

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

October 8, 2012

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: Mayor Pro Tem Napoleon Hogans
Alderman James Christian
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Tommy Burns, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Tina West, HR Director	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Alderman Christian gave a nonsectarian invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Mayor Rey announced the Public Hearing that was advertised

Mr. Burns requested items 9a and 9b be deleted from the agenda. Prior to tonight's meeting, the structures located at 219 and 223 Lacock Street were demolished and therefore require no Board action.

Action: The Board approved a motion to delete items 9a and 9b from the agenda and approve the amended agenda.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

5. Approval of Agenda

This item was included in #4.

(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 September 17 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the September 24, 2012 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. Presentations

a. Yard of the Month Certificates for October 2012

Mayor Rey announced the following people earned a Certificate of Achievement for September 2012 Yard of the Month and presented those in attendance with their certificate.

David Craig, 1409 Elma Street

Eric Dawkins, 115A Norris Street

Zee and Christine Farrow, 403 Virginia Street

Matthew and Laura Hash, 429 Wapiti Drive

Leonides San Nicolas, 216 S. 7th Street

Evangelical House of God Prayer Garden, 116 Mitchley Street

9. New Business

a. Ordinance (2012) 12, Demolition of Property at 223 Lacock Street

This item was deleted from the agenda.

b. Ordinance (2012) 13, Demolition of Property at 219 Lacock Street

This item was deleted from the agenda.

c. Resolution (2012) 27, NC Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement

Mr. Blumenfeld requested Board approval of the \$1,700,000, 0% 15-year loan agreement for the rehabilitation of the wastewater treatment plant. It was clarified the Board of Aldermen's responsibility is to approve the Resolution and ensure payment. It was also clarified the plant will not close while the work is being done.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2012) 27.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Letter from NCDENR, Loan Offer and Acceptance Document and Resolution (2012) 27 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

d. Resolution (2012) 28, CDBG Grant Agreement

Mr. Blumenfeld advised this \$100,000 grant will allow sewer line extension along Chapel Hill Road. The extension of the sewer line will service approximately 14 lots along Chapel Hill Road. Mr. Blumenfeld advised the cost will not exceed \$100,000. It was clarified a contract stating this will be signed.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2012) 28.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Email Notification from CDBG Staff and Resolution (2012) 28 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

e. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse, Town Phone System

Mr. Coats advised that the Board of Aldermen previously authorized staff to borrow up to \$85,000 to replace the phone system. Several months ago the phone system was struck by lightning and forced us to replace the system earlier than anticipated. We did receive \$46,000 in insurance proceeds to cover a portion of the cost of replacing the phone system. He advised we hope to save enough through the remainder of the fiscal year to be able to pay for the remainder of the costs. In order for us to reimburse ourselves should we have to borrow the money to pay for the phone system not covered by insurance proceeds, we are required by United State Treasury regulations to file a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

f. Budget Amendment 2013.4, Water and Sewer Department

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.4 to budget grant funds for the extension of the sewer main on Chapel Hill Road and requested approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.4.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2013.4 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

g. Budget Amendment 2013.5, Recreation Department

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.5 to budget sponsorship and other revenues

associated with fall sports and senior center special events and requested approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.5.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Memorandums from the Recreation Director and Budget Amendment 2013.5 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

h. Resolution (2012) 29, Declaring Surplus Property

Mr. Coats requested approval of Resolution (2012) 29 which will declare certain items surplus and authorize selling them on GovDeals. Anyone can go to the GovDeals.com website, set up an account and bid on the property.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2012) 29.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, List of Items to be Declared Surplus and Resolution (2012) 29 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

i. Board to Consider Meeting Schedule for November 2012

Mayor Rey requested the Board's approval to cancel the two regular meetings scheduled for November 12, 2012 and November 28, 2012 due to their close proximity to holidays and requested a special meeting on November 8, 2012 and on November 19, 2012.

Action: The Board approved a motion to cancel the November 12, 2012 and November 26, 2012 regular meetings and call a special meeting on November 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and a special meeting on November 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

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 eight.)

j. Board to Approve 2012 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

Chief McDuffie recommended the Board set Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. as official Trick or Treat hours for Spring Lake. He stated this is consistent with Cumberland County, Fayetteville and Hope Mills.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Halloween hours from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 31, 2012.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

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

10. Closing Comments.

Alderman Christian

- Inquired about a call box at Mendoza Park and requested we consider placing one there.
- Thanked everyone who showed up for the clean-up and appreciate the Appearance Commission's hard work as well as the Street Department.
- I took pictures at Mendoza Park this weekend and met two people who grew up in Spring Lake and were happy to see the positive changes happening in Spring Lake.
- Holly Hills is having a block party this Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is open to the public and I would love to see you out there.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- This was the first year I was not able to participate in the clean-up due to an illness in my family.
- I am very concerned about the water bills and I hope we will revisit that at the workshop.
- Fuquay-Varina and other towns nearby have had attacks on seniors and I hope we are paying close attention to our citizens. I want to remind everyone to keep watch over each other.

Alderman Higgins

- Welcomed everyone here tonight.
- Happy to see people are complying with the ordinance and we are not having to go through the process on the demolitions. I believe if we continue to put pressure on those who need to comply, they will comply with the ordinance.

Alderman O'Garra

- Happy to see everyone out tonight.
- I too have had complaints about the water bills and I look forward to discussing this at our workshop. The County is the highest tax county, our Town is the highest tax town in the County and now our water rates are the highest. I believe this will keep people from moving here.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- Expressed concern about the amount of money the Town is subsidizing on the bus system and feels this is not sustainable. He requested staff look at other options and bring that information back to the Board to consider.

Mr. Burns

- I appreciate the Board's commitment to investing in the infrastructure of the Town. We do have other projects that are needed and they are all critical projects. Some of these projects were introduced back in 2000 during the Bond Referendum and we must continue to reinvest in these projects.

Mayor Rey

- Shout out to the Prayer Garden for the meditative and tranquil features.
- Echoed the words of the Town Manager on the infrastructure investment. If we do not invest in our infrastructure it will crumble and cost the citizens more in the long run. As we are able to get commercial individuals, this will affect our tax base. We have to make sure we keep that in mind. I appreciate this Board's continued investment, foresight and vision to make sure we continue to invest in Spring Lake.

II. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor

