

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

March 11, 2013

**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
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Tina West, HR Director	Jason Williams, Asst. Fire Chief
Carrie DeGarmo, Office Assistant	Drew Brooks, Fayetteville Observer
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**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

The Board received an amended agenda prior to the meeting. The amended agenda was approved.

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

**Motion by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**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 February 25, 2013 Regular Meeting

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

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

Mr. Ron Rayburn, Cornucopia Market at 122 N. Main Street, spoke concerning community awareness of their location. He advised they would like to see adequate signage directing people to Main Street. People have told them they did not even know Spring Lake had a "Main Street" and stated he would like to at least have a marquee directing people to the businesses located on Main Street.

Mr. Randy Mocaby, Cornucopia Market at 122 N. Main Street, spoke concerning signage as well. He stated the businesses need something immediate to help them stay alive. He stated he was denied an off-premise sign even though the property owner of the off-premise location had agreed to allow him to do so. He would like to see some changes in the Ordinances to allow this.

## **8. Presentations**

### **a. Cumberland County Community Health Assessment and State of the County Health Report**

Mr. Buck Wilson, Cumberland County Department of Public Health, gave the Board a presentation on the Community Health Assessment and the State of the County Health Report. He advised that Cumberland County exceeded the state average on the top five health indicators. He gave an overview of the initiatives they are undertaking to address the top five priority areas.

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

### **b. Web Site and Social Media Update**

Ms. DeGarmo provided the Board with an update on the Town's new phone system, the Town's new web site, social media, community video, and the I/We are Spring Lake Campaign.

### **c. Proclamation, Girl Scout Week 2013**

Mayor Rey presented the Spring Lake Girl Scout Troop representative with a Proclamation acknowledging the Girl Scouts 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

## **9. New Business**

### **a. Budget Amendment 2013.13, Police Fire, Recreation, Admin and HR Departments**

Mr. Coats presented Budget Amendment 2013.13 to budget grant proceeds, surplus and old equipment sale proceeds and rebate proceeds to purchase bullet proof vests, a fire extinguisher training system, park improvements and a projector and screen for the Board room.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2013.13.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem Hogans

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Memorandum from Ken Metcalf, Memorandum from Troy McDuffe, Brochure from T.J. McLamb and Budget Amendment 2013.13 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

**b. Resolution (2013) 9, Responding to Cumberland County Sales Tax Distribution Proposal**

Mr. Burns advised the Cumberland County Sales Tax agreement expires April 1, 2013. The County sent all municipalities a letter proposing to extend the agreement and increase the annexation reimbursement percentage from 50% to 60% with all other terms remaining as established in the existing agreement. He stated the municipalities were not agreeable to this proposal as a whole. There are some municipalities that have not yet voted on what they will agree to; however, it was the general consensus at the Mayor's Coalition meeting for the Cumberland County Municipalities to only extend the agreement for one year to allow time to negotiate the agreement for the future. He requested the Board approve Resolution (2013) 9.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2013) 9.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Letter from Cumberland County Regarding Sales Tax Distribution and Resolution (2013) 9 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

**c. Lower Little River Interceptor Project Change Order #1 Request**

Gary MacConnell from MacConnell & Associates requested that Change Order #1 be approved. He advised when the project was bid there were lines that were labeled as one size. Field conditions later found those lines to be of a different size than originally believed. He also advised estimates were made on the lines without "TVing" work being done and the estimates were conservative. Mr. Burns advised he recommends approval because the project is being held up until this can be worked out.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Change Order #1 for the Lower Little River Interceptor Project.

**Motion by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Letters from MacConnell and Associates and Change Order #1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

**10. Closing Comments.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Hogans**

- I thank the staff for their continued good work.
- Good to be here.

**Alderman Christian**

- I thank everyone for coming out.
- Good job Carrie on the presentation.
- The Board will hold a budget retreat on March 19, 2013 at McKellar's Lodge.
- Please say a prayer for my brother who lost his best friend and for my neighbor who lost their dog.

**Alderwoman Sutherland**

- I thank everyone for coming out.
- I appreciate Cornucopia for bringing to our attention the issue with signage.
- I thank the Town Manager for getting the information out about a phone scam targeting seniors to help protect our citizens.
- I appreciate the great work that you Carrie have done on the phone and web site.

**Alderman Higgins**

- I thank everyone for coming out.
- I wish everyone a good remainder of the week.

**Alderman O'Garra**

- We will take a look at the signage issue that was brought before us tonight.
- It is always a good thing to see we are doing something for our kids. It was good to the Spring Lake Girl Scouts here.
- I will take a good look at the web site tomorrow and give you an answer in about six months about how I feel about it – stated in jest.

**Mr. Burns**

- I will have to be absent at the next Board meeting due to school obligations.

**Mr. Buzzard**

- I did some follow up on the pothole issue. There is not much we can do with the ones that are on private property given our current ordinance. The one behind Bank of America encroaches on our easement and we can do something about that.

**Mayor Rey**

- Carrie, thank you so much for your hard work. We are looking forward to the web site and the videos, it is very exciting.
- I thank the Board for your consideration in passing Resolution (2013) 9. As chairman for the Cumberland County Mayor's Coalition we are going to put in some long weeks to make sure our municipalities are not hurt by some of the considerations that are being put out while also understanding there are services that need to be met by the County. I will keep you informed on this issue.
- I am working with a group to hopefully bring a grant to Spring Lake called Project Stimulate. This is a \$400,000 grant that I hope we will be awarded. It focuses on after school programs and initiatives for our young people.

**11. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman O'Garra

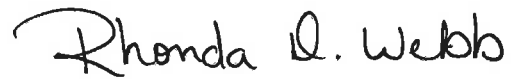
**Second by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Vote:** Unanimous

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor





Rhonda D. Webb, MMC  
Town Clerk