

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

August 27, 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	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director	Tina West, HR Director
Jason Williams, Asst. Fire Chief	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Sutherland gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey 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 amended agenda.

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

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

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 13, 2012 Regular Meeting
- b. Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Special Meeting

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the public forum.

8. New Business

a. Board Appointment, Regional Land Use Advisory Commission

Mr. Burns requested the Board make an appointment for a three-year term on the Regional Land Use Advisory Commission. He advised in the past the Town Attorney served in this capacity.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired why the attorney was appointed in the past and asked if Mr. Buzzard would be willing to serve. Mr. Buzzard stated he would at the pleasure of the Board.

Action: The Board approved a motion to appoint Mr. Buzzard for that position.

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 two.)

b. NCDOT Project U-4444 Municipal Agreement

Mr. Burns advised the Municipal Agreement encompasses only the portions of the U-4444 project that deal with the sidewalk placement. There is a 70/30 cost share with the Town's portion being 30%. The estimated total cost is \$161,684. The total cost share the Town of Spring Lake will be responsible for is \$48,505 due at the completion of the work. The estimated completion date is expected to be sometime in 2015. He requested the Board to approve the Municipal Agreement and direct staff to begin setting aside General Fund money over the next three budget cycles to cover this cost.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired if this estimate includes all sidewalks in Spring Lake or just different areas. Mr. Burns clarified it is just sidewalks associated with the project and a small section on Highway 210. She expressed a future desire to get sidewalks throughout Spring Lake for health and safety reasons. Mayor Rey further clarified the Town's 30% is mandated by General Statute.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the recommendation of the Manager.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and U-4444 Municipal Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. NCDOT Project U-4444 Utility Agreement

The Board received an updated agreement just prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Burns advised this agreement is for the utility relocation. The initial submittal was for an estimated cost of \$3M to relocate utility lines. After negotiations between the Town and NCDOT, the final cost was revised to \$462,000 with a payback period of three years from the completion of the project without interest. He stated the Town had help from Representative Lucas and others to get this agreement

amended. He requested approval of the agreement and direction that staff will bring back to the Board a repayment schedule and repayment plan. He suggested the repayment schedule and plan be done in conjunction with subsequent budget cycles.

Alderman Christian clarified that we will pay this back after completion of the project. Mr. Burns stated yes and further clarified this is for water, sewer and stormwater services.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Manager's request.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and U-4444 Utility Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

d. Budget Amendment 2013.2, Police Department

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.2 to appropriate funds to purchase two police vehicles.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.2, Police Department.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2013.2 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

9. . Closing Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- Thanked the employees for their good work and especially the Police Chief for putting together the forum on community crime.

Alderman Christian

- Seconded what Mayor Pro Tem Hogans said, we really appreciate it.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Tammy Stephens did a forum like this last year and it went well. Glad to see this is being picked back up.

Alderman Higgins

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Commended staff who worked so hard to get these agreements negotiated to our benefit.

Alderwoman O'Garra

- Also commended Mr. Burns for his work to get the agreement negotiated to the Town's benefit.
- Recognized Mrs. Chris Rey.
- Welcomed Senator Elect Clark.

Mayor

- Also welcomed Senator Elect Clark and thanked him for stopping by.
- Thanked the staff for all you continue to do.
- To my lovely wife, welcome.

10. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel and G.S. 143.318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege, Gentry Group, LLC, Plaintiff v. Town of Spring Lake, Defendant

The Board went into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) – Personnel and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege, Gentry Group, LLC, Plaintiff v. Town of Spring Lake, Defendant.

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6) – Personnel and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege, Gentry Group, LLC, Plaintiff v. Town of Spring Lake, Defendant.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into open session.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

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Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor