

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

January 9, 2017

MINUTES

7:03 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:

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| Tad Davis, Town Manager | Jason Kimble, Attorney |
| Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources | Tom Cooney, Public Works Director |
| Charles Kimble, Chief of Police | John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation |
| Rosa Henegan, Human Resource Officer | T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief |
| Doris Snider, Senior Center Director | Claiburn Watson, Finance Director |
| Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk | |

2. Invocation

Alderman O'Garra gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Rey led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

The Board added as item 9d, Consideration to Make Administration Part Time Position a Full Time Position. Additionally, they changed item 9d, Oath of Office, Police Chief to item 9e and moved the Closed Session to after New Business.

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

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 agenda with the changes.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

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 December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes for December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Alfred Marshall, 44 Providence Court, Cameron, NC invited everyone to attend the MLK Prayer Breakfast on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 9 a.m. in the Spring Lake Recreation Center.

8. Presentations

a. Manager's Update

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- Rolling Thunder Chapter 1 is asking for volunteers to help retrieve the Christmas wreaths from the graves at Sandhills State Cemetery at 9 a.m.
- Town staff continues dialog with Fort Bragg on traffic flow. We are working with Fort Bragg to retain pedestrian access to Fort Bragg at the Butner gate.
- He commended Town employees who were on call last weekend during the weather event.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about the flow of traffic and the speed coming into Town from Fort Bragg. She also inquired about the rough, uneven pavement on the new roadway and asked about the timeframe for getting the repaving done. Mr. Davis stated his recent discussion with NCDOT indicated that they plan to repave by the end of this month, depending on weather conditions. He reported Town staff has worked with NCDOT to place temporary 35 MPH speed limit signs along the new highway inside the Town limits. He stated a future agenda will contain the Board's recommendation on what they desire the speed to be within the Town limits. NCDOT currently is recommending the speed be 45 MPH but the Town has reservations about that and will be asking the Board to make a determination to be presented to NCDOT.

9. New Business

a. Budget Amendment 2017.7, Senior Enrichment Center

Mr. Watson requested approval of Budget Amendment 2017.7 to recognize a \$500 donation from the Spring Lake Assembly of God and to recognize \$1,447.63 in proceeds from the sale of a 1996 Ford F-150. He is requesting to put the funds into the Senior Enrichment Center's budget to cover a General Purpose Grant and to increase the Senior Center Operations and Program Evaluation Line for the SCOPE. Total increase is \$1,947.63.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2017.7.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2017.7 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Appointment, Spring Lake Board of Adjustment

Ms. Webb advised that Ms. Alice Geier's term on the Spring Lake Board of Adjustment has expired. Ms. Geier expressed a desire to continue to serve on the Board of Adjustment and Ms. Webb requested the Board consider the appointment of Ms. Geier for another three-year term which will expire January 31, 2020.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve to re-appoint Alice Geier to the Spring Lake Board of Adjustment.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

Vote: Unanimous

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

c. Appointment, Spring Lake Community Appearance Commission

Ms. Webb advised that Ms. Brianna Ketcham and Ms. Tammy Stephens both submitted applications to serve on the Spring Lake Community Appearance Commission. If appointed, they would serve a three-year term which would expire January 31, 2020. Ms. Webb requested the Board determine the appointment of Ms. Ketcham and Ms. Stephens to the Spring Lake Community Appearance Commission.

Action: The Board approved a motion to appoint Ms. Ketcham and Ms. Stephens to the Spring Lake Community Appearance Commission.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Application for Appointment from Ms. Brianna Ketcham and Ms. Tammy Stephens is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

d. Administration Position, From Part Time to Full Time

Alderwoman Sutherland requested the Board consider making the Administrative Assistant Position in the Administration Department a full time position. She stated she believes there is a need to ensure phone coverage for the entire day and to ensure someone is available to greet and direct citizens when they enter Town Hall. She said this was discussed during the budget and believes it will only increase the budget for the remainder of this fiscal year by \$6,500. Alderwoman Lucas stated she supports having a person out front during the time that the Town Hall offices are open.

Mayor Rey recommended that financial information be presented to the Board at the next meeting prior to making this decision to ensure we are in the position to fund this position in a full time capacity. Mr. Davis stated we also need to look at the part time position in the Senior Center and stated he believes we should look at both positions and report what it will look like to fund both positions because of the impact that both positions have on customer service. He stated we are in a good position to look at the rest of the year and make a recommendation to the Board based on their guidance.

Action: The Board approved a motion to table the decision to make the Administration position a full time position.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

e. Oath of Office, Police Chief

Mayor Rey stated this is a great day for our community. One of the most important decisions management makes is the personnel who will be in the top slots of each department. He stated this particular hire is not only important to the Board of Aldermen but to the citizens because this department is the one that has the most interaction with the citizens. He stated “we believe we got it right again” and stated the outgoing Chief was the right person for the right time and today we have the opportunity to do this again with the right man at the right time for our Town. Mayor Rey stated the expectations are high as

we position Spring Lake for the future and welcomed Chief Kimble.

Cumberland County District Court Judge Cheri Siler-Mack administered the Oath of Office for the Police Chief position to Mr. Charles Kimble.

Chief Kimble stated "family" that is what it is all about and that is why we do what we do. He stated when he came to Spring Lake he felt like he was part of this family. He thanked the citizens and everyone who came out for his swearing in and stated he looks forward to working with everyone. He stated he will work to make Spring Lake the safest small city in North Carolina. He vowed to be there for the citizens of Spring Lake.

The Board Members welcomed Chief Kimble.

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

10. Closed Session, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege.

Motion by: Alderman O’Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 8:49 p.m.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O’Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to accept the audit review committee report and its recommendations.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman Lucas

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| Vote: 4-1 | Yes | No |
| | Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins | Alderwoman Sutherland |
| | Alderman Christian | |
| | Alderwoman Lucas | |
| | Alderman O’Garra | |

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Vote: Unanimous



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

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
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Mayor