

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

February 11, 2019

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 G. Dobbins presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Soña Cooper
Alderwoman Jackie Jackson
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland (absent due to illness)

Others Present:

Daniel Gerald, Town Manager	Ellis Hankins, Town Attorney
Tim Garner, Water Resources Director	Jay Graves, Recreation Director
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief	Doris Snider, Senior Center Director
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director	Jason Williams, Fire Chief
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation

Alderwoman Jackson 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 added Item 9c, Board to Determine Name for Tennis Courts.

5. Approval of Agenda

The Board approved the agenda with changes.

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

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

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

a. Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes of the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

7. Public Forum

Mr. Nathaniel Fitch, Sr. 125 Goodyear Drive, spoke regarding his annual Mayor's Boxing Tournament on May 4, 2019 to be held at Spring Lake Middle School. He stated he is selling t-shirts as a fund raiser and requested the Board members purchase some shirts.

Ms. Betty Sanford, 104 Wapiti Drive, spoke regarding the open-door policy. She stated she used to be able to come to Town Hall and see the Mayor or Manager or whoever she wanted to and now she doesn't see anyone to ask because that young man is not always at the desk all the time and the doors are locked. She asked what they are going to do about that. She also stated the traffic in Spring Lake is a little too much. She stated she knows we are getting lights and a crosswalk but in the residential areas she notices that people are not stopping at the stop signs, they are just yielding. She also spoke about dogs barking next door to her daughter's residence at 472 Wapiti Drive. She stated there were about six or eight dogs at the fence just barking. She stated the dogs bark non-stop. She wanted to know what can be done about that.

8. Presentations

a. Cumberland County Community Development Annual Action Plan

Ms. Dee Taylor, Director of the Cumberland County Community Development, provided the Board of Aldermen with an overview of the programs they provide for Cumberland County residents. They are funded by HUD. As part of meeting their requirements to obtain the funds they must prepare an annual action plan including programs they will provide in the upcoming year. Some of their programs include priority needs based on feedback from citizens. They include expanding affordable housing, addressing homelessness and expanding non-community development activities such as public services and public facilities. Programs they currently carry out include: owner occupied housing rehabilitation programs, financial assistance such as down payment and closing costs toward the purchase of a home, homeless services, and non-housing related activities such as public services and public facilities and infrastructure. For any project to be eligible for the CDBG it must meet one of the national objectives: benefit low to moderate income households, be a blighted area or be an urgent need such as a natural disaster. For the current year, HUD awarded approximately \$825,000 in community development block grants and \$399,000 in home investment partnership funds. She stated they anticipate about the same amount of funding for the upcoming year. She stated for Spring Lake and the surrounding area they invested approximately \$60M. She stated they will be putting out a request for proposal in the upcoming week for next year's funding. Citizens who are interested in applying for these funds can call 910-551-1155 to schedule an appointment. Ms. Taylor left brochures in the Town Hall lobby with more information for those who are interested.

b. Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report

Ms. Eaton provided the Board of Aldermen with an overview of the Chamber's status for the past quarter. She stated that the Chamber is meant to be a network of businesses that work together to help the community prosper. She stated she has been trying to grow the Chamber by adding businesses to the organization. She stated they have added approximately two dozen business since October to bring the total membership for the Chamber to 63 businesses. She stated she is hoping to have close to 100 members by the end of the year. She stated she is working with the Fayetteville Chamber to help get ideas of how to make Spring Lake's events better and to get new

ideas for Spring Lake. Things they are doing includes monthly morning coffee networking session; monthly Chamber after hours events; in November they held a car show and chili cookoff which had a really good turnout; in December they hosted a Christmas Market which drew 3,000 people. Ms. Eaton stated that they are trying to host a community event each month. She stated the Chamber is also going to work closely with the Town and Fort Bragg to help make businesses in the community thrive. She stated she is still planning to host a color run in Spring Lake and a kayak festival in March.

Mayor Dobbins thanked Ms. Eaton for what she is doing and stated she had done a great job.

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

9. New Business

a. Resolution (2019) 3, Declaring Surplus Property

Mr. Gerald requested the Board declare property from the Public Works department that was damaged during Hurricane Florence as surplus and allow him to destroy it as it is not usable property. The Board stated they want to make sure they know when we are selling property or disposing of it in other ways. Ms. Webb stated that the Resolution will always state how the property will be disposed.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2019) 3.

Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo and Resolution (2019) 3 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

b. Ordinance (2019) 1, Declaring a Road Closure for a Dr. Seuss Parade

Mr. Gerald requested the Board approve Ordinance (2019) 1 to request approval from NCDOT to close a portion of 3rd Street, a portion of Poe Avenue and the Poe Avenue Bridge and a portion of Main Street on March 9, 2019 for the Dr. Seuss Parade.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Ordinance (2019) 1.

Motion by: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the Agenda Memo and Ordinance (2019) 1 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

c. Board to Determine Name for Tennis Court

Alderwoman Jackson stated that she would like to name the tennis courts after Mr. Cal Tenhet. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated that he agrees to name it after Mr. Cal Tenhet. Alderman Christian also stated that this would be a great way to honor Coach Tenhet.

Action: The Board approved a motion to name the Tennis Courts after Cal Tenhet.

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

10. The Last Word

Alderwoman Jackson thanked everyone for coming tonight. She thanked Coach Fitch and the residents for coming to see what we are doing. She stated Ms. Betty Sanford is always welcome because she keeps Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra in check.

11. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous



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

ATTEST:

Larry G. Dobbins
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Mayor