

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

February 12, 2018

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 Larry Dobbins presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredericka Sutherland
Alderwoman Sonya Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson

Others Present:

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager
Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Director
Thomas Cooney, Public Works Director
Tim Garner, Director of Water Resources
Sam Jones, Recreation Parks Director
Janet Smith, Administrative Assistant

Chief McDuffie, Police Chief
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director
TJ McLamb, Fire Chief

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Invocation

Mr. Green gave a non-sectarian invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dobbins led us into Pledge of Allegiance

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

a. Mayor Dobbins had two additions added to agenda (G)(Ribbon cutting ceremony for Tennis Court (H) Mayor Lunch and Learn Program

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 Cooper

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 January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items for January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O' Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

7. Public Forum

Sergeant McCormick of Spring Lake Police department discussed about Special Olympics torch run taking place on April 4, 2018 at 9am at Town hall. He stated last year we came in 25th in state in the Olympics standing and he hopes we can improve on that this year. He passed out flyers and showing the new t- shirts hoping everyone will get involved for the kids.

b. Our next public speaker was name Mrs. Marcheal Crocker at 719 Curtis Circle in Spring Lake and she wanted to discuss her water bill. She says she only has household size of three and her water bill has been high and her last bill is over \$200.

The manager responded to her that the rates that they have is set by the people we purchase our water from. The Town does not set the rates. He says he will investigate and find out if something is wrong with new meters and he will get back with her. The manager says it all depends on the amount of water that is purchased from us. She says she cannot afford to pay \$200 for water and she will not pay if she have to she would move. She thinks the water bill is too high. Mayor Dobbins told her he understands and he will make sure this issue gets properly investigated and they will find out why the bill is so high.

c. Next speaker Dr. Aziz from 110 Kristen Ave. in Spring Lake, NC spoke about ways to improve our schools academic performances and scores here in Spring Lake NC. She says that are rich neighborhoods the school system is better because they have more money to invest in their communities and local schools. In other neighborhoods where there is no a lot funds the kids do not perform as well because they do not have the enough resources as other surrounding schools. Dr. Aziz says she would like to propose that the Town allow her to ask an associate of hers implement a tutoring program help the kids this would be great. She says she believe she would only charge

about \$30,000 / year. She says this will be an education committee being implemented in school systems. Alderwoman Jackson asked what would the money be used for she said it would pay for books and other supplies as well as pay her for her time. Dr. Aziz says if any additional cost is incurred she would cover that herself. She wants to find a way to help improve our schools here in Spring Lake, NC. Mayor Dobbins asked did she want the board to vote on this issue and she said yes. But Mr. Gerald says since the school here in Spring Lake falls up under the Cumberland County we would need to speak with counsel and Cumberland County School system to make sure we are not doing anything illegal.

8. Presentations

a. Mr. Green the President of Kiwanis Club of Spring Lake recognizes their sponsors for all of their generous donations helping out with angel tree event which gives out hundreds of present and gifts to kids in need here in Spring Lake and to all of the surrounding counties as well. The Sponsor was from Dollar Tree here in Spring Lake and Walmart here in Spring Lake. He says when asked they did not hesitate to serve the Town of Spring Lake or surrounding counties in need.

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

b. Splash Pad Vendor

Presentation was given by Mr. Don Hemingway from Carolina Recreation & Design.

He says we have different models add in future you have the option to add on to the design of splash pad. He says it will cost about \$ 243,000.00 for this base structure but it cost additional \$30,000 to provide extra options but it can be done. After presentation Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra asked if we have to worry about the pipes freezing in winter time and he says he will show whomever in charge how to clean and empty pipes when they installed this equipment. He says the total cost for this splash pad model is around \$280,000.00

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c. Spring Lake Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Annual Report.

The Spring Lake Military Affairs Committee charge is to promote Military and Veterans Affairs functions and activities in the community and provide recommendations to the Town Manager and Board of Aldermen in planning programs and activities.

Eric Nielsen President of Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee says the committee was created to help assist the Town with providing veterans and military better services throughout town. He stated last year they had Veterans Fair held here at Recreation Center in Spring Lake. He says next year they are planning to do another veterans fair but they would probably have to find a bigger location to house everyone. He says we had 267 active cases being done that day that was tremendous help to those veterans. We had veterans coming from all over to perform these services for the people of the Town. Mr. Nielsen says congratulations to new Mayor. At this time he wanted to propose 3 new amendments to their committee and they are as follows:

AMENDMENT 1:

SECTION IV OFFICERS

Change all instances of Chairman to Chairperson (4 instances)

AMENDMENT 2:

VI:

MEETINGS:

Members may attend meetings physically or through a virtual presence to include, but not limited to: video teleconference such as Facebook, Skype; phone calls.

AMENDMENT 3:

NEW

Section III

MEMBERS

The total number of members of the committee shall be seven (7) members to be appointed by the Board of Aldermen. The committee shall consist of one (1) voting representative from each certified Veterans'

Service Organization (VSO) that holds its charter, is actively headquartered or has its host facility, and operates within the Town of Spring Lake or Municipal influence area. The remaining three (3) openings are available to additional members of the community or other interested organizations that are chartered, headquartered, and operate within the Town of Spring Lake or Municipal influence area. The committee may vote to expand the number of members, which will then be brought forward to the Board of Aldermen for ratification.

All appointments are for three (3) year terms and members may serve an unlimited number of appointed terms, upon approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Staff members from the Office of the Town Manager, or members of the Board of Aldermen, may, upon appointment by the Mayor, serve as ex-officio members of the committee with no voting rights.

All members of the committee of the Town of Spring Lake or Municipal influence area shall serve without compensation.

Members must be Honorably Discharged veterans or currently serving in the Active, Reserve or National Guard of the US Armed Forces.

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins

Vote: Unanimous

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d. Spring Lake Recreation Advisory Annual Report

Mr. Derrickson reports that the last time he stood before the board he did not have a report because they did not have enough members in attendance to hold a quorum or a meeting. Now things have changed since the last meeting and they have more regular attending members. They have 8 regular members on their committee. And they have 1 vacancy for a regular member. He says he has 3 alternate members vacancy as well. Mr. Erickson informs the Board that they exist to take up any issues dealing with Parks and Recreation.

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e. Police Department Personnel Recognition – Chief McDuffie and Mr. Erskine

Chief McDuffie wanted to introduce the new Spring Lake Police Officers to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and to recognize newly promoted Police Officers. He says LT. Spellman was promoted from Sargent and he is watchman patrol. Detective Melton Brown has been promoted to Lieutenant of administrative internal affairs. Sargent Spann and Sargent Wilkerson have also been promoted as well.

The new officers that we have hired are Officer Gary Banks has completed his field training and is out on patrol. Next Officer Gary Campbell is still training program and should be completing it soon. The next officer is Officer Bolin.

Mr. Mark Erskine presents awards to the Police Department for outstanding work in community.

He presents the law enforcement certificate to Police Department.

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f. Fire Department Personnel Recognition --- Chief McLamb and Mr. Erskine

Mr. Mark Erskine presents awards to the Fire Department for outstanding work in community.

g. Mayor Dobbins wants to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for new tennis court.

h. Mayor Dobbins wants to inform the Board and public about new lunch and learn program that is being implemented in Town of Spring Lake and the first meeting takes place this Thursday. Mayor Dobbins says he has been working with Ms. Rosa Henegan on this program. He says a fit workforce is workforce that will work.

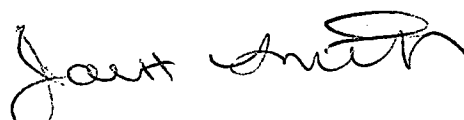
9. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

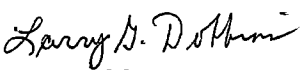
Vote: Unanimous



Janet Smith
Administrative Assistant



ATTEST:


Larry Dobbins
Mayor