

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

June 26, 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:

Tad Davis, Town Manager
J.C. Combs, Assistant Recreation Director
John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation
Doris Snider, Senior Center Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk
Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director
Charles Kimble, Police Chief
Jason Williams, Assistant Fire Chief

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 of Aldermen deleted the Closed Session from the agenda. Alderwoman Sutherland requested to add to the agenda a Budget Amendment item regarding the payment of police officer's vehicles for further research. She stated we can have a discussion if we want to but there is no need because she has documentation stating that the vehicles have been paid off and we can get more information at the next meeting. Mayor Rey clarified that Item d will become a discussion regarding bringing information to the Board at the next meeting.

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: Alderwoman Lucas

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 June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of June 12, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderman O'Garra

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum

8. Presentation

a. Manager's Update

Mr. Davis reported the following:

- We have had a number of calls from citizens the past two weeks regarding water quality issues due to the GenX chemical contaminant that was released into the Cape Fear River. He stated the Chemorus Plant is south of Fayetteville and 15 miles downstream from us. There is no impact of the GenX to the Town's drinking water provided by PWC. He also advised the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality is investigating the issue.
- The new library hours for Spring Lake are Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 6 pm., Thursday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., closed on Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and closed on Sunday. He stated the County was contemplating closing one of the libraries but have decided to keep them all open and scale back some of the hours. He also reported that the library with the least usage is Spring Lake and stated he will be meeting with the principals of the Spring Lake schools and try to figure out how we can encourage more families to use the library.
- He stated we started swim lessons for the summer this past week. We partnered with the YMCA for swim lessons. The sessions are two week sessions for each child and we went through a fundraising effort to cover the costs this year and we hope to expand this initiative next year.
- Duke Energy is seeking to increase their rates on or about January 1, 2018. He stated that staff did some research and believes the Town should be in good shape even with the increase but our residents will feel the increase. For example, if someone's current bill is \$105 per month with the proposed rate their bill will go up approximately \$18 per month.
- NCDOT will host a public forum on June 27, 2017 at Wellons Auditorium at FTCC Spring Lake Campus from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. to discuss ongoing/future construction projects in the greater Spring Lake area.

Alderman O'Garra inquired about lights on the Poe Avenue Bridge and on Monroe Street. He also inquired about sidewalks at the Manchester Road Bridge and Mr. Davis advised staff will provide updates on these at a future meeting. Mr. Davis stated the places we have requested help with lighting is on the Bridge itself, Poe Avenue, Monroe Street and Samuel Drive. He stated we also need to look at some of the areas on Bragg Boulevard and Highway 210 where lights need to be taken out. Alderman O'Garra asked about the area at Cookout and if they are working on making that area larger so that traffic heading south can make a U-turn at Taco Bell. Mr. Davis stated that is what they are working on now and they will also put a cutout at the Taekwondo Studio so that people will be able to turn left and make a U-turn at 5th Avenue.

Alderwoman Lucas inquired about the dip in the road on Main Street between the gas station and Cedar Point. Mr. Davis stated that is where we made a cut for repair work and stated we add it to your repair list.

9. New Business

a. Ordinance (2017) 5, Declaring Temporary Road Closure for USO 5K

Mr. Davis advised NCDOT has new requirements to close roadways for events and requested the Board of

Aldermen approve Ordinance (2017) 5 to allow a temporary closure of Main Street and Poe Avenue Bridge for the USO 5K Run/Walk to be held September 16, 2017.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2017) 5
Motion by: Alderman Christian
Second by: Alderman O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda and Ordinance (2017) 5 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

b. Resolution (2017) 11, Intent to Annex Mutzberg Property

Ms. Webb presented Resolution (2015) 15 to begin the process of annexing Town owned property located on Chapel Hill Road, known as the Mutzberg property. The property was deeded to the Town in April 2017 by The Nature Conservancy.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2017) 11.
Motion by: Alderman Christian
Second by: Alderman O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, Map of Property, General Warranty Deed and Resolution (2017) 11 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Contract Renewal

Mr. Davis advised the Chamber's contract expires at the end of June 2017. The contract will be for the upcoming fiscal year and requested the Board approve the renewal of the current contract for economic development.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve renewing the Spring Lake Chamber's contract.
Motion by: Alderman O'Garra
Second by: Alderman Christian
Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins requested that the Chamber set some measurable goals for Spring Lake redevelopment and give the Board of Aldermen more accountability. He stated he does not see a return for our money. He also requested that they have an open application process for other candidates to apply for the position of moving Spring Lake forward. He stated there seems to be some exhibits listed in the contract that are not in the packet and he would like to get those.

Alderman Christian also requested that the Board receive goals that the Chamber intends to meet in the coming year. He also inquired if Mr. Worthy will continue to be the President.

Alderman O'Garra stated that he does not believe Mr. Worthy will be the Chamber President and stated they will be soliciting applications for that position beginning next week.

Alderwoman Sutherland stated she believes we need to look into an application process also. The person who is hired needs to have economic development experience.

Mayor Rey stated we may want to consider having a meeting with the new Chamber Board and their leadership to set the goals. Mayor Rey also inquired what a reasonable time would be to give the Chamber time to meet the

goals we set. After we set the goals and the Chamber has had time to meet the intent, we can revisit the contract to see if we want to stay with the Chamber or look for someone else to provide economic development work for the Town. Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins does not want to be in the same situation this time next year. Mr. Buzzard advised the Board of Aldermen can terminate the contract with a 30 day written notice so even if the Board approves the contract now they still have options. The Board of Aldermen decided to hold the initial meeting with the Chamber leadership and proceed from there.

d. Discussion, Regarding Bringing Information to the Board at the Next Meeting, Police Vehicles

Alderwoman Sutherland requested to defer payment on Police vehicles that are listed and identified in the 2017-2018 Budget for payoff.

Action: The Board approved a motion to make this an item on the next Board meeting and to defer any payment on vehicles that are listed and identified in the 2017-2018 Budget.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Vote: Unanimous

11. 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
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk



ATTEST:

Chris V. Rey
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Mayor