

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

May 9, 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
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Tina West, HR Director

John Jackson, Town Attorney
Allen Coats, Finance Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Steve Rosser, Interim Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation.

Alderman Christian 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 as presented.

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

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 consent items: Minutes of the April 25, 2011 Workshop, Minutes of the April 25, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and Minutes of the May 2, 2011 Workshop.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2011 workshop, minutes of the April 25, 2011 regular Board meeting and minutes of the May 2, 2011 workshop.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

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Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. New Business

a. Ordinance, Demolish or Remove, 114 Rainbow Court

Mr. Spinks provided the Board with a timeline of what has transpired concerning this property. He requested the Board to approve an Ordinance to remove or demolish the structure at 114 Rainbow Court. Alderman Higgins inquired about two other structures on Rainbow Court and Mr. Spinks advised that they are scheduled to be burned. The Fire Department must resubmit a request to the State but they plan to proceed with burning the structures when approval is granted. Alderman Christian inquired about other properties that may be coming before the Board at this level and it was advised that there are two properties but we are not quite at this point with them yet. The Town Attorney is working on the two properties. There are other properties but we are not as far along on them as we are on the two that the Town Attorney is currently working on. Alderwoman Sutherland asked who pays for the clean up and it was advised that the Town pays for the clean up and a lien is placed on the property. It was clarified for Alderwoman Hudson that the Minimum Housing Appeals Board should meet within the next two weeks to organize and be prepared to hear any cases that might be appealed.

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

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

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

9. Board and Staff Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Thanked staff and guests for being here this evening.
- We are going to try Spring Fling again on the 14th.
- We went to Raleigh last week for Town Hall Day and we still do not know much more than we did before we got there.

Alderwoman Hudson

- Thanked everyone for coming out
- Kudos to Mr. Metcalf for the tennis lessons.
- Thanked Chief McDuffie for all that he does.

Alderman Christian

- Commended Mr. Metcalf on the tennis as well.
- Would like to see his community standards initiative happen more than ever.
- Looking forward to Spring Fling this Saturday.
- Memorial Day Ceremony on May 26, 2011.
- Congratulated the Police Department personnel who were promoted.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out for the meetings.
- We have been working very hard on the budget and I am making sure that I am doing what I am supposed to do to be a good steward of the taxpayer's money.
- I would like to thank staff for getting the dilapidated structures taken care of.
- Thanked Interim Chief Rosser for the great job that he did, especially during the tornados.

Alderman Higgins

- Good to see you all.

Mr. Barefoot

- Just happy to be here.

Mr. Jackson

- I do hope that we will be able to move forward with the condemnation but I want to make sure the "dot all the I's" and "cross all the T's."

Mayor Clark

- Thanked all the citizens for coming to be here with us.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

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