

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

March 14, 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

Others Present:

Leonard Barefoot, Interim Town Manager	John Jackson, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police 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

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.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem 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 with one correction. Alderwoman Sutherland gave the invocation at the February 28, 2011 Regular Meeting.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. New Business

a. Ordinance (Second Reading), Franchise Renewal, Progress Energy

Mr. Barefoot advised that the Board approved the sixty year franchise agreement at the last meeting but General Statute requires that the Ordinance be approved at two regular meetings. This is the second and final time this Ordinance will come before the Board and he recommends approval.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the franchise renewal as stated by the Manager.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Hudson

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Ordinance (2011) 3 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Resolution, Authorizing Electronic Advertising

Mr. Coats presented a resolution that will authorize advertising piggybacking and surplus auctions on the web site only. This will save the Town the expense of placing these ads in the newspaper.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2011) 4.

Motion by: Alderwoman Hudson

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2011) 4 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

9. Board and Staff Comments:

Alderwoman Hudson

Good to see everybody.

Alderman Christian

- Mr. Thomas does a great job on the Holly Hills community watch newsletter. Announced that the next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
- Mr. Gaddie passed away.
- Happy St. Pats Day this coming week.
- Glad everyone came out.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out. It is good to see you all here.

- I spoke with Mr. Metcalf about the Playful City USA, Let's Play grant that is available for playground equipment. Ken is on it as we speak and I'm sure the Great Town of Spring Lake will qualify for this money. Thanked Ken for the great job that he and his staff does.

Alderwoman Higgins

- Good to see everybody out here today.
- I have been out looking at trash cans and there is improvement.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Welcomed all the "VIP's" who came out tonight.
- Announced that Mayor Clark's sister, Virginia Evans of Goodyear Drive, Spring Lake, passed away and Mayor Clark will be out of town for the next day.
- I believe we have learned something about the trash cans. I believe the Board will look more closely at things that pop up.

Mr. Barefoot

- We are about ¾ of the way through the notices that went out. Part of the problem is that notices went to the residents instead of the owners and some of those were returned.

Mr. Jackson

- I'm just proud to be here.

Mayor Clark

- Thanked the faithful citizens and faithful employees and all you "VIP's" for coming to our short meeting this evening.
- Thanked the Maintenance Department for the beautiful flower in honor of her sister.

10. Closed Session Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) – Privilege-Confidential – Approval of Closed Session Minutes and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel

Action: The Board approve a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) – Privilege-Confidential – Approval of Closed Session Minutes and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel.

Motion: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Clark announced that Tommy Burns, II was the top candidate for the Town Manager position and requested that the Board approve a contract with Mr. Burns to serve as the Manager for the Great Town of Spring Lake.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the contract with Tommy Burns.

Motion: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Hudson

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Clark thanked the Board for working so diligently during this process.

Mr. Barefoot echoed what Mayor Clark said and stated that we received exceptional candidates. He also advised that Mr. Burns will fulfill an obligation in Lillington through the end of May. The starting date for Mr. Burns will be June 1st.

Alderwoman Sutherland also wanted to thank the candidates. She was impressed that they showed interest in coming to the Town. It was quite an experience for her because they did show interest in coming to the Town. She thanked Mr. Barefoot as well for spearheading the search and going out into the communities and doing the background checks on the candidates. She stated that we are well on our way to building our Great Town of Spring Lake and heading in the right direction.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated that this was a lesson to the Board. We learned that we can do the job and we do not have to go out and hire someone to get the job done and the people that we came up with were outstanding. I give the Interim Town Manager a lot of the credit but the Board deserves some credit too because we had a lot to do with this thing.

Alderwoman Hudson echoed everything that has been said and thanked Mr. Barefoot for all that he did. She also thanked the Board members, stating that she loved the way we came together as a team to make this happen. She stated that she is pleased with the choice we made and is looking forward to doing greater things as we move forward.

Alderman Higgins stated that he would like to make it unanimous and concurs with what Alderwoman Hudson said. He stated that this was one of the better experiences he has had in choosing a Manager and a lot of it had to do with Mr. Barefoot.

Mayor Clark invited the public to attend a welcome reception for Mr. Burns on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in the Grady Howard Conference Room.

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

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Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark

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Mayor