

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

September 24, 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	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director	Tina West, HR Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans gave a nonsectarian invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

The Board received an amended agenda at the meeting. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the amended agenda.

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

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 September 10, 2012 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for September 10, 2012,

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland
Second by: Alderman Christian
Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. Presentations

a. Donation, Spring Lake Optimist Club

Alderman O'Garra presented Spring Lake Middle School with a check from the Spring Lake Optimist Club for \$100 for the Reading Rocks program.

9. Public Hearing

a. P12-47: Initial Zoning of 4.02 +/- Acres to CD Conservancy, RR Rural Residential and M(P) Planned Industrial or to a More Restrictive Zoning District, Located at 440 W. Manchester Road, Owned by Mary Odom Caudle

Mayor Rey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Scott presented the specifics of Case P12-47.

No one spoke for or against Case P12-47.

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

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

10. New Business

a. Case P12-47: Initial Zoning of Caudle Property

Mr. Scott advised both Cumberland County and Spring Lake staff recommends approval of the case based on the following:

1. The districts requested are consistent with the 2030 Growth Vision Plan, which calls for "urban" and "conservation area" at this location, as well as meeting the location criteria for "suburban density residential" and "heavy industrial/manufacturing" development as listed in the Land Use Policies Plan.
2. The districts requested are reasonable as public utilities are available to the subject property.
3. The request was submitted by the Town of Spring Lake.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Case P12-47.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Cumberland County Planning and Inspections Department memorandum and the initial zoning map is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Appointment, Minimum Housing Appeals Board

Ms. Webb requested that the Board re-appoint Mr. Lucas to the Minimum Housing Appeals Board for a three-year term to expire September 30, 2015. She also advised that Mr. Dobbins had requested to remain an alternate on the Minimum Housing Appeals Board which will leave one regular position and one alternate position vacant if Mr. Lucas is reappointed.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Robert Lucas to the Minimum Housing Appeals Board.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

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

c. Budget Ordinance Amendment (2012) 15, Authorized Positions, Water Operations

Ms. West advised the proposed amendment would remove a Water/Sewer Maintenance Crew Leader position and replace it with a Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician I. It was clarified the position is currently not filled. The Crew Leader recently left employment with the Town which opened the opportunity to change the structure of this department. It was also clarified this department will have a total of five employees.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Ordinance Amendment (2012) 15.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Second by: Alderman Higgins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, proposed changes to position classification plan and authorized employees positions, Ordinance (2012) 15 and memorandum from Mr. Hoover is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

11. Closing Comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

- Staff is doing a wonderful job. We do not have a lot of turmoil or crisis and I really appreciate the work you guys are doing.

Alderman Christian

- Happy Birthday to my sister Karen on Thursday.
- Town Clean Up is scheduled for Oct. 6, 2012. The Appearance Commission is doing a great job and I appreciate all the work they are doing.
- Holly Hills is having a community watch meeting at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday.
- Fayetteville is having an International Festival this weekend at Festival Park. It is kind of like the Fall version of the Dogwood Festival and I encourage everyone to go.
- Great job Ken, on the Mendoza Park rededication.
- Appreciate everyone coming out.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- I would like to revisit the water deposit.
- Thanked the Mayor for informing the Board that the Town received a \$100,000 grant. Also thanked the employees who stay on top of these kinds of things and write the applications that get us the money.
- Thanked the Mayor and colleagues for the job that they do.
- Would like staff to revisit the pothole issue in Southwinds Plaza.

Alderman Higgins

- Good to see you all here tonight.
- I would like to sit down in a workshop session with the attorney to discuss appearance issues and code enforcement, what we can and cannot do.

Alderman O'Garra

- Mayor Clark was honored by the Boy Scouts last Thursday.
- The rededication ceremony at Mendoza was outstanding.
- Thanked the departments for doing an outstanding job.

Mr. Burns

- I appreciate the comments from the Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Rey

- Thanked the staff for all the good work that they are doing.
- It was an honor to be at the park this weekend to do the rededication. There were a lot of people who used to live here who contacted me on facebook and twitter stating they remember Mendoza Park as a part of their quality of life and they were very excited to see the investment Spring Lake is making in the park.
- Kudos to the Police Department. Great work on what you did for Sonic. Verizon also wanted to thank the Police Department. I also had two different citizens thank me this week for the professionalism of the Police Department. I wanted to make sure I passed this along. Although we give these kudos it does not mean we rest on our laurels and we must continue to be professional in what we do. But I just have to tell you that it is great to be out there and hear individuals give praise to our departments – and that is all of them. Thank you guys.
- The Fall Clean Up is scheduled for October 6, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We want as many citizens as possible to be a part of this. Breakfast will be served.
- There is going to be a Get Out The Vote Rally on Saturday at the Recreation Center. There will be free food.

12. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Motion: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor




Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk