

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

August 8, 2016

MINUTES

7:05 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 Rey presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Larry Dobbins
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Densie Lucas
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Tad Davis, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources	John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation
Rosa Henegan, Human Resource Officer	Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police
Sam Jones, Recreation Director	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director	Doris Snider, Senior Center Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation

Alderman Christian gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 772 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.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

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 July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes for July 25, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. Presentations

a. Yards of the Month, August 2016

Mayor Rey presented certificates to the Yard of the Month recipients who were in attendance. The following people won the award for August:

Johnny Bowens, 701 Freda Court

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

b. BB&T Card Summary Quarterly Update

Mr. Watson provided the Board with a summary of the BB&T credit card usage. The Town has three credit cards and he provided a summary for each card showing who used the card and the amount charged for each transaction. The summary was for the period of March 17, 2016 through April 15, 2016. Alderwoman Sutherland asked if we have to use this card and Mr. Watson stated this card is mostly used by employees who do not have a p-card and must, for example, go to training and need to have a credit card for traveling. Alderwoman Sutherland stated we do not want to get in the habit of using the BB&T card instead of the procurement card.

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

c. Bi-Annual Public Safety Update, Police Department

Chief McDuffie briefed the Board on the Police Department's activity. He stated crime has decreased by 8% from last year. The average response time to a dispatched call is 4 minutes 38 seconds and the average call time is 39 minutes 16 seconds. These times are an average. There are times that they get to a call much faster and times when it may take a little longer. His presentation included the Neighborhood Improvement Team's quarterly statistics from May 2016 through July 2016. They include 9 drug arrests, 2 outstanding warrants, 1 carrying a concealed weapon and 1 driving while license suspended. Alderwoman Sutherland commended the Police Department for the rapport they have with the community and commended Chief McDuffie for hiring qualified officers. Alderman O'Garra thanked Chief McDuffie and his officers for what they are doing. The National Night Out was impressive and a great success.

Chief McDuffie announced that he will retire on December 1, 2016. He read a press release that was published today.

Mayor Rey stated we owe a huge debt of gratitude for his leadership and nothing can replace leadership. He stated in all things there is a season and on behalf of all citizens of Spring Lake we want to say thank you and job well done. Alderwoman Sutherland and Alderman O'Garra echoed what Mayor Rey said.

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

(A copy of the press release is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

d. Bi-Annual Public Safety Update, Fire Department

Chief McLamb briefed the Board on the Fire Department's activities for the first half of 2016. The monthly incident count is just slightly less than it was last year. They diligently work on community risk reduction which includes 58 child

passenger seats installed and 57 smoke alarms installed. They provide several education sessions including "Remembering When", bike safety, home safety and car safety. Fire code enforcement and fire inspection permits were reviewed; and 6,582 hours of fire training from January through June was presented. The presentation also included the ISO certification and staffing assessment.

Alderman Christian asked about the new hours and how that is working and Chief McLamb stated the new work schedule is working out great. Alderman Christian and Alderman O'Garra asked about the response time with the new route and Chief McLamb stated the response time to Walmart, when Spring Avenue was closed, is 1 minute 50 seconds longer when they have to use the bridge. Alderwoman Sutherland stated we need to keep the second fire station in mind and she reminded people that they need to move over when first responders are trying to get past. Mr. Davis stated he shares the concern with response times and they have already been discussing this issue and ways to reduce the response time.

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e. Manager's Update

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- He recognized the Boy Scout Troop members from Troop 772 who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- He introduced Sam Jones, our new Parks and Recreation Director.
- He announced the USO of North Carolina has requested help from the Town to host a 5K Run/Walk which will start at Town Hall on Ruth Street, across the bridge to W.T. Brown and back. This is the 6th run they have hosted. It is scheduled for September 17, 2016 beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- He recognized Chief McDuffie for the work that he has done. He put together a premier Police Department for the Town and that is the legacy he will leave behind. He stated he plans to use a search firm to help fill the Police Chief's position.

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins inquired about when the next Coffee with a Cop will be and Chief McDuffie stated the date has not yet been set. Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins stated he believes Chief McDuffie is a humble man and thanked him for being who he is.

Alderwoman Sutherland asked about Sergeant McCormick and Chief McDuffie said he is doing fine.

Mayor Rey thanked the Board for their continued support and engagement. He thanked the Boy Scouts for being at the meeting and thanked both chiefs for the work that they do. We have a lot of good things going on in Spring Lake.

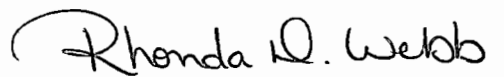
9. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Motion: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous


Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk



ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
Mayor