

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

November 28, 2016

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: Alderman James O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Tad Davis, Town Manager	Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director	Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
Thomas Cooney, Public Works Director	Claiburn Watson, Finance Director
Byron Blumenfeld, Director of Water Resources	Jason Williams, Asst. Fire Chief
Doris Snyder, Senior Center Director	Sam Jones, Recreation Parks Director
Janet Smith, Administrative Assistant	

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

a. The Board agreed there were no additions or deletions to be added.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda.

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

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agendas 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 November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for November 14, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

8. Presentations

a. Recognition of Police and Fire Departments by Teens Do Care --- Ms. Jackie Jackson

Ms. Jackson presented an award to the Spring Lake Police and Fire Department's for the great job they did doing Hurricane Matthew. She says the Fire department personally came to her place of residence to check on her and her neighbors. Ms. Jackson said for that very reason she wants to publicly thank them and the police department for going above and beyond the call of duty on the job every day for the citizens of Spring Lake. She said her organization; Teens Do Care wants to give a plaque to the Fire and Police Department for their exemplary work.

b. Recognition of Spring Lake 10U Spartans Football Team --- Mayor Rey and Mr. Jones

Samuel Jones informed the Mayor and Board that the Spring Lake Spartans 10U football team went undefeated this year and he would like to recognize the team and their coaches for their amazing accomplishments. Mr. Jones said they beat out everyone. Mr. Jones said the score of the last game they played was 34-0. At this time Mayor Rey and Mr. Jones began presenting awards to the team members. The Board and all in attendance gave a nice congratulatory clap for them all.

Mayor Rey thanked the coaches and the parents for their engagement in making sure kids are involved in Spring Lake Recreation and that they are involved in the community. He said that one of the things that make a community great is the involvement of parents in the lives of their kids. He said sport is used as a positive outlet for most kids. He said that he wants to make sure that these young men recognize that it is not just about winning but learning how to work together to accomplish a goal as a team. Mayor Rey said it is about listening to those appointed over you and allowing these things to help make you better off the fields as well on the field. He said because of that he and the Board are truly proud of this team and all of their accomplishments.

c. Manager's Update--- Mr. Davis

Mr. Davis said that since we are talking about sports the USO came by and presented the Town with a small memento of their appreciation for the Town's partnership with their 5K run in September. He said he hopes to see some of the Spartans participating in this event next year and he hopes to make this an annual event. Mr. Davis said on behalf of the USO he would like to present his plaque to the Board.

He said he also wants to recognize the Spring Lake Fire and Rescue for their accomplishments in helping out with the fires in other parts of our state. Mr. Davis said they used one of our trucks and some of our equipment to help them out and this is a part of our mutual aid agreement. This agreement allows fire departments throughout the state to pitch in and help one another out. Other departments did this exact thing during Hurricane Matthew event to help out Spring Lake. The last report stated that 80 percent of the fires in the state have been contained. He said the other thing he wants to mention to the Board and citizens are updates on upcoming events in the month of December and he hopes everyone will come and support it. On December 5, 2016 we will have a Tree Lightning Ceremony from 6pm to 7pm. We will also have some

refreshments, Christmas Carols and a special visit from Santa for the kids. He says following that on December 10, 2016 at 9am we will have our Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Spring Lake Recreation Center. Mr. Davis said the Kiwanis Club will be there to prepare breakfast for anyone who wants to attend. Mr. Davis said he hope everyone come out and supports this event as well. Mr. Davis said our next event Coffee with Cop will be on December 16, 2016, 9am to 11am at Village Coffee and this is a great opportunity for citizens to interact with their local police officers. He said he wants pass on his appreciation to Tom Cooney who was Acting Town Manager for doing a fantastic job in his absence as well as to the other department heads that showed tremendous leadership skills in the Town while he was away. Alderman O'Garra asked about the Rolling Thunder event and Mr. Davis said we will be working with the Rolling Thunder again this year with the Wreaths across America event. He said last year they placed over 2500 wreaths on graves of fallen veterans out at Sandhill's Cemetery. He said there are about 5000 graves out there and hope to do more wreaths lying this year. He said this event takes place on December17, 2016 from 12pm to 2pm at Sandhill's Cemetery off of Murchison Road.

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

9. New Business

a. Case No. 16-115, C(P) Site Plan Review 800 N. Main Street – Ms. Jaime Melton and Mr. Cooney

Mr. Thomas Cooney said that they received a request for zoning for the property at 800 N. Main Street. He said there are some photos of this property included in the Board's packet. He said currently the site does not conform to the restrictions that were previously placed on it by the Board. Due, to the fact that there are vehicles stored there and some junk tires along with some outside storage on this property it does not in align with the restrictions that were placed on this site. He said due to this fact it would be inappropriate to act on this request at this time other than to deny the request until the property can conform to what we require. Mr. Cooney stated that once the corrective action is taken the owner can take this case up again before the Board. Mr. Cooney told the Board that they can deny the request at this time or hold it until the requirements are met for this property. Mayor Rey said he does recall having a meeting on this site before and he said at that time they had to make improvements on this site and Mr. Cooney agrees that was correct. This property was asked to be rezoned to C (P) which requires having a site plan approval before any business can take place on the property so we can more control over what goes in that district to make sure it is in line with our vision for the Town.

Action: The Board made a motion to send this request back to County Planning for future consideration.

Motion by: Alderman O' Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

Alderman O' Garra and Alderwoman Sutherland both wanted to know if they send this application back to County will they have opportunity to later bring it back to the Board for a vote. Alderman O' Garra asked will the owner have a certain time period to get everything in line with zoning restrictions for this area. Mr. Cooney says he not sure about any time limit they would have to complete the work to bring the property in conformance with restriction's that is placed on that parcel of land. Alderwoman Sutherland further asked if the reason we are denying it is because we need to bring it up to compliance first and Mr. Cooney said yes that is correct. Mr. Cooney said they have to comply with standards that have been put into place. He informed Alderwoman Sutherland that it will not take a year to get done

because code enforcement is aware and involved. She later asked is any work being done and Mr. Cooney said no not at this time because they are not in compliance with standards that have been placed on this site. He says the building is having some issue due to flooding because of Hurricane Matthew so they cannot work in it now.

Action: The Board agrees to deny this request and send it back to the County for future consideration.

Motion by: Alderman O' Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Budget Amendment 2017.4, Police Department ----- Mr. Watson

Mr. Watson said he has a short budget amendment to talk about this evening. He said recently one of the vehicles in the police department was totaled. It was a 2007 Ford Explorer and we recently received insurance proceeds to for actual cost of vehicle. He said this amendment is provided for the Board in the budget amendment totaling \$13,062.71. He said part of this is for the vehicle and part of this is for the equipment. So he said we have already placed these proceeds in General Fund and they would like to have a budget amendment to recognize that action. He says this will increase the budget for the police department so they can go out and purchase another vehicle.

Action: The Board approves a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2014.4

Motion by: Alderman O' Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Alderwoman Sutherland asked Mr. Watson if these funds are allocated to the General Fund is being allocated to the police department. Mr. Watson said yes that is correct. She asked has a vehicle already been identified to purchase. She says if this ends up not being enough money to purchase another vehicle then will it be brought back to Board for additional funds. Mr. Watson says his goal is to locate additional money elsewhere in budget so he would not have to bring it back to Board. He agrees with Alderwoman Sutherland in stating that if he has to ask for additional fund it would need a budget amendment and yes it would have to come back before the Board for approval.

Vote: Unanimous

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

10. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development

Action: The Board approves a motion to go into Closed Session G.S. 143-315.11 (a) (4)

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 8:25 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous



Janet Smith
Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
Mayor