Lake Recreation Department with a check for \$500 from the Spring Lake Optimist Club. He stated the Spring Lake Optimist Club is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year and offered an overview of what the Optimist Club does throughout the year. Mr. Charles Derrickson, Recreation Advisory Committee Chairman, accepted the donation on behalf of the Recreation Department.

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

### **b. Red Light Camera Update**

Mr. Davis introduced Mr. Kristoff Bauer, City of Fayetteville. He stated the City of Fayetteville instituted a red light safety camera program approximately 9 months ago by a private contractor to increase safety at established intersections within the city. He also stated the program is no to low cost to the City and proceeds go to the school system. Mr. Kristoff provided the Board with an overview of the red light camera program. He stated Fayetteville currently has 10 cameras covering 6 intersections. They expect to add 5 more cameras in the near future. One camera can only cover one direction at an intersection, so to fully cover an intersection, it may require multiple cameras. The vendor does an initial study and determines the places most likely to generate violations. They average 45 red light violations per day. He stated there is enabling legislation in place that allows a city to use the red light cameras. The challenge is the constitutional provision that mandates all civil penalty proceeds must go to the school system. The only way they have found to recoup the costs to pay for the program is to have an interlocal agreement in place with the school system. The City pays the vendor for the service and the proceeds from the tickets are given to the school system. The school system then reimburses the City for the costs of operating the program. He stated it is very important to define the terms of service with the vendor. Fayetteville's agreement includes language that the vendor only gets paid from citations that are paid in full. This keeps them from issuing erroneous citations. The vendor also had to cover the capital costs and up-front costs. He stated in order for the vendor to make money and recoup their investment, there must be a traffic problem that can be addressed by enforcement activities generated from their system. Therefore, this is not for all communities. The City of Fayetteville's local bill has two significant changes that are of particular interest to Spring Lake should Spring Lake decide to try to piggy back on their legislation: increased penalty from \$50 to \$100 per citation and the authority to enter into an interlocal agreement with the school system for reimbursement. Fayetteville also put language in the vendor's contract that should the school system terminate the interlocal agreement for reimbursement, they can terminate the contract with the vendor. This protects the City of Fayetteville from being stuck paying for the services.

Mr. Davis stated he brought this to the Board for informational purposes and stated if the Board decides they wish to move forward with this he recommends approving a Resolution of Support with installation occurring after the NCDOT roadway project is complete. Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about the reason we decided to pursue this option and if there are stats from the Police Department supporting this initiative. Mr. Davis stated it was initiated from observation of how traffic moves through the Town. She requested statistics prior to making a decision and Mayor Rey also requested that we conduct a study prior to making a final decision. Chief McDuffie stated he supports the initiative and stated it is geared toward making our intersections a little safer. It is intended to make people aware and not to target anyone. It was the Board's consensus to move forward with the Resolution of Support.

(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. Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation Overview**

Mr. Russ Rogerson, President of Fayetteville Cumberland Economic Development Corporation, gave the Board an overview of the FCEDC and stated it was organized to engage in economic development activities intended to increase the tax base and/or create jobs on behalf of the City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. He stated they serve the entire County including Spring Lake. They are in the process of creating their strategic plan and would like to get as many people involved as possible. They anticipate having the final plan completed by June. They will publish quarterly reports on their activities. They look forward to working with Spring Lake and including locations in Spring Lake in their presentations and referrals.

(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. Introduction of Spring Lake Chamber President**

Dr. Aziz introduced Curtis Worthy as the next Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce President. Mr. Worthy stated they are off and running. He stated they are working on cataloging property that they will market. The Chamber Board of Directors will work closely with the Spring Lake Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to make Spring Lake better than it is today.

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

**e. Manager's Update**

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- We continue to work with FTCC and the County on the site plan for Mae Rudd Williams School.
- Construction began on the Parker Street relocation which will support the Marriott project.
- I had a positive meeting today with the president of Bragg Mutual Federal Credit Union and she is optimistic that they will reopen the Spring Lake branch later this year.
- Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee now has a sufficient number of members to hold an organizational meeting. Manager and Clerk will work with them on that.
- Spring Fling is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Alderwoman Sutherland thanked Mr. Davis for attend Woodland West Neighborhood Watch meeting. She also thanked Detective Brown for attending their annual BBQ and Easter Egg Hunt.

**9. New Business**

**a. Request to Fill and Fund Inspections Supervisor Position**

Mr. Davis requested approval to fill the Inspections Supervisor position that was left vacant when Mr. Spinks retired. He stated this position was left unfunded and he requested to fund it for the remainder of this year and it will be included in the FY 2016-2017 budget. He stated inspections will be a critical part of the Town's progress in the near future and expressed two concerns with not having someone on staff to do this job: one concern was that the County may not be able to provide us with the level of service we will need and the second concern is Mr. Hoover's upcoming retirement. The next Public Works Director may or may not have the inspections background. Alderman O'Garra stated he would like to see someone come in with all the required levels that we need.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve filling the Inspections Supervisor Position.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**b. Budget Amendment, Inspections Supervisor Position**

Mr. Watson presented Budget Amendment 2016.15 to fund the position that was just approved by the Board. The salary range for this position is \$44,212.86 to \$66,319.29. Mr. Watson stated if the person were to receive the maximum salary amount that would cost \$15,485 for the remaining fiscal year. Funding for the position in FY 2016-2017 will be included in the budget. He based this Budget Amendment on the maximum amount just to be safe. Board members expressed a strong desire to hire someone fully qualified. Mr. Davis stated there are one or two potential candidates who may be interested in the position. Mayor Rey clarified that staff will do their due thoroughness to make certain the individual coming in will be paid at the proper level based on their qualifications and experience.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2016.15.

**Motion by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderwoman Lucas

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2016.15 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

**c. Appointment, Military and Veterans Advisory Committee**

Ms. Webb advised the Board that Beatrice Kelly submitted an application to serve on the Military and Veterans Advisory Committee. If appointed, she will serve a three-year term expiring March 31, 2019. She asked the Board to determine the appointment of Ms. Kelly.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to appoint Beatrice Kelly to the Military and Veterans Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2019.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Application from Beatrice Kelly is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

**d. Poe Avenue Bridge Naming Committee Guidelines**

Mr. Davis presented the guidelines for the Ad Hoc Committee to help name the Poe Avenue Bridge. He stated these guidelines will help guide the committee in performing their assigned tasks. Alderman Christian stated he believes Richard Higgins is a perfect name and would like it submitted for consideration.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the guidelines for the Poe Avenue Bridge Naming Committee.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, committee guidelines, application for appointment and NCDOT Policy and Procedures for Naming Roads, Bridges and Ferries is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

Mayor Rey gave a "shout out" to Ms. Verna Owen who will turn 103 this weekend.

**10. Adjournment.**

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

**Motion:** Alderman O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey  
Mayor