

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

October 14, 2013

**MINUTES**

7 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  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderman James O'Garra was absent.

**Others Present:**

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Tony Porter, Building Inspector	Tom Spinks, Inspections Supervisor
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

**2. Invocation**

Mayor Rey 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 Manager requested that items 9e, 9f and 9g be deleted from the agenda. He stated he will bring these items back before the Board at a later date.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to eliminate 9e, 9f, and 9g from the agenda.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

**5. Approval of Agenda**

The Board approved the agenda as amended.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**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 August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

Mr. William Lee, E. Street, spoke regarding the property at Lot 16, E. Street and stated he does not want the block building to be demolished because all it needs is a roof. He is ok with the other structure being demolished. He stated he could have the repairs done within a year and requested an extension.

Mr. Bob Cooper spoke complimenting the Board on the changes that they made over the past two years to include a grace period on the water bills, an earlier start for the Spring Lake Transit System, the yard sale rules and hiring an internal candidate for Town Manager. He gave his congratulations and thanks to the Board.

Mr. Jeff Hollers spoke regarding agenda item 9c and stated he is in favor of demolishing the structure at 400 Rutherford Street. His concern is it will cost approximately \$5,000 to have it bulldozed and the company wants half of the costs up front, which he does not have at this time. He requested an extension until the end of this year to get it torn down.

## **8. Presentation**

### **a. Yard of the Month for October 2013**

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

Russell and Joyce Duncan, 215 S. Seventh Street

Walter J. Price, 105 Wapiti Drive

Cathy Brinson, 1013 Diane Circle

Byron Blumenfeld, 212 Kristin Avenue

Floyd and Sandra Flythe, 1405 Lottie Street

Valaria Royster, 116 N. Grogg Street

Shell Gas Station, 2240 N. Bragg Boulevard

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

### **b. Presentation from Community Appearance Commission to the Board of Aldermen**

Mr. Starnes thanked the Board of Aldermen and staff for the support they give the Appearance Commission enabling them to do the job they have been charged with. He presented each Board member, the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk with a calculator and pen.

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

**c. Presentation, Fire Department, Community Risk**

This item was tabled due to a commercial fire that occurred during the meeting which caused Chief McLamb to be called away.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to table item 8c.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Vote:** Unanimous

**9. New Business**

**a. Ordinance (2013) 12, Demolition Case 2011-041, 212 Hendon Street**

Mr. Spinks presented Demolition Case 2011-041, 212 Hendon Street. He stated the property owners have failed to comply with an order to remove, repair or demolish this structure in the allotted time and requested the Board approve Ordinance (2013) 12 to demolish this structure and place a tax lien on the property for the amount of the demolition cost.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2013) 12.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2013) 12 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

**b. Ordinance (2013) 13, Demolition Case 2013-057, Lot 16, E Street**

Mr. Spinks presented Demolition Case 2013-057, Lot 16, E Street. He stated the property owner, Mr. Lee, failed to comply with an order to remove, repair or demolish this structure in the allotted time and requested the Board approve Ordinance (2013) 13 to demolish this structure. He reminded the Board that Mr. Lee made a request during the Public Forum regarding this Ordinance.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to table this item.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2013) 13 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

**c. Ordinance (2013) 14, Demolition Case 2011-034, 400 Rutherford Street**

Mr. Spinks presented Demolition Case 2011-034, 400 Rutherford Street. He stated the property owner Mr. Hollers failed to comply with an order to remove, repair or demolish this structure in the allotted time and reminded the Board that Mr. Hollers spoke at the Public Forum regarding this Ordinance and requested an extension on the demolition until December 31, 2013.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2013) 14 with the caveat that Mr. Hollers has until December 31, 2013.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2013) 14 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

**d. Board to Set Trick or Treat Hours for Spring Lake**

Chief McDuffie requested the Board set Trick or Treat hours for Spring Lake from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Halloween.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve recommendation from Chief McDuffie.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**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 seven.)

**e. Resolution (2013) 28, Approving Lower Little River Project Change Order #3**

This item was deleted from the agenda.

**f. Budget Amendment 2014.4, Water and Sewer Fund**

This item was deleted from the agenda.

**g. Budget Amendment 2014.5, Lower Little River Project Change Order #3**

This item was deleted from the agenda.

**h. Resolution (2013) 26, Appointing Spring Lake Tax Collector**

Mr. Coats presented Resolution (2013) 26 to officially appoint a Spring Lake Tax Collector. This is a statutory requirement to be able to collect the business/privilege license money. In 2006 the Board of Aldermen did so and appointed the tax collector by position title. Since then, the job titles have changed and he requested approval of Resolution (2013) 26 to align the new titles with this duty. He stated this is merely a technicality. There was discussion about the reorganization in the Water Department and the need to be more prudent in the future when staff brings changes to the Board that do not include everything that is needed.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2013) 26.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2013) 26 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

**i. Resolution (2013) 27, Changing Payment Method for Board's Bi-Annual Stipend**

Mayor Rey advised that after speaking with Board members he received a consensus of the members to change the method of payment so that taxes are taken out prior to the members receiving the funds. This will eliminate the need for Board members to keep up with documents and mileage. The Board also requested to keep the payment at two equal amounts twice each year.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2013) 27.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2013) 27 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

## **10. Closing Comments**

### **Alderman Christian**

- Glad to see everyone here.
- Deerfield Community Watch meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow.
- Town Community Watch meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 6 p.m.
- FAMPO will have a meeting at Overhills High School on Thursday at 4 p.m.
- We had a cleanup this past Saturday. We are glad for all the hard work that the Appearance Commission does.

### **Alderwoman Sutherland**

- I would like to thank the Appearance Commission and I want to thank Rhonda for all the hard work that she does.
- I just want to say what is on my heart. At this time the Government is going through the shut down and we have neighbors and people in our community who do not know what the future holds. We need to continue to look out for one another and our neighbors. I always say we sometimes take things for granted like having a job and having a position. We need to remember to treat others as we would like to be treated. Just because somebody else does something wrong that does not mean we have to follow in their footsteps. At this particular time we do not know what tomorrow holds and I just ask that we continue to look out for one another and our neighbors because people are out there hurting.
- I want to thank the Fire Department for the PR work and for the smoke detector work. They do such a great job. They are easy to talk to and they communicate well.

### **Alderman Higgins**

- Welcome everyone here tonight.
- I thank the Appearance Commission and I thank you for the gift.
- I echo the remarks Alderwoman Sutherland said about the Fire Department.

### **Mayor Pro Tem Hogans**

- For those who did not know, there was a fire on Highway 87 tonight. Kudos to the Fire Department.
- Thank you staff; you guys do wonderful work and we appreciate you for that.
- You all know it is campaign season and the campaign is in full swing in Spring Lake. There is a lot of comments out in the community. Since Chief McDuffie has been here, I have not visited his office once. Someone actually talked to me about that. Chief that doesn't require an apology from me. I do not show up down there because you work for the Manager. Since the Fire Chief has been here I have not shown up at his office not once because they work for the Manager. I thought we had this ironed out but it is not understood. Staff and people in the community are talking about it because I guess people running for office are talking about this. Life is good for all of you section chiefs when all of us elected officials don't show up in your office once or twice a week looking for updates. I will continue operating that way and I am more than sure if you need my assistance or the Mayor's assistance or the Board's assistance

you will seek that out through the Manager.

- Again, thank you staff for the good work that you are doing. I hear nothing but good comments about the services you provide.

**Mr. Metcalf**

- Board, I really enjoy working with all of you. We think we are getting a few things done.
- I want to thank the staff for all of your hard work. Typically, on Monday's of the Board meetings they stay in meetings all day long.
- I especially want to thank Officer Bronson and Tom Spinks for everything they have been doing out on the streets and helping us get the Town cleaned up a little bit more. Thank you Chief McDuffie for your support in this.
- It is a great pleasure to introduce Rosa Henegan, our new HR Officer effectively November 4th. We had so many well qualified people for this job and she stood out. I also want to thank Allen Coats, Chief McDuffie and Rhonda Webb for serving on our interview panel. Rosa I look forward to working with you for many years.

**Mr. Buzzard**

- I thank the Appearance Commission for the great work that you do and your faithfulness but also for the nice gift.

**Mayor Rey**

- I want to welcome our new HR Officer. Welcome to the Spring Lake family.
- I have some great updates from one of our schools about our reading initiative. One principal said she cannot take any more volunteers. That is how great the initiative is going. If you haven't taken the time to read to a child, I would encourage you to spend one hour each week to do so.

**11. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

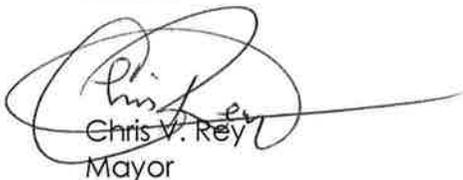
**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor