

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

February 26, 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 O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Soña Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director
Rosa Henegan, HR Officer
Troy McDuffie, Chief of Police
Doris Snider, Senior Center Director
Rhonda D. Webb, Town Clerk

Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Jennifer Combs, Asst. Recreation Director
Sam Jones, Recreation Director
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director

2. Invocation

Mr. Betty Sanford gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Timothy Jenkins led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Mr. Cooney requested to delete Item 9a, Ordinance (2018) 2, Condemnation and Demolition, Lee's Mobile Home Park from the agenda and Ms. Webb requested to add as Item 8b, Presentation for Color The Town Run made by the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Dobbins requested to add Mayor's Comments as Item 9g.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the amended agenda.

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

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 February 5, 2018 Special Meeting

- b. Minutes of the February 6, 2018 Special Meeting
- c. Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting
- d. Minutes of the February 15, 2018 Special Meeting
- e. Resolution (2018) 3, Accept Report of Unpaid Taxes

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of February 5, 2018 Special Meeting, Minutes of February 6, 2018 Special Meeting, Minutes of February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting, Minutes of February 15, 2018 Special Meeting and Resolution (2018) 3, Accept Report of Unpaid Taxes.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra explained that the special meetings are being held to discuss items that the citizens brought to their attention and stated the Board is not just sitting on the reported issues.

7. Public Forum

Kristy Spencer, 507 Carteret Place, Fayetteville, NC updated the Board of Aldermen on the Dr. Seuss events that are coming to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. This event is also to promote Read Across America and the National campaign to promote literacy and education. They plan to have a spaghetti dinner and a movie this Friday. The dinner is sponsored by Fazoli's. There will be games and activities in addition to the movie. The Dr. Seuss parade is scheduled for next Saturday, March 10, 2018, followed by the Family Fun Day. Representative Marvin Lucas will be the Grand Marshall.

Ash Patel, 668 N. Bragg Boulevard (Marathon Gas Station), Spring Lake, NC spoke in favor of the Brunch Bill to be approved in Spring Lake to allow the sale of alcohol beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

8. Presentation

a. Employee of the Year 2017

Ms. Henegan stated that employees of the year were selected from the winners of the employee of the quarter. The following are the 2017 Employees of the Year:

Administrative Support: Terry Hock

Public Safety, Fire: Kimberly Hall

Public Safety, Police: Detective Yancy McDowell

Operations Support: Alexander Thomas

Program Services Support: Adrian Thompson

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

b. Color The Town Run, Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Eden from Evolution Athletics and Spring Lake Outpost presented an overview of the Color The Town Run. She stated that she wants to help bring the Town together and do more things in the community so that Spring Lake will be a place of destination. She and the Spring Lake Chamber proposed to host a Color The Town Run which will showcase Spring Lake business, inspire Spring Lake business involvement, and achieve positive media coverage. She presented two possible routes for the Run. Both routes end at Evolution Athletics which is an ideal location for a post-run celebration. They do not have a date set because they wanted to get the Board's approval prior to planning the event. She stated they are looking at Memorial Day weekend as a possible date but nothing has been determined yet.

9. New Business

a. Ordinance (2018) 2, Condemnation and Demolition, Lee's Mobile Home Park

This item was deleted from the agenda.

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, Pictures of the Site and Ordinance (2018) 2 2 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

b. Ordinance (2018) 3, Condemnation and Demolition, 115 South 4th Street

Mr. Porter requested approval of Ordinance (2018) 3 to condemn the structure at 115 South 4th Street. This structure is uninhabitable and unable to be restored.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2018) 3 with an amendment to correct the date on the Ordinance Whereas Section, third paragraph.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, Pictures of the Site and Ordinance (2018) is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

c. Ordinance (2018) 4, Condemnation and Demolition, 308 Scarborough Street

Mr. Cooney requested approval of Ordinance (2018) 4 to condemn the structure at 308 Scarborough Street. This structure is uninhabitable and unable to be restored.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2018) 4.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, Pictures of the Site and Ordinance (2018) 4 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

d. Resolution (2018) 4, Declaring Surplus Property, Fire Department

Assistant Chief Williams requested the Board of Aldermen approve declaring the listed various fire equipment as surplus and allow them to sell it. He advised most of the equipment is not in working order.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Resolution (2018) 4.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderwoman Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo, List of Property and Resolution (2018) 4 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment six.)

e. Contract, Inspection Services, Tom Spinks

Mr. Cooney stated Mr. Spinks is willing to perform some inspections for the Town. He will be contracted to do the things that Mr. Hoover was doing for the Town. He will have to have his license reinstated to the levels in which he is qualified but that only requires in-service training. All of his certifications and training is on Mr. Spinks, not the Town. He will use his vehicle to perform his work. There is a vehicle in the Department that he could use if the Board so desires.

Alderwoman Cooper inquired about the mileage reimbursement to go beyond Spring Lake and why he would have to go beyond Spring Lake. Mr. Cooney stated that sometimes Mr. Spinks will have to go to the Courthouse to record paperwork and that is when the reimbursement would kick in.

Alderwoman Sutherland stated she discussed Mr. Spinks coming back with Mr. Gerald and stated she trust his decision to move Spring Lake forward. She stated that we expect Mr. Cooney to work together to move the Town forward and to do what the Town needs.

Alderwoman Jackson inquired about the effective date of the contract and Mr. Cooney advised that the effective date would be the date the Board approves the contract. Mr. Gerald advised that Mr. Spinks still has his certifications he just needs to take some continuing education classes.

Alderman Christian inquired when we plan to fill the position permanently. Mr. Cooney stated we are still advertising the position but we have not had any applicants in a year and one-half.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve Contract for Inspection Services, Building Plan Review and Technical Support.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

f. Discussion, Naming of Tennis Courts

Mayor Dobbins stated he would like to name the tennis courts after someone or something that is outstanding in Spring Lake. Alderman Christian suggested naming it or naming something after Mr. Cal Tenhet. Alderwoman Sutherland stated she pushed for the tennis courts but expressed concern about trying to name this without hurting anyone's feelings. She stated she respects Mr. Cal Tenhet and stated the Mr. Richard Higgins name has been thrown out. Alderwoman Jackson stated she thinks Cal Tenhet is an excellent person to name the tennis courts after. He gave so much to the Town. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated he has a lot of respect for Mr. Tenhet but he believes we should not try to make a decision at this time. Alderwoman Sutherland stated the agenda memo states that the recommendation is to task the Recreation Advisory Committee to determine potential names and bring those to the Board.

Action: The Board approved a motion to task the Recreation Advisory Committee to determine potential names for the Board of Aldermen to consider.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Christian

Vote: Unanimous

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

g. Closing Comments by Mayor Dobbins

Mayor Dobbins stated he would like for everyone in this room to caution pedestrians in Spring Lake who are still crossing the lanes on the expressway through Spring Lake. People are crossing those streets at night in dark colored clothing. We have had two tragedies on that road since October. The least we can do is ask people to be cautious in crossing the road. We are our brother's keeper. Let's remind people to use the crosswalk sections.

Friday at noon in the Recreation Center we have the employee/community fitness initiative. Everyone is invited.

10. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3).

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved a motion to go back into open session at 8:41 p.m.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Mayor Dobbins requested to hold another workshop for the Board. Ms. Webb was tasked with polling the Board to determine a date.

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous



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

ATTEST:

Larry B. Dobbins
Larry Dobbins
Mayor