

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

August 8, 2011

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 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 was absent.

Others Present:

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

2. Invocation

Alderman Higgins gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

The Board added oath of office for the Fire Chief to the agenda as item 8d.

Action: The Board approved a motion to add the oath of office for the Fire Chief to the agenda.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

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 Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Hudson

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 minutes of the July 25, 2011 regular meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items.
Motion by: Alderwoman Hudson
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Mr. Leon Corley Sr. of 702 Wilson Avenue spoke concerning the Town's Police Department. He expressed concern over the cohesion between the Police Department and the youth of the community. He stated that the youth feel threatened by people in authority rather than nurtured. He wants the police personnel to act professional and to learn to communicate with the youth. He stated that he would like to see us bridge the gap between authority figures and the youth within our community.

8. New Business

a. Mendoza Park PARTF Project Timeline

Mr. Metcalf advised that the bids on the Mendoza Park project came in much higher than expected. Even after negotiating with the lowest bidder, the amount is higher than anticipated. The Town is rejecting the bids and plans to re-bid the project in early October. He requested the Board to endorse the new timeline presented. The park will not be closed as originally projected.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the new timeline and endorse the staff's recommendation to re-bid the project.
Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Second by: Alderman Higgins
Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Resolution, Adding Town Manager to Bank Signature Card

Mr. Coats advised that the Town Manager needs to be added to the bank signature card so that he would be authorized to sign checks when needed.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2011) 14.
Motion by: Alderwoman Hudson
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2011) 14 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Resolution, Public Hearing on LGC Application for Mendoza PARTF Project

Mr. Coats advised that the Local Government Commission requires the Board to set a public hearing date concerning the Mendoza PARTF project application we will file. The Resolution sets the date and authorizes the Manager and Finance Director to execute the application.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2011) 15.
Motion by: Alderman Higgins
Second by: Alderwoman Hudson
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2011) 15 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

d. Oath of Office, Fire Chief

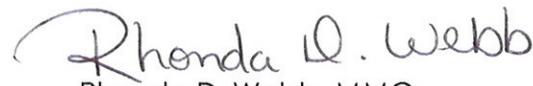
Mr. Burns formally introduced T.J. McLamb as the Town's new Fire Chief. Mayor Clark administered the oath of office to Mr. McLamb.

(A copy of the oath of office is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

Mayor Clark invited everyone to stay, enjoy refreshments and get to know the new Fire Chief.

9. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.
Motion: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Second by: Alderman Christian
Vote: Unanimous


Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Ethel T. Clark
Mayor