

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

October 23, 2017

**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 Rey presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins  
Alderman James Christian  
Alderwoman Densie Lucas  
Alderman James O'Garra  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

**Others Present:**

Rosa Henegan, Acting Town Manager  
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director  
Sam Jones, Recreation Director  
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief  
Rhonda D. Webb, Town Clerk

Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney  
Tim Garner, Interim Water Resource Director  
Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police  
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

**2. Invocation**

Alderwoman Sutherland 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 O'Garra

**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 October 9, 2017 Regular Meeting
- b. Policy #1, Purchasing and Contracting, Amending Section 1.8
- c. Appointment, Joint City and County Appearance Commission

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of October 9, 2017 Regular

Meeting, Policy #1 Amendment and Appointment to the Joint City and County Appearance Commission.

**Motion by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

## 7. Public Forum

Keisha Lee, 110 Murray Fork Drive, Fayetteville, NC, spoke. She stated "I am trying to figure out why the Civil County Administration in Cumberland County is calling me Mayor. It's kind of weird to hear someone say that of an attorney of being in a Civil Courtroom. I understand that you have your own, because you are the Town of Spring Lake of Unity of Prosperity. I was wondering if that was true because I know I put lawsuits against the Town of what they have done on the I and for I to see if that is true, because if it is your Unity for Prosperity will grow so much it will be beautiful. I know my time is almost up and I know Mr. Rey is leaving October 31<sup>st</sup>, I think, so his items that he will change will be voided for whatever the situation will be for me to share with the Town of Spring Lake. I'm very honored to have the Town of Spring Lake to be a family, thank you."

Robyn Chadwick, 202 Duncan Road, spoke about the widening of Odell Road. She asked who will it affect adversely and when will the Board do the final vote. Mayor Rey stated the widening of Odell Road is a North Carolina Department of Transportation issue and not a Town issue. She stated this Board is against the widening of Odell Road. He stated a few months ago NCDOT came and spoke and talked about the widening of Odell Road and all our Board Members were very vocal about the impact it would have on our community and asked them to look at other options. The Town presented some alternate traffic patterns to what they had. He stated this Board will not vote on anything of that nature, it comes from NCDOT and stated the Board and Town will continue to engage them to make sure they understand there are other alternatives to the widening that road and their first course of action is to do that.

Mary Ingram, 117 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, stated she has lived in Spring Lake for over half of her life and she is very concerned with what has been done with Bragg Boulevard. She expressed concern with the crosswalks not being available anymore. She stated Bragg Boulevard has become so dangerous. She stated she is a family friend of Ms. Francis, the lady who was killed on Bragg Boulevard Friday night. She said it is dark out there because there are no street lights and the drivers cannot see the people crossing the roadway. She does not believe the police are patrolling enough in the area because the drivers are speeding like they are on All American Highway. She expressed concern with how the police handled the situation with Ms. Francis and stated there is a drawing still in the roadway where Ms. Francis body laid. She stated that when the roadway was done there was no thought or care given to pedestrians and pedestrians still have to get around. Mayor Rey stated initial discussions have begun with NCDOT concerning crosswalks and foot traffic and other additions that need to be in place. He stated the Police Chief will be notified about more patrols.

Kevin Blount, 100 Spring Avenue, stated his wife was the person run over Friday night. He stated it is unbelievable that his wife lost her life crossing the road. He stated no one else should have to go through what he has been going through the past 48 hours. He expressed concern about human matter (flesh) and blood trail still on the road and an outline of her body is still there and in his mind that is where she is. He stated we really need to get people from one side of the street to the other without dying. He asked the Board for whatever you can do personally, please rectify this situation and find some way for people to get across the street without losing their life.

Maurice Riddick, 15 Spring Avenue, stated the highway does not even look like pedestrians can get from one side of Town to the other. It is too dangerous for pedestrians out there. He is concerned about the school being on the other side of Town. Mayor Rey stated that stated that everyone's concerns expressed here today are very valid. He told Mr. Blount that he knows what he is going through and stated as we grow we will have challenges to face. He said sometimes in the tragedy we find a better way to do things. He stated as we honor his wife and her legacy this Board will work with NCDOT to find better ways to address this and work through this. He stated this project was

forced down our throats and he knows that crosswalks are an area that needs to be considered.

## **8. Presentation**

### **a. Employee of the Quarter**

Mayor Rey and Ms. Henegan presented certificates to the employees who were named Employee of the Quarter for the Third Quarter. They were:

Terry Hock – Administrative Support  
Alexander Thomas – Operation Support  
Curtis McMillion – Program Service Support  
Firefighter Fitzhugh – Public Safety, Fire  
Detective McDowell – Public Safety, Police

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

### **b. Quarterly Finance Update**

Mr. Watson provided the Board of Aldermen with an overview of the Financial Comparison Analysis for each Fund. The variance % for the General Fund is 21.21% compared to last year at 23.86%, for the Water and Sewer Fund it is 17.96% compared to last year's 16.42%, the Stormwater Fund is 10.64% compared to last year's 14.66%, the Sanitation Fund is 20.79% compared to 18.46% last year and the Fleet Fund is 23.79% compared to 26.34% last year. He stated the 17-18 budget has a 2% COLA which will go into effect in January and it will skew some of the numbers. However, the Town's revenues are \$2,274,689.18 this year compared to \$2,269,586.71 last year which is approximately \$5,000 difference to the positive. He also stated the debt service is down because we paid off a lot of debt. He also reminded the Board that Feet does not produce revenues.

Mr. Watson reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report which shows a dramatic drop because we paid off a large amount of debt early. He stated when the debt is taken into consideration we have the same amount this year as we did last year.

The Summary PCard Use by Month Report shows the transactions that were made for June 2017, July 2017 and August 2017. It also shows a summary comparison to the prior year of purchases by month.

The Summary BB&T Card Use by Month Report shows 13 transactions. The disputed charges were determined to be charges that were not made by the Town and were credited back to the card that was used. A police report was filed for these charges.

Alderswoman Sutherland stated there is not as many transactions as in the past but she still sees that departments are still making multiple trips to the store and she would like to see this cut down. She also requested more information on some of the transactions and Mr. Watson stated he will pull everything she has questions about if she will please provide him with a list of the ones she is questioning.

(A copy of the Agenda Memo and Quarterly Finance Update PowerPoint is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

### **c. 2018 PARTF Grant Application Process Update**

Mr. Jones stated we have until May 1, 2018 to submit an application for the 2018 PARTF Grant for the Splash Pad. Should the Board want the Splash Pad by next spring we will have to go a different route. Mayor Rey stated one of the things we had talked about is to use the General Fund for the Splash Pad design. This will allow us to know what we want and how much it will cost which will help in preparing the budget. Mr. Jones stated being able

to show that we have purchased land will go a long way in helping us to get the grant.

Alderman Sutherland stated that Vortex gave us a quote of \$4,020,000 and said it would be best to put the larger infrastructure in even if we could only put a small splash pad for now and add to it later. She stated that we normally need three quotes and she welcomes other companies to come and give a presentation. She stated she is happy we are going after grant money but there is other grant money available out there.

Alderman Christian asked when the tennis courts will be ready and Mr. Jones stated if the weather will stay good we can have it done within a month and one-half. Mr. Jones stated he hopes to have some tennis going on my next spring.

Alderman O'Garra asked if fences will be around the basketball courts and Mr. Jones stated the fence will be 10 feet high and will be better than ever.

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

**d. Compare Foods Update**

Mr. Cooney reported that Compare Foods is having a dispute with the contractor, engineer and the owner. They are trying to rearrange things to meet Health Department mandates. Mayor Rey clarified that we are not keeping Compare Foods from coming. They are in a long term lease. He stated we are trying to help them every way we can. Mayor Rey stated "for the record – it is not our fault".

He also provided an update on the Borrow Pit and stated they are not required to have a fence but they do have to put danger signs up. He has requested that they send someone out to assess the area and put the signs up but he does not have a timeframe at this time.

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

**9. New Business**

**a. 2016 Local Water Supply Plan**

Mr. Garner presented the 2016 Local Water Supply Plan which is an annual plan that is submitted to DENR. They have accepted the plan but we now have to have the Board of Aldermen approve the plan. He also stated we test our water daily.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2017) 14

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, 2016 Water Supply Plan and Resolution (2017) 14 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six)

**10. Adjournment.**

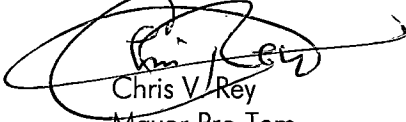
**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Christian

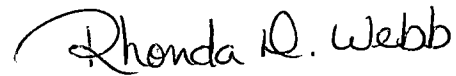
**Second by:** Alderman O'Garra

**Vote:** Unanimous

ATTEST:

  
Chris V. Rey  
Mayor Pro Tem



  
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk