

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

October 14, 2013

**MINUTES**

6:10 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Municipal Complex 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	Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resources Manager
Allen Coats, Finance Director	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief	Tony Porter, Building Inspector
Tom Spinks, Building Inspector Supervisor	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor Rey called the meeting to order.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The Board approved the agenda.

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

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**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.)

**3. Code Enforcement Update**

Officer Bronson gave the Board an overview of how much has been spent on grass cutting services this year. The total amount to date is \$5,675. Mayor Pro Tem Hogans asked who cuts the grass and how they charge. Officer Bronson stated the charges are based on the size of the yard. The person who cuts the grass is from Raeford. Mr. Metcalf advised the service includes some work other than just cutting the grass in some cases. Mayor Pro Tem Hogans asked if we recuperate these funds and Mr. Metcalf stated we make the attempt by sending an invoice to the owner. Sometimes we must weigh the cost of legal action versus the cost of the service. Mr. Coats explained how the debt setoff service from the League of Municipalities works. Alderwoman Sutherland asked if the same properties are always the ones we cut and Officer Bronson stated about 90% of the time it is the same properties. Mr. Buzzard stated we can put a lien on the

property but this is when we must weigh the cost of legal fees versus the cost of the service.

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

**4. Minimum Housing Update**

Mr. Spinks introduced Tony Porter, the new building inspector and stated he has been instrumental in making these changes happen. Mr. Spinks advised it cost the Town \$16,000 to have the property at 252 S. Main Street demolished. He stated since 2010, 30 structures have been removed or demolished, 8 structures have been repaired and brought into compliance and 96 mobile homes have been removed or demolished. Mr. Spinks reviewed the demolition cases that will be presented to the Board at their regular meeting later in the evening. He also presented a proposed list of 5 properties he would like to focus on next.

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

**5. Board to Approve Updated Condemnation List**

Mr. Spinks requested the Board approve the proposed list of properties to focus on next.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to proceed with the proposed list.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the updated priority list is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

**6. Adjournment**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Vote:** Unanimous

*Rhonda D. Webb*

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Town Clerk



ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor