

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

April 23, 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
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Tina West, HR Director

John Jackson, Town Attorney
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Mayor Rey 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 requested to add a certificate of achievement to the agenda under presentations as item d.

Action: The Board approved a motion to add certificate of achievement as item 8d to 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 as amended.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

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 April 9, 2012 Regular Meeting
- b. Proclamation, Building Safety Month
- c. Proclamation, National Day of Prayer

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Mr. Robert Cooper, 130 Deerfield Drive, spoke regarding the Spring Lake transit. He congratulated the Town on adding a stop to the bus system. He stated that there are still additional stops needed. He also expressed concern about the last run not returning people to their original stop.

Debra Atkins, 616 Wellingly Circle, requested a question and answer session during or at the end of the Board meeting.

Jamet Kehoe, W.T. Brown Elementary School Principal, gave the Board an update on W.T. Brown Elementary School. They will be designated as a leadership school for the next school year. It will be the first and only one of its kind in Cumberland County. As of next school year, W.T. Brown will be a Covey Leader In Me school. It will be based on Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People broken down into child terms. She invited everyone to come to the school and see how it will work.

8. Presentations

a. Spring Festival Donation from RLM Communications, INC.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore presented Spring Lake with a check from RLM Communications for \$6,000 to be the Title Sponsor for Spring Fling. Ms. Moore thanked the Town for continued support of RLM and thanked the Town for "letting them plant their flag here."

b. Certificate of Appreciation for Town Historian

Mayor Rey recognized Mr. Howard Pate for his years of service as the Town Historian

c. Certificate of Achievement, Yards of the Month

Mayor Rey presented the following people with a Certificate of Achievement for Yard of the Month:

Lynn Ellison, 112 S. Main Street

Betty Johnson, 1006 Lisa Circle

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie May, 1206 Wilderness Drive

Mr. Murray, 604 Duncan Road

Henry Ponder, 1620 Mack Street

Easter Seals UCP Cape Fear Children's Center, 511 Wilson Avenue

d. Certificate of Achievement

Mayor Rey presented Rhonda Webb with a Proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week and Rhonda Webb Day.

9. Public Hearing

a. Annexation Ordinance, Crossman-Castle Property

Mayor Rey opened the public hearing for Crossman-Castle property.

No one spoke for or against the Crossman-Castle property annexation.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

10. New Business

a. Appointment, Spring Lake Recreation Advisory Committee

Mr. Metcalf advised that Mr. Weaver submitted an application to continue to serve on the Recreation Advisory Committee. If appointed, he would serve a three-year term to expire April 30, 2015. He stated staff recommends his re-appointment.

Action: The Board approved a motion to appoint Mr. Weaver to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Ordinance (2012) 7, Crossman-Castle Property Annexation

Mr. Rooney advised the Ordinance submitted for consideration is the last step for voluntary annexation of the Crossman-Castle property.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt annexation Ordinance (2012) 7.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2012) 7 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

c. Resolution (2012) 18, Approval of Audit Contract FYE 6/30/2012

Mr. Coats reported on March 14, 2012, request for proposals were sent out for audit firms. Eight requests were sent and five were returned with proposals. He advised that Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Company submitted the lowest bid.

Alderman O'Garra inquired about the length of time this company has been our auditor (five or six years) and expressed concern about not changing. Mr. Coats replied we will most likely go out for proposals between five and seven years. We did that this time and found the current firm has the lowest rates. He stated he would feel comfortable recommending any one of the firms that submitted quotes and again stated that Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Company was the lowest bidder.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2012) 18.

Motion by: Mayor Pro tem Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: 4-1

Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Alderman Christian

Alderman Higgins

Alderwoman Sutherland

No

Alderman O'Garra

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

d. Budget Amendment 2012.19

Mr. Coats stated this Budget Amendment is to budget grant money and fund raising money for use in recreation programs. It is also to allocate budgeted funds for the capital purchase of a replacement lawn mower to be used to maintain grassy areas at the Community Center and the Town's parks.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2012.19.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, memos from the Recreation Director and Budget Amendment 2012.19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

11. Closing Comments.

Alderman Christian

- Congratulated Rhonda for the award.
- Congratulated Mr. Pate
- Congratulated Yard of the Month recipients.
- Thanked the people who spoke at the Public Forum.
- There is a town-wide roadside clean up on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked yard of the month participants, they did a great job.
- Appreciate everything Mr. Pate does.
- Thanked the citizens for coming out.
- Thanked the employees for working so hard.
- Thanked the Fayetteville District Youth Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church for choosing the Spring Lake Boys and Girls Club to receive a donation of \$1,000. They will be giving clothing and food on Saturday to people who are in need. This will take place at Spring Lake Middle School.

Alderman Higgins

- Thanked Mr. Moore and RLM staff for the donation.
- Congratulate everyone who received certificates.
- Good to see Rhonda has a day.

Alderman O'Garra

- RLM we are always happy when you come up and bless us like you do. We thank you for it.
- It is a pleasure to have W.T. Brown here tonight.

- Mr. Cooper, it was so nice to hear you compliment us tonight, thank you.
- God bless everyone who received awards tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- I associate myself with the things that have been said already. Everything was very well said.

Mayor Rey

- Thanked everyone for all you do for Spring Lake.
- Thank you to this Board for the hard decisions that you have to make each and every day.
- Thank you to the staff for all that you do, we appreciate you guys.
- Thank you to the citizens for what you do to continue to make us look good.
- Thank you to the businesses for your support of the Town.

12. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) – Privileged Information, Closed Session Minutes and G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6)- Personnel.

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) – Privileged Information, Closed Session Minutes and G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 8:08 p.m.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Yarborough stated that other than providing legal advice, no discussion took place regarding G.S. 143-319.11(a)(1) in closed session.

13. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor