

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

June 11, 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:** Alderman James Christian  
Alderman Richard Higgins  
Alderman James O'Garra  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Mayor Pro Tem Napoleon Hogans 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
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Tina West, HR 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**

An amended agenda removing the Eagle Scout Project presentation was given to the Board prior to the meeting. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

The Board approved the agenda.

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

**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 May 14, 2012 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items, meeting for May 14.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

Ms. Regina Xadu encouraged everyone to think about the categories for the City-County Joint Appearance Commission's Annual community Appearance Awards and nominate properties that fit. The deadline is Friday, June 15, 2012.

## **8. Public Hearing**

### **a. Proposed FYE 2013 Budget**

Mayor Rey opened the public hearing.

No one spoke for or against the FYE 2013 Budget.

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

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**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.)

## **9. Presentations**

### **a. Yard of the Month**

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

Dr. Aziz, 224 Main Street

Marion Crowe, 521 Samuel Drive

Betty Hobson, 402 Harril Circle

William Horton, 653 Goodyear Drive

Bobby and Inge Knighton, 217 Duncan Road

Mr. and Mrs. Lorene Turner, 3330 Hunting Bay Drive

### **b. Spring Festival Sponsors**

Mayor Rey recognized the sponsors who generously supported the Spring Festival and gave those in attendance a certificate of appreciation.

### **c. Balsawood Green Housing Project**

Mr. Carl Manning presented the plans for the green housing development on Balsawood Drive and Chapel Hill Road. The project will be developed by Kingdom Community Development Corporation. This idea was born from the Charette that was held earlier this year. He identified the area that would be established as a neighborhood stabilization and revitalization zone. By designating these areas in this manner, it will allow the project to qualify for U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) funds. He showed a rendition of the type of housing that would be developed. He advised in conjunction to the housing project, he is proposing a state of the art child care facility. He stated his interest is in Spring Lake and has been for a long time and he is committed to do all he can to make Spring Lake the best it can be.

Ms. Wilson, Cumberland County Community Development Director, advised they have worked with

Kingdom Community Development for the past 13-14 years and she offers continued support of Mr. Manning and his company. She advised Spring Lake participates with the County in the Urban County Designation which allows the County to receive CDBG and Home Entitlement funds in the community. They are mandated to set aside funds 15% of the Home allocation to non-profit organizations that we designate as community housing organizations. She stated Kingdom has been very successful in producing affordable housing. This will provide a coordinated effort in stabilizing neighborhoods and revitalizing communities. Ms. Wilson stated the Town They will submit a strategy to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and including this project in their five year plan. She requested continued support of Kingdom and their efforts.

Alderwoman Sutherland thanked them for their interest in Spring Lake.

#### **10. New Business**

##### **a. Resolution (2012) 22, Supporting Balsawood Green Housing Project**

Mayor Rey requested Board approval for Resolution (2012) 22.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2012) 22.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2012) 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

##### **b. Community Appearance Commission Appointment**

Ms. Webb advised that the Community Appearance Commission has three vacancies at the present time. Ms. Signal submitted an application for re-appointment to serve on the Commission and Ms. Webb requested the Board determine if they want to appoint her to the Commission for a three-year term.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ms. Deanna Signal's appointment to the Community Appearance Commission for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

##### **c. Ordinance (2012) 8, FYE 2013 Budget Ordinance**

Mayor Rey requested approval of the proposed FYE 2013 Budget Ordinance.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Ordinance (2012) 8, FYE 2013.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Ordinance (2012) 8 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

## **II. Closing Comments.**

### **Alderman Christian**

- Happy to see Mr. Jackson.
- Appreciate all those who have served our Country. The Special Forces Association is having a convention at the Doubletree Inn this week.
- Spring Lake night at the Swampdogs baseball tomorrow night.
- Thanked the Manager and staff for holding the line on the budget. I know it has been a hard time.
- Thanked the residents and citizens for keeping him informed.

### **Alderwoman Sutherland**

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Thanked the Appearance Commission for all the work they do.

### **Alderman Higgins**

- Commended the Manager and staff for getting through the budget. The process went well.
- Announced he will be absent next meeting.

### **Alderman O'Garra**

- Would like the Mayor to slow down these meetings, we have meet every Monday for as long as I can remember.
- Appreciate Ms. Wilson and Mr. Manning.
- Dr. Aziz, great job on Yard of the Month.
- Thanked the Manager for his diligence and hard work on the budget.
- It is good to see Mr. Jackson tonight.

### **Mr. Burns**

- We will be releasing a paving schedule soon. Will try to do as much as we can with the resources we have.
- May 31<sup>st</sup> we had a staff retreat, it we very well.
- Meeting today talking about people doing more with less and I especially want to mention to Alderwoman Sutherland the gentleman said.

### **Mr. Jackson**

- "I love this town and I always love to be a part of it and see it and support it in any way I can."
- Thanked everyone for the prayers.

### **Mayor Rey**

- Echoed that we are going in the right direction with the passing of the budget. Over the course of the next year there will be over \$9M in infrastructure to our Town. That is significant. I praise the good and hard work of the department heads in making sure we continue to stay moving in the right direction.
- I hope you will be able to join us tomorrow at the Swampdogs game. I have to throw out the first pitch.
- Gave high praise to the Appearance Commission for all the hard work. It is good to see the yard of the month signs out.
- Thanked the Boys and Girls Club, Breath of God and some of the other community programs that are going to help with the summer feeding program. We will feed over 500 kids this summer and we are excited about that.

- To the business owners, if you would like to get a young person to come intern at the Town Hall, please do your part to get them off the street. We can help them start to build their resume and show them how important it is to get started.
- I praise the Board for your continued courage as we tackle the hard decisions as we prepare and position Spring Lake for the future.

**12. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

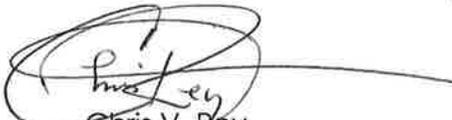
**Vote:** Unanimous



*Rhonda D. Webb*

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor