

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

June 12, 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 was absent.

Others Present:

Tad Davis, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director	Tim Garner, Interim Director of Water Resources
Rosa Henegan, Human Resource Officer	Sam Jones, Recreation Director
Charles Kimble, Police Chief	T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Lucas gave the 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 approved the agenda.

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

Motion by: Alderman Christian

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 May 16, 2017 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Special Meeting
- d. Ratify Vote of Recreation Advisory Committee

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of May 16, 2017 Special Meeting, Minutes of the May 22, 2017 Regular Meeting, Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Special Meeting and Ratify Vote of Recreation Advisory Committee.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum

8. Public Hearing

a. Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget

Mayor Rey opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the proposed FY 2017-2018 budget.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

9. Presentation

a. Yard of the Month

Mayor Rey recognized the Yard of the Month recipients. The following person won the award for June:

Mr. Johnson, 615 Odell Road

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

b. Manager's Update

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- The Town has begun transferring to the new MedCost Health Insurance Plan. He provided the Board of Aldermen with information regarding the coverage and costs of the transition. He stated staff obtained feedback from other municipalities who have this insurance coverage and received favorable feedback. He also reported that the Blue Cross Blue Shield increase would have cost the Town \$59,000 this year; however, by transitioning to the new plan we will only see a \$3,000 increase. This plan will become effective July 1, 2017.

- Information was sent via email last week to the Board of Aldermen regarding proposed Duke Energy rate changes in the coming year. If approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission it will increase residential customers by 16.7%, small general service customers will receive an increase of 15.4%, general service customers will receive an increase of 12.9% and large general service customers will receive a 13.4%. He stated we will be working on these numbers in case the proposed increases are approved and stated they will go into effect on January 1, 2018.
- We finally received data from the Earth Day/Spring Litter Sweep. We collected more than 4,657 pounds of household hazardous waste, 30 pieces of electronic waste, 154 tires and more than 32 large NCDOT orange bags of roadside trash. That equates more than 3 tons of waste that was collected and properly disposed of.
- NCDOT will host a public forum on June 27, 2017 at Wellons Auditorium at FTCC Spring Lake Campus from 6 pm until 8 pm.

10. New Business

a. Ordinance (2017) 4, FY 2017-2018 Budget

Mr. Watson presented the Proposed FY 2017-2018 Budget and gave the Board an overview of the initiatives included in the proposed budget.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Ordinance (2017) 4

Motion by: Alderwoman Lucas

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: 2-2 with Mayor Rey breaking the tie.

Yes

Alderman Christian

Alderwoman Lucas

Mayor Rey

No

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Alderman O'Garra

(A copy of the Agenda and Budget Ordinance (2017) 4 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

b. Resolution (2017) 9, Petition for Annexation, Lewis Property

Ms. Webb presented Resolution (2017) 9, a Petition for Annexation for the Lewis Property located at 1213 Mimosa Drive. She stated upon receipt of a petition for annexation, the Board of Aldermen shall direct the Clerk to investigate the sufficiency thereof and to certify the results of her investigation. The Board shall also direct staff to conduct a feasibility study. If the certificate of sufficiency and feasibility study is found to be in order, the Board of Aldermen shall direct the Clerk to set a public hearing for the annexation.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2017) 9.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, Map of Property and Resolution (2017) 9 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins stated that after 46 years, 1 month and 17 days of marriage, God saw fit to

transition his beloved wife from earth to Heaven. He stated he is thankful to the Town of Spring Lake, the citizens and the Board for their unyielding support during her illness. He thanked everyone for standing by him and his family during the most difficult time of his life. He thanked everyone for the love.

11. 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 Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2017) 10.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins stated he has had two visits to his home from a concerned citizen and he would like for the Board and the Town of Spring Lake to do the best we can to bring closure to this situation. He stated he would like to bring about some closure to the allegations whether they are true or false and requested a final disposition that is made known to her. He stated he would appreciate it if we could resolve this issue in a fair way. Mr. Dobbins would like to put in writing the disposition of this situation. Mr. Buzzard stated that it is fair to ask her to put her concerns into writing.

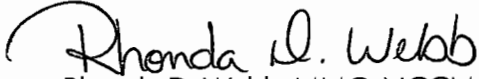
11. Adjournment.

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

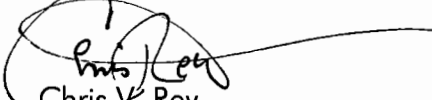
Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous


Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Chris V. Rey
Mayor