

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

October 1, 2018

**MINUTES**

7:02 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 Dobbins presiding.

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

**Others Present:**

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager  
Tom Cooney, Public Works Director  
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director  
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

Ellis Hankins, Town Attorney  
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief  
Jason Williams, Interim Fire Chief

**2. Invocation**

Alderwoman Cooper gave the invocation.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

**Presentations from FEMA and Small Business Association Added to Agenda**

The Board added a presentation from FEMA and a presentation from the US Small Business Association to the Special Meeting agenda.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to add a presentation from FEMA to the agenda.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Sutherland

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to add a presentation from US Small Business Administration to the agenda.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Jackson

**Second by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Vote:** Unanimous

Ms. Tamiko Exford, stated that she will be sending email updates to Town officials. She is the intergovernmental affairs liaison for FEMA and she will keep the Town updated. She stated she met with Cumberland County officials this morning and they are very concerned about this area and want to make sure that things are moving smoothly. She stated there is a Disaster Recovery Center

in Fayetteville which is open to anyone who can make it to that location. They also have a Disaster Survivor Assistance Team in the area who have been going door to door learning who needs assistance. People can go the FEMA website and/or call the 1-800 number as well. She stated FEMA provides low interest loans for people who need them. She stated if applicants are denied the loan, they then become available to other assistance.

Mr. Carl Helm from the US Small Business Administration has a disadvantage because their name includes Small Business but during times of disasters, they help all categories of disaster survivors. They also make low interest loans available based on the need. He stated there are a lot of channels where help can come from, but if you do not submit an application, they will not be able to help. He also stated that a FEMA or SBA inspector will never ask for money and you should always ask for an ID. Don't look for a shirt or a business card, ask for an ID and if they ask for money, shut the door and call 911. Tax dollars are already paying for this.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about setting up a public forum for questions and Ms. Helm stated she will need a 72-hour notice but she will be happy to do that.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **a. Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.**

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

##### **b. Board to Consider Waiving Inspections and Permit Fees**

Mr. Cooney requested the Board approve waiving fees to give additional assistance to the citizens. Alderwoman Sutherland inquired if we will be keeping a record of those who did not pay the fees and Mr. Cooney stated yes, the person will have to complete an application and a permit will be issued but it will be listed as 0 amount paid and all this will be kept on a spread sheet.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve waiving the permit and inspection fees for the properties damaged by Hurricane Florence.

**Motion by:** Alderman Christian

**Second by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Vote:** Unanimous

##### **c. Amendment to Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Contract**

Mr. Gerald requested the Board approve an increase in the Chamber's contract from \$10,000 to \$15,000. He stated we have savings from the Economic Development position to allow these funds to be allocated for the Chamber.

Alderwoman Sutherland inquired about a statement in paragraph 2 and inquired if the Chamber is going to be working with the Economic Developer and if they will do some economic development. Mr. Gerald stated that he has been advised that when the Chamber retains members or gets new ones, that is a form of economic development.

Alderman Christian asked how often they will give the Board updates and Mr. Gerald stated every month.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the Manager's suggestion concerning the \$5,000.

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

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous

**5. Closed Session G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel**

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) - Personnel.

**Motion by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Second by:** Alderwoman Jackson

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to come back into Open Session.

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

**Second by:** Alderman Christian

**Vote:** Unanimous


**6. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

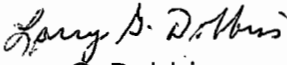
**Motion:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

**Second by:** Alderwoman Cooper

**Vote:** Unanimous

  
Rhonda D. Webb, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Larry G. Dobbins  
Mayor