

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

June 25, 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
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

2. Invocation

Mayor Dobbins gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dobbins led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

The Board deleted item 9e, Board to Determine Next Steps on Town's Flag and Motto. They added Information on A List of Cumberland County Advisory Boards as item 9e and The Last Word by Alderman Christian as 9f.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda as amended.

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

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

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 May 14, 2018 Special Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting
- c. Minutes of the May 29, 2018 Special Meeting
- d. Minutes of the June 1, 2018 Special Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of May 14, 2018 Special Meeting, Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Regular Meeting, Minutes of the May 29, 2018 Special Meeting and the Minutes of the June 1, 2018 Special Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Mr. Tony Burgess, 208 N. Main Street, spoke concerning the new boxing gym on Main Street. He stated he has three more fights and wanted to provide the Board of Aldermen with tickets to the upcoming fight. He stated that he does work with a few youth but Coach Fitch usually works with the youth. He presented Mayor Dobbins with a gold medal.

8. Public Hearing - Case P18-18 Removal 1.49 +/- ACS MSOD & Rezoning 1.49 +/- ACS R6 & C3 to C3 or More Restrictive Zoning 701 N Main Street, Owner MDN Rentals

Mayor Dobbins opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Nepstad stated he recently purchased the property on Main Street and has had several people interested in renting the space but the allowed use would not permit them to do what they wanted to do. He requested the Board take this property out of the MSOD and rezone it as commercial.

Alderwoman Cooper asked what the interested renters wanted to do. Mr. Nepstad stated a couple of gentlemen have repeatedly contacted him about the property. They do repairs on Jaguars, Mercedes and BMW vehicles. They currently own a business in Carthage but their clients are mostly from Fayetteville, Fort Bragg and Spring Lake and Sanford. They want to relocate in Spring Lake. Mr. Nepstad stated that they do not store vehicles because once the vehicle is fixed the owners come to get them.

Mayor Dobbins closed the Public Hearing.

Action: The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

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 two.)

9. New Business

a. Case P18-18 Removal 1.49 +/- ACS MSOD & Rezoning 1.49 +/- ACS R6 & C3 to C3 or More Restrictive Zoning 701 N Main Street, Owner MDN Rentals

Mr. Cooney presented Case P18-18 and stated there are two issues. The property owner has requested to be taken out of the MSOD and there is a tiny triangular shaped lot that is currently zoned R6 which should be zoned C3 which would be ok for the requested use. Town staff has no objection to the removal or conditional use overlay to allow the use.

Alderwoman Cooper asked if this would restrict us from getting any grants and Mr. Cooney stated no. She also stated we could approve it with the restriction that there not be any build up of cars sitting around. Mr. Cooney stated that in the past we have put restrictions on zoning cases and he

see no reason we cannot put those restrictions on this request.

Alderwoman Sutherland requested that the fencing be added to a future agenda because it is not on the proposal at this time. She stated since Alderwoman Cooper requested a restriction it will have to go back through the planning for it to have the restriction.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the request of applicant to remove from the Main Street Overlay District and rezone from a R6 to a R3 with the restrictions of fencing.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Request for Approval to Submit for Gold Star Families Memorial Monument

Mr. Gerald requested Board approval for a Gold Star Monument to be placed at Veteran's Park. He stated the monument would be purchased and installed by the Hershel Woody Williams Medal of Honor Foundation and the Town would only be required to keep it maintained. He requested the Board approve the location and the maintenance of the monument.

Mr. Knisley from the Foundation stated that they felt like Spring Lake would be the perfect location because of its close proximity to the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery.

Alderwoman Sutherland thanked them for their service and for considering Spring Lake for the Monument.

Mayor Pro Tem stated that the Spring Lake Board is proud to have you come in and be a part of our family.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the recommendation as presented.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

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

c. Consideration of Policy, Naming Town Facilities

Mr. Gerald presented the Town Policy for Naming Town Facilities. He reviewed the contents of the policy and requested the Board approve the policy.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the Policy for Naming Town Facilities.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the agenda memo and Policy Naming Town Facilities is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

d. Consideration of Charter Amendment to Change Mayor and Board Terms of Office

Ms. Webb explained the steps required to change the Town's Charter to allow the Mayor and Board of Aldermen members to serve 4-year staggered terms. She stated that staff is seeking whether the Board wished to move forward with this amendment.

Action: Alderwoman Sutherland made a motion to proceed with the process. This item died for lack of a second.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by:

Vote: Died for lack of a second

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

e. Information on Various Advisory Boards for Cumberland County

Mayor Dobbins requested that citizens log on to the website listed on the sheet that was given to them as they came in and consider serving on one of the Cumberland County Advisory Boards listed. This information was given for the education of the public. Alderwoman Cooper requested that this be posted on the website and Facebook. His appeal is to have a Spring Lake voice at the table.

9. Last Word

Alderman Christian stated that we also need citizens to serve on some of our Advisory Boards. It is good to see the Marines here tonight. Edward Timmons, a Marine Veteran is a friend of mine. He stated he would like to welcome his niece Martina back to Spring Lake and a special shout out to my niece Melody whose birthday is on July 4th. I also want to remind folks about safety this July 4th. Happy 4th of July and God Bless You.

Mayor Dobbins recognized Mr. Lorenzo McLean.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

ATTEST:

Larry G. Dobbins
Larry G. Dobbins
Mayor



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