

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

May 14, 2018

**MINUTES**

7:04 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 Larry Dobbins presiding.

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra  
Alderman Christian  
Alderwoman Soña Cooper  
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson  
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

**Others Present:**

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager  
Jonathan Conner, Police Major  
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief  
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney  
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director  
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

**2. Invocation**

Mr. Daniel Gerald gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Dobbins 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:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderwoman Jackson

**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 April 23, 2018 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the April 23, 2018 Regular Meeting

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of May 14, 2018 Special Meeting and May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **7. Public Forum**

Bob Blakeney, 334 Vass Road, Spring Lake, spoke concerning gun fire in the area of Vass Road. He stated that he is aware that they are shooting in Cumberland County but they are shooting into Spring Lake and he believes it is just a matter of time before tragedy happens.

Jewel Martin, 111A S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Spring Lake, spoke about the young man who was shot at the basketball court. She stated the lady at the Recreation Center called 911 and the call went to Fort Bragg and then to Fayetteville. She is concerned that it took too long for an ambulance and the police to get to the location.

Mr. Fitch, 735 Goodyear Drive, Spring Lake, presented plaques to people who have helped them throughout the year. Chief Troy McDuffie, Chief TJ McLamb, and Mayor Dobbins received the awards. He also presented the Town Recreation Department with a check for \$500.

Judy Walker, 500 Wilson Avenue, Spring Lake, stated that she is having a membership drive for active or retired military women to join their sorority. They are about women's power, unity, comradery, community service, etc.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Resolution (2018) 5, Community Child Abuse Prevention Plan**

Ms. Eileen Cedzo and Regina Evans stated they are the first community in North Carolina to try to reduce child maltreatment by 90% by the year 2030. They have two primary goals: one is to build the capacity of parents and partners to understand, deliver, evaluate and advocate for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; the second is cultivate beneficial prevention focused partnerships to create a shared language, build efficiency and extend our reach.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2018) 5.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderwoman Jackson

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Resolution (2018) 5 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment two.)

### **b. Site Plan Review, Spring Lake Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: C(P); Total acreage 0.79 AC +/-; Located at 106 Brook Lane; Submitted by Terry C. Faircloth (Surveyor)**

Mr. Cooney presented a site plan from Trinity Hospitality requesting to create a drive thru convenient store. The building will only be altered on the inside to accommodate the items that they will be selling. He stated that staff recommends approval.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the Site Plan for Case No. 18-034.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** 4-1

Yes

No

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra  
Alderman Christian  
Alderwoman Cooper  
Alderwoman Jackson

Alderwoman Sutherland

(A copy of the agenda memo and Cumberland County Planning & Inspections Department Action Memorandum and Site Profile is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

**c. Site Plan Review, Spring Lake Zoning Ordinance; Zoned: C(P); Total acreage 0.79 AC +/-; Located at 106 Brook Lane; Submitted by Terry C. Faircloth (Surveyor)**

Mr. Cooney presented a site plan located on Main Street at the former Tammy's Bingo location. The Owner wants to provide a place for an indoor gym/boxing training center. One of the condition requirements as well as the Town Ordinance requires that the parking lot be paved and a sidewalk to be installed. The Town's Ordinance requires a sidewalk on Johnson Street as well. There are some regarding the property line and whether an easement would be required. The property owner has agreed to be responsible for the sidewalk along his property on Johnson Street at the time the Town decides to do a sidewalk project.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the Site Plan for Case No. 18-039, consideration of Tony Burgess Property.

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

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

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**d. Agreement, Landscaping for U4444 Project**

Mr. Cooney stated that landscaping from Murchison Road to the Highway 210/87 split and the "triangle" is part of the U4444B project. NC DOT will pay for the landscaping; however, the previous Manager and staff decided that we wanted irrigation to keep the plants alive.

Alderwoman Cooper inquired about where the funding for the irrigation system and Mr. Cooney advised it will come from the Town's General Fund.

Alderman Christian asked if they are talking about putting Crape Myrtles and Mr. Cooney stated Crape Myrtles and different types of trees which he listed on a document that he has in his office. He stated he will make sure the Board gets a copy of the tree list. The ultimate layout would also include the possibility of a C130 on a pedestal if we can get the Air Force to donate it and move it here. It would be placed in that large open area at the entrance of Fort Bragg just after the Poe Avenue Bridge.

Alderwoman Sutherland clarified that this will cost the Town \$163,664.64. Mr. Cooney stated that amount is the estimate and it could actually cost a little less or a little more depending on the actual equipment and placement. Alderwoman Sutherland asked if we received three estimates and Mr. Cooney stated no, it was not

our project. She asked if there is a particular time that this will be done and Mr. Cooney advised they only do landscaping in the Spring (March – April) and in the Fall (October – November). If everything goes as planned we should start to see landscaping in October or November.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated this would be a plus for us to jump on this opportunity and if we do not it will be a mistake. Mayor Dobbins stated that Mr. Mitchell from Garrison is in support of this and he will help with the plane.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to move forward with the irrigation on the medians as suggested by Mr. Cooney.

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

**Second by:** Alderwoman Jackson

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**e. Basketball Courts Repair and Resurface Contract**

Mr. Cooney stated he is proposing to use existing funding and leftover funding from the PARTF grant and funds from the Recreation Department to resurface the basketball courts. Court One is the only company that submitted a quote. They will use the same material that was used on the tennis courts. The Recreation Department is also planning to replace the goals and goalposts. Court One would not be able to perform the work until after July 1 which is why there is no budget amendment for this project at this time.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the resurfacing of the basketball courts.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**f. Acceptance of Splash Pad Bids**

Mr. Cooney requested the Board to accept all bids for the splash pad project and authorize the Manager to negotiate the contract. Carolina Recreation & Design, Vortex International and Crawford Design Company submitted bids and Carolina Recreation & Design had the lowest responsive base bid in the amount of \$265,847 for the reduced size splash pad. If the Town selects all the optional adds to the project to include bathrooms and full size water features the total price would be \$474,280. He also requested that the Board tell the Manager what their site location will be.

Alderwoman Sutherland suggested that the splash pad be placed at Mendoza Park. Mr. Cooney stated the current price is based on the close proximity to utilities. The Recreation Department was proposing to place it either across the street from the Recreation Center or inside the walking trail on the Elizabeth Street side. He stated we can look at Mendoza Park and see what the costs of the utilities would be to get it there. He stated we will negotiate that with the contractor and bring it back for approval.

Alderman Christian asked if we will have the ability to expand on the plans that are approved and Mr. Cooney

stated the recommendation in the budget revision is the full build out. He stated with anything, we can always expand outside the footprint but the options we were exploring before was to build the concrete and the piping to build the footprint and only rough end the piping to the pumps. We can always expand or build another splash pad beside the current splash pad.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to accept all the bids for the splash pad.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderwoman Jackson

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**g. Budget Amendment 2018.7**

Mr. Watson requested funding for the splash pad. He stated the money will come from Fund Balance in the amount of \$474,280.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2018.7.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Budget Amendment 2018.7 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment seven.)

**h. Board to Determine May 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Webb requested the Board determine if they want to cancel the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting or reschedule it to another day. She stated that Mr. Gerald is requesting that the Board meet on May 29<sup>th</sup> to hold the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to cancel the meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> and hold a special meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>. An amended motion to cancel the meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> and hold a special meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. was made. An additional amended motion to cancel the meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> and hold a special meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. was made and approved.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra commended Mr. Cooney on the work that he is doing and stated he is doing an outstanding job.

**10. Last Word**

Alderwoman Cooper thanked everyone for coming out. She stated that there was less than an 11% turnout in

the County for voting. She stated if we do not get more people to come out and vote in Spring Lake we will never get our own early voting site, so please come out and vote and help people to register to vote.

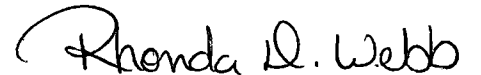
**II. Adjournment.**

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

**Motion:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

  
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Larry G. Dobbins  
Mayor