

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

March 27, 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 Christian
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderwoman Densie Lucas was absent.

Others Present:

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

2. Invocation

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins 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 a New Business item 8a: Discussion, Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Contract Extension to the agenda and requested that all other items be moved down a number on the agenda.

Action: The Board approved a motion to make the suggested addition and changes.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

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 March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Acceptance of Annual Audit Report FYE June 30, 2016
- c. Proclamation, Volunteer Appreciation Month

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting, Acceptance of Annual Audit Report FYE June 30, 2016 and Volunteer Appreciation Month Proclamation.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

7. Public Forum

Jerry Watkins, 110 Georgia Street, Apt. 29, Spring Lake, stated he would like to see a movie theater and a bowling alley. He stated he has brought this up since the 1980's and he believes it is time for a change. He has requested this multiple times and he wants some changes. He stated if this does not happen, the Board will not be here in November. He stated it is time to get our schools together and our kids together and it's time to show the drug dealers that they do not run this town. He stated it's time for a change.

8. New Business

a. Discussion, Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Contract Extension

Mr. Davis advised the Chamber's contract expired at the beginning of March 2017; however, the Board approved funding through the end of June 2017. He requested the Board approve to extend the contract and have discussions concerning the contract during the budget workshops.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the extension of the Chamber's contract through June 2017.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

9. Presentations

a. Fire Department Staffing Study

Chief McLamb stated the Fire Department was awarded a SAFER grant in 2012. Part of that grant included a department analysis/staffing study which means an outside agency comes in to assess the operations of the Fire Department, their growth and to determine where they need to improve. Jerry Ozog from VFIS provided the Board with a presentation that they can use as a planning tool or guide to ensure they are prepared for the future. He provided the Board with strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats the Town's Fire Department possesses. He also provided recommendations necessary to improve the Department. Alderwoman Sutherland thanked Chief McLamb for the work that they do. Alderman Christian stated he wants to see a second fire station on Highway 210 and Alderman O'Garra stated that he believes the Fire Department needs to be able to go across Spring Avenue to get to the Highway 210 side of Town and Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to help his wife two weeks ago.

(A copy of the agenda memo and PowerPoint Presentation 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 Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1, 2017 at Mendoza Park from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- The Annual Spring Fling and Opening Day of Baseball is scheduled for April 8, 2017 at Mendoza Park beginning from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Mr. David Lane, General Manager for the Astros team will throw out the first pitch.
- An Easter Sunrise Service is scheduled for April 16, 2017 from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. at Riverview Memorial Gardens. Mr. Adcock has graciously agreed to provide coffee and donuts for the service.
- Sandwich board signs are placed at the Spring Lake Library, Wal-Mart entrances, the Spring Lake Recreation Center and at Town Hall. If you want to know what is going on this is a great way to find out upcoming events.
- Duke Energy began installing LED lighting on Pine Tree Lane last week and that project should be complete this week.
- A couple of programs that we offer, that folks may not be aware of, include a 21st Century Education Grant for \$550,000 to focus on science, technology, engineering and math programs for an after school enrichment program.
- Cape Fear Regional Theatre sent about 15 cast members to Spring Lake Middle School last year to put on live performances and about 35 students from the Middle School were able to go to the Cape Fear Regional Theatre to see a live performance of The Whiz. This was funded through the Cumberland Community Foundation with no expense to the students. We are looking at a spring program to bring an ensemble of musicians from the symphony to the Middle School to work with the band and symphony students.
- Last summer 2 Middle School students were able to attend the Junior Master Gardener program hosted by the Cooperative Extension from NC State. We are hoping to do this again this summer with more students.
- Spring Lake hosts "Movie on the Green" nights during the summer months to watch a movie here in Spring Lake and the Spring Lake Library shows movies as well.
- Mr. Jones, our Recreation Director, is working with the Fayetteville YMCA on a program called "Learn to Swim" and we hope to be able to send three groups of 10-15 young people to the YMCA this summer.

Alderwoman Sutherland stated Fort Bragg has a good swimming program and she would like Mr. Davis to look into this option as well. She requested Mr. Davis to provide an update on the Cookout, the WEX card and Compare Foods. Mr. Davis stated Compare Foods is opening in late spring. He stated the Cookout should be opening soon and that will provide jobs for people from Spring Lake. He stated the Marriott is providing jobs as well. He stated the WEX cards are the fuel cards that the Town uses for each Town vehicle. Some of the cards were compromised with no loss to the Town but we are going to replace all the WEX cards.

c. Retirement, Byron Blumenfeld

Mayor Rey thanked Byron on behalf of the Town for all the work that he did while he was working for the Town.

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: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 9:04 p.m.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
Mayor