

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

December 29, 2011

MINUTES

5:30 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special 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
Allen Coats, Finance Director	Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	TJ McLamb, Fire Chief
Tina West, HR Director	Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk
Neil Yarborough, Yarborough Law Firm	

John Jackson, Town Attorney was absent due to illness.

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. 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: 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.)

5. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

6. Water System Update

Mr. Blumenfeld gave the Board an update on the water system because the town received a notice of violation and the violation requires that we send a letter to all citizens. A notice will be going out in the January water bill about a violation that occurred and he wanted the Board to understand what happened so they would be able to answer any questions they might receive. The water we received from our supplier in May 2011 had a higher than accepted level of trihalomethanes (TTHMs). He advised that TTHMs are generated when the water sits and/or heats. The reading was slightly elevated again in August 2011. When we received the August reading, the town had a special test performed at the entry points where the water comes into the town from Harnett County and the Fayetteville Public Works Commission (PWC). The test revealed that water from Harnett County had a .069 TTHM with a maximum allowable limit of .08. The PWC reading was .092 with a maximum allowable limit of .08. He stated that we cannot improve the water once it gets to us. The water TTHMs levels were elevated when it got to us. He explained that the Town has continued testing and our current levels are .06 and .041 at our two test sites. TTHMs are calculated on a running average. The state takes the last four readings and averages them. If that number exceeds .08, we will be required to send out notices to the citizens that a violation occurred. Once we get the one month of the high level off the rotation, our level should drop and notice will no longer be required. He also advised that until 2001 the accepted level was .1 and in 2006 they dropped the accepted level to .08. He made this statement in response to Board member's questions about the safety of the water and advised that the water is safe to drink. Mayor Rey clarified that it was water that we received and not something that Spring Lake did to cause the high level. Mr. Blumenfeld also advised that we are receiving water from PWC through a new line which should improve the water quality.

7. New Business

a. Project Ordinance (2011) 19, Lillington Highway Water Line

Mr. Coats presented a project ordinance for the Lillington Highway water line. He advised that currently the lines in the ground are shaped similar to an hourglass. Having multiple size lines reduces the amount of water that can be pumped into the town. The state is requiring some engineering work to be done prior to approval of a grant that was submitted to replace this water line. The deadline for this grant is the end of February so the engineering work must be done prior to that. This Resolution establishes a project ordinance and establishes a budget for the project.

Mr. Burns reported that there are two other options available to the town if we are not approved for the grant. They are zero interest loan or an interest loan. The project scope is for approximately 7000 feet of water line.

Alderman Higgins inquired if the Bond money would be available if all else fails and Mr. Coats advised that it is.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2011) 19.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2011) 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege

The Board went into closed session.

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Rey called the meeting back into open session at 6:40 p.m.

Action: The Board approved a motion to terminate the contract with Gentry Group due to a breach in contract and direct the attorney to send a letter.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

8. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Christian

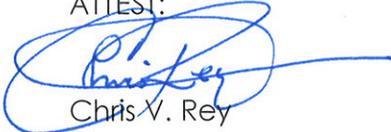
Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb

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Town Clerk

ATTEST:



Chris V. Rey
Mayor

