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

April 25, 2011 MINUTES

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 Ethel T. Clark presiding.

**Board Members Present:** 

Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra

Alderman James Christian Alderman Richard Higgins Alderwoman Debora Hudson Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

## **Others Present:**

Leonard Barefoot, Interim Town Manager Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager Paul Hoover, Public Works Director Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk John Jackson, Town Attorney Allen Coats, Finance Director Troy McDuffie, Police Chief Tina West, HR Director 7:00 p.m.

#### 2. Invocation.

Alderwoman Hudson gave the invocation.

# 3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark 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 as presented.

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

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

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: Minutes of the April 11, 2011 regular Board meeting, Air Quality Awareness Month Proclamation and Building Safety Month Proclamation.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the April 11, 2011 regular Board meeting, Air Quality Awareness Month Proclamation and Building Safety Month Proclamation.

Motion by: Alderwoman Hudson Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

#### 7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

#### 8. New Business

# a. Budget Amendment #13, Water & Sewer Operations

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment #13 to recognize insurance proceeds received for a theft of equipment and materials that occurred at the Maintenance yard.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment #13.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2011.13 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

## a. Court Order for Disposal of Police Evidence

Chief McDuffie advised the Board that he had received a court order granting him authority to dispose of approximately 100 firearms that had been confiscated by the department over the years. The court order gives the option to keep the weapons for department use or trade/sell them to a federally licensed firearm dealer. He advised that he has received indirect inquiries about the way the Police Department is proposing to handle the disposal. Due to these inquiries, he requested that the Board take no action tonight and allow him more time to address this issue. He wants to make sure the community knows that they will utilize a fair process.

Action: The item died for a lack of a motion.

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

Mayor Clark complimented our Police and Fire Departments for their tireless work during the recent storms. She also commended Ernest Austin for working hard for Spring Lake to get the electricity back on as quickly as possible.

Mayor Clark advised that she is proclaiming April 30, 2011 as Spring Lake Cares Day. We will have people set up to accept donations for the victims of the tornados.

## 10. Board and Staff Comments:

#### Alderman Higgins

Happy to be here and pleased that you all are here.

# Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Thanked staff for coming up with the April 30, 2011 Spring Lake Cares Day.
- Commended Chief McDuffie for making good decisions and his hard work.
- Thanked Progress Energy for the electricity.

## Alderwoman Hudson

- Glad to see everyone. Glad to be here.
- Asked each and everyone to count their blessings for how well we came through the storm and urged everyone to pray for the victims who did not fare as well.

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## Alderman Christian

- Glad everyone is here.
- I am working on an initiative to go through our neighborhoods and work on bringing the neighborhoods up to standard to help with their quality of life.
- Invited everyone out for the Spring Clean Up on Saturday morning.
- The flea market will open on June 18th.
- A citizen here tonight has requested information about the internet café and I would like to talk with the Town Manager about that.

#### **Alderwoman Sutherland**

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- I saw the Police in action during the tornado and they were wonderful.
- Commended the military for checking on the Town during the storm. Also commended the Police and Fire Departments.
- I would like to keep a donation box at Town Hall so people can donate items so we can take them to the various distribution points. It shouldn't take a disaster for people to come together and be kind to one another.
- May the Lord bless you all.
- I want to thank the Board members who participate with the clean up.

# Mr. Barefoot

- Commended Interim Fire Chief Rosser for all the work that he did during the storm.
- We can be proud of all of our staff.

## Mr. Jackson

I'm just happy to be here.

# **Mayor Clark**

- I have an appointment on Saturday morning but I will be back in time to help with the Clean Up.
- Spring Fling is rescheduled for May 14th.

## 11. Adjournment.

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderwoman Sutherland **Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC

Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark Mayor

Ethel J. Clark