

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

March 26, 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
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Jason Williams, Assistant Fire Chief

John Jackson, Town Attorney
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
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

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: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Higgins

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 March 12, 2012 Regular 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. Certificate of Sufficiency, Easterling Property Annexation

Ms. Webb advised the Board that the petition from Mr. Easterling was signed by all property owners and is therefore sufficient.

Action: The Board approved a motion to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency for the Easterling Property Annexation.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, petition for annexation and Certificate of Sufficiency is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Certificate of Sufficiency, Darden Property Annexation

Ms. Webb advised the Board that the petition from Mr. Darden was signed by all property owners and is therefore sufficient.

Action: The Board approved a motion to accept the Certificate of Sufficiency for the Darden Property Annexation.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, petition for annexation and Certificate of Sufficiency is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Feasibility Study, Easterling Property Annexation

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Mr. Matt Rooney provided the Board with the feasibility studies for both Mr. Easterling and Mr. Darden's petition for annexation.

The Easterling annexation petition is for six lots located on the north side of West Manchester Road and totals approximately eight acres. The anticipated property tax revenue is approximately \$2,550. Department Heads reported no additional costs to provide services to the proposed area. He also advised that it is the property owner's responsibility to pay any costs associated with connecting to the sewer.

The Darden annexation petition is also located on the north side of West Manchester Road and totals approximately 200' by 100'. The anticipated property tax revenue is a little more than \$1,400.

Department Heads report no additional costs to provide services to the proposed area. Costs associated with connecting to the sewer are the property owner's responsibility.

(A copy of the agenda memo, memo from the Cumberland County Planning Department and the feasibility study report for both petitions is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

e. Resolution (2012) 13, Fixing Date for Public Hearing, Easterling Property Annexation

Mrs. Webb requested approval of Resolution (2012) 13 to fix the public hearing date for the Easterling Property for April 9, 2012.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2012) 13.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2012) 13 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

f. Resolution (2012) 14, Fixing Date for Public Hearing, Darden Property Annexation

Mrs. Webb requested approval of Resolution (2012) 14 to fix the public hearing date for the Darden Property for April 9, 2012.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2012) 14.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2012) 14 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

g. Resolution (2012) 15, Petition for Annexation, Crossman-Castle Property

Mrs. Webb requested approval of Resolution (2012) 15 to direct the Clerk to investigate the petition for annexation for the Crossman-Castle property, direct staff to conduct a feasibility study and if in order, authorize the Clerk to set the date for the public hearing.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2012) 15.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2012) 15 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

h. Budget Amendment 2012.17, Planning/Economic Development

Mr. Coats requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2012.17 to budget fund balance to cover the cost of the contract for the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce to provide economic

development services to the Town. This amount is for the FY 2011-2012.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2012.17.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2012.17 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

i. Budget Amendment 2012.18, Fire Department

Mr. Coats requested the Board approve Budget Amendment 2012.18 to budget an insurance settlement for the replacement of damaged turn out gear in the Fire Department.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2012.18.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2012.18 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

11. Closing Comments.

Alderman Christian

- Glad to be here.
- Happy that we are putting our economic development in our own hands
- Sorry to see Mr. Jackson go. He has been an inspiration.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out and for your support.
- Thanked the employees.
- Stated to Mr. Jackson that it has been a great privilege working with you. I will keep you lifted up in prayer and it is good to see you doing well.

Alderman Higgins

- Wished Mr. Jackson good health and God speed. I have enjoyed working with you all these years.

Alderman O'Garra

- I am going to echo everyone else. Mr. Jackson you were here when I got here, I thought you came with the Town.
- It is good to see everyone here.
- Planning Department, it is nice to see another wing from your area.
- Thanked the Fire and Police Departments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- I associate myself with the comments of my colleagues.

Tommy Burns

- I echo the same comments expressed by the Board concerning Mr. Jackson. From the staff side, it has been a pleasure working with him. He is always there to give reliable advice to us and I enjoyed the working relationship we had and the professionalism that Mr. Jackson always brought to the job. I will miss working with John. I think more than anything else, I've gained another friend in the world and I appreciate that even more.

John Jackson

- I sure am proud to be here. I appreciate, from the bottom of my heart, the opportunity to serve the Town for these many years and I could not begin to mention names. These years have passed more quickly than any other years of my life and I can't think of any period of time in my life when I have felt more satisfaction in serving elected officials. The elected officials, mayors, town staff, and town managers have been absolutely wonderful and I just got the benefit of their hard work in any success that I may have brought to the Town. There have been ups and downs and tough times but I am tremendously proud of how the Town has come forward. Thanked the Town and the citizens for allowing him to have their trust. I hope to remain on the sidelines and observe all the success the Town will enjoy in the future.

Mayor Rey

- We continue to be proud of all the work that the Town has established. John, a lot of the work to get here has been done by your efforts. You have been a part of this team for a long time. Mayor Rey read a proclamation making John an honorary citizen of Spring Lake and presented him with a Town coin.

12. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor

