

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

May 12, 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
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderwoman Densie Lucas

Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland was absent.

Others Present:

Ken Metcalf, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Water Resource Manager	Jennifer Combs, Asst. Recreation Director
Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director	Paul Hoover, Public Works Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Tina West, Interim Finance Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation

Alderman Christian 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

Mayor Rey asked to add a Presentation to Spring Lake Middle School as item 8d and move the Presentation Update on Minimum Housing to item 9e.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda as amended.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

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 April 28, 2014 Special Meeting

- b. Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Regular Meeting
- c. Resolution (2014) 8, Approving Refund of Town Property Taxes Paid
- d. Resolution (2014) 9, Young's Lake Option

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items which consist of the minutes from April 28th Special Meeting, April 28th Regular Meeting, Resolution (2014) 8, Approving Refund of Town Property Taxes Paid and Resolution (2014) 9, Young's Lake Option.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Mr. Nathaniel Fitch, Sr. 735 Goodyear Drive asked for an update on the turning lane situation on Highway 87 near Sonic restaurant. Mr. Metcalf advised he contacted NCDOT and they will report back to us. He asked that we allow them 30 days to respond.

8. Presentation

a. Certificate of Appreciation, Spring Fling Sponsors

Mayor Rey presented the Spring Fling sponsors in attendance with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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

b. Certificate of Achievement, Yard of the Month

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

Mr. and Mrs. Button, 124 Deerfield Drive
Ms. Carrington, 300 Samuel Drive
Mr. and Mrs. David Craig, 1409 Elma Street
Ms. Sara Norris, 211 Duncan Road
Branch Banking & Trust, 1066 N. Bragg Boulevard

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

c. Presentation by Fitch Boxing Team

Mr. Fitch presented Mayor Rey, Ken Metcalf and Chief McLamb with a plaque of appreciation and presented Alderman Christian with a Hall of Fame Boxing Book for all that they did to make the boxing tournament successful.

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

d. Presentation to Spring Lake Middle School

Mayor Rey presented the Spring Lake Middle School Basketball Team with a Certificate of Achievement for earning the Division 3 Championship for basketball. He presented the Spring Lake Middle School Wrestling Team with a Certificate of Achievement for earning the Division 3 Championship in wrestling. And, he presented the Spring Lake Middle School Track Team a Certificate of Achievement for earning

the Runners Up in Division 3 Track.

e. Presentation, Update on Minimum Housing

Mr. Porter provided the Board with an update on housing code enforcement. He advised the structures at 713 Mont Drive, 226 Lacock Street, 212 Hendon Street, 122 N. First Street, 400 and 403 Rutherford Street, 300 and 302 S. Fourth Street, 408 S. Sixth Street, 406 A&B S. Sixth Street, 266 N. Conner Circle, 210 and 214 Weaver Street and 129 Delphic Road have been demolished. There is a total of 48 cases closed with 40 structures removed or demolished, 9 structures were repaired or brought into full compliance and 100 mobile homes removed or demolished. The property at 1310 Mack Street is still ongoing. Mr. Porter found a real estate agent who will try to get the property boarded up. No real progress can be made until the owner is served with the proper paperwork. It will take approximately one year once the owner is served before anything can be done. Alderman Higgins requested that we move on this as quickly as possible.

He asked the Board to approve the new list of priorities which include 940 Lillington Highway, 601 Pate Avenue, 714 N. Bragg Boulevard, 109 & 111 Allen Street and 301 Poe Avenue. The Board approved the list by consensus.

(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 and Possible Action on Resolution (2014) 7, Audit Contract

Mr. Metcalf advised this would be the third year of a five year understanding with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co. He asked for the Board's direction.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 7, Audit Contract.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Resolution (2014) 7, Audit Contract and Engagement Letter is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

b. Budget Amendment 2014.23, Recreation Department

Ms. West advised Budget Amendment 2014.23 appropriates funds from the Mid Carolina Council of Governments General Purpose Grant and also budgets reimbursement funds from the Boys and Girls Club.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2014.23.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo, Budget Amendment 2014.23 and Memorandums from Recreation Department is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

c. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse

Ms. West advised the Board previously approved the purchase of a fire rescue truck and in part authorized the use of loan proceeds to be utilized as a funding source for this purchase. She stated IRS guidelines require the Governing Body to declare an intent to reimburse itself for the advance purchase of this equipment. She requested the Board approve the Declaration of Intent to Reimburse so they can move forward with the purchase of this equipment.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment eight.)

d. Resolution (2014) 10, Bank Signature Change

Ms. West advised this is a housekeeping measure to take Allen Coats off as an official signer on the Town's bank account and requested the Board approve Resolution (2014) 10.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2014) 10.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2014) 10 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment nine.)

e. Board to Consider Meeting Schedule for May 26, 2014

Mayor Rey asked the Board to consider cancelling the May 26, 2014 regular meeting because it falls on Memorial Day which is a holiday for the Town.

Action: The Board approved a motion to cancel the May 26, 2014 regular meeting.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

10. Closing Comments

Alderman Christian

- I would like to thank Coach Fitch's group for putting on such a fine tournament. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra was out there serving food and I thank him for that.
- I thank Steve Starnes for the work that he is doing on the Appearance Commission.
- I thank Tammy Stephens for serving for many years on the Recreation Advisory Committee.
- I thank our Town Clerk for keeping us informed and I thank Town staff for all the hard work they do as well.

Alderman Higgins

- I thought that was a great showing tonight from the Middle School. It was wonderful to have them here and recognize the young folks.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- I thank everyone here for coming out.
- Congratulations to the Yard of the Month winners.
- I think our Middle School really put on a show today and I was shocked to see so many here.

Alderwoman Lucas

- I am real pleased and proud of the Middle School athletes, coaches and parents.
- Thank you staff for all that you do. Ms. Rosa, thank you, I know you do an awesome job.

Mr. Metcalf

- I am just happy to be here.

Mayor Rey

- Friday, June 6, 2014, we will have a book fair drive. We need new and used books to distribute to the kids. I want to thank Mr. O'Garra and the Fire Department for their partnership. I will be recognizing the volunteer soldiers on June 9th.
- We will have a Memorial Day event on May 26th. We are really excited about that.
- Happy Belated Mother's Day to all the mothers.
- Congrats to the Fire Department who obviously won against the Police Department on Friday, I should have been there to help the Police Department out and I will leave it at that (stated in jest.)
- If you haven't had a chance to read to a child please find an hour to go read a book to a child or have them read a book to you.

II. Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

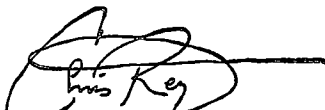
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous


Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk



ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor