

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

October 27, 2014

MINUTES

7 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 James O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Densie Lucas
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderman Richard Higgins was absent.

Others Present:

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director
Paul Hoover, Public Works Director	John Kleinert, Maintenance Director
Yahya Shakir, Police Lieutenant	Tina West, Interim Finance Director
Gail Elder-White, Recreation Director	Jason Williams, Assistant Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Sutherland gave a non-sectarian invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Item 8a, Harnett County Public Utilities Update and Item 9a, Discussion, Code Enforcement/Minimum Housing and Possible Ordinance Amendment were deleted from the agenda and Alderwoman Sutherland requested to add Item 9c, Recognition of Police Officers to the agenda.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the amended agenda.

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

- a. Minutes of the August 21, 2014 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the September 22, 2014 Special Meeting
- c. Minutes of the September 22, 2014 Regular Meeting
- d. Approval of Trick or Treat Hours

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for August 21st Special Meeting, September 22nd Special, September 22nd Regular Meetings and Approval of Trick or Treat Hours.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Paula Corbin, 924 McNeil Street, spoke concerning the speed limit on McNeil Street near her business, Agape Christian Academy. She requested speed bumps on both sides of the roadway.

8. Presentation

a. Harnett County Public Utilities Update

This item was deleted from the agenda at the meeting.

b. 9/11 Memorial Day Flag Presentation

Ms. De La Cruz and her daughter Evelyn presented the Town of Spring Lake with a Memorial 9/11 Flag which has all names of the victims' of the 9/11 terrorists attacks. They presented this flag in honor of Lillian who was a victim on 9/11.

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

c. Yards of the Month

Mayor Rey presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients who were in attendance. Mr. Starnes presented them with a small gift token as well. The following people won the award for October:

William & Anneliese Moss, 603 Freda Court

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

d. Entertainment Complex Presentation

Mr. Lewis gave the Board an overview of what he hopes to make happen in Spring Lake with bringing an amphitheater to Spring Lake. He stated everyone who will be associated with the amphitheater from the building of the facility to the employees working the complex will be from Spring Lake so that the facility is promoting job growth for our area. He also stated the facility will generate electricity which can be transferred to Spring Lake's Electric Company which could be sold to Duke Energy for redistribution. He stated the "off time" in this area would most likely be from November to March. During that time the facility would not sponsor concerts but would still generate electricity to give to Spring Lake. Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about how the electricity would work and stated this would be a win-win for those in Spring Lake who would qualify for the jobs and the electricity for the low income households. Alderman Christian asked about the competition with Fayetteville and the surrounding area

and Mr. Lewis stated he is able to do things as in independent owner that others are not able to do.

Mr. Wayne Davis stated he has been building these facilities for approximately 10 years and stated he knows how to find financing and also knows the pitfalls to avoid. This facility would help to make Spring Lake a destination city and would have an economic impact on our town. He provided an overview of the potential financing for the facility and stated they usually have public/private partnerships. He stated the city usually provides the land for the facility to be housed and the roadways to ingress and egress the facility. He stated the sponsorship dollars will pay the debt service of the facility. He used an example of a beer company who sells millions of dollars in product gives back to the facility and that helps pay the debt service. The same is true for naming rights, banks, etc. He stated the key to success is to know the demographics and bring in talent that the community wants. He stated the next step, should the Board wish to proceed, would be to conduct a 50-60 mile radius feasibility study performed by an independent third party. Payment for this study will depend on how the agreement is set up. They anticipate the facility to cost approximately \$10M. USDA involvement would require the Town's consent. Alderman Christian expressed concern with something going wrong like with Roanoke Rapids. Mr. Davis stated it all depends on the type of programs you bring and how you market it.

Mr. Hunt stated he requested them to look at three options: finding financial funding to do the project and buying the property outright and leasing option with the Town of Spring Lake or a loan guarantee through USDA.

The Board stated they appreciate the presentation and look forward to them coming back with more information.

(A copy of the agenda memo and Business Proposal is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

e. EDC Quarterly Report

Mr. Hunt presented the Board with the quarterly report from the Spring Lake Economic Development Corporation. His presentation included USDA Update, Jordan Group, Amphitheater Proposal, Botanical Garden Proposal, New Construction and Projects Update and Main Street Update. Details of the overview are included in his PowerPoint Presentation. Alderwoman Sutherland expressed gratitude for Mr. Hunt's report but expressed concern about the negativity expressed at the Special EDC Meeting and how the quarterly report and that meeting seems to contradict each other. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra asked Mr. Hunt to report the dollar amount we received last year and this year. Mr. Hunt replied last year we received \$70,000 and he expects to receive more than \$100,000 this year. Mr. Hunt advised the Façade money is still waiting on the Asian Market and the EDC is helping them work toward receiving those funds. Mayor Rey requested that Mr. Hunt include who responded to the Façade letters in his next report.

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

9. New Business

a. Discussion, Code Enforcement/Minimum Housing and Possible Ordinance Amendment

This item was deleted from the agenda at the meeting.

b. Resolution (2014) 22, Financing for WWTP Influent Pump Project

Ms. West presented Resolution (2014) 22 and stated the Town received two proposals for the financing of the WWTP Influent Pump Project. She stated she is recommending the Board accept BB&T's proposal for

15 years at a 3.43% rate. The annual debt service payment will be \$49,676.20.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 22.
Motion by: Alderman Christian
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, table of proposals and Resolution (2014) 22 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

c. Recognition of Police Officers

Alderwoman Sutherland thanked the Police Department for escorting the family of Rutha Chamblee during her funeral procession. She also thanked the Police Department for allowing her granddaughter to ride along for her shadowing assignment. She stated she would like to see the ride-along program occur more often in the community.


10. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.
Motion: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Second by: Alderman Christian
Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor