

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

April 28, 2008

MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled meeting in the Grady Howard Conference Room of the Municipal Complex with Mayor Ethel T. Clark presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem James O'Garra
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman Napoleon Hogans
Alderwoman Fredericka Sutherland
Alderman Jack Vannoy

Others Present:

Larry Faison, Town Manager	John Jackson, Town Attorney
A.C. Brown, Police Chief	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer	Daniel Gerald, W&WR Director
Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation.

Alderman Vannoy gave the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda and Consent Items.

The Board added a Closed Session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel Employee Performance to the end of the meeting and a presentation by Ms. Greene from the Muscular Dystrophy Association after Item 8d on the Agenda.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans
Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Vote: Unanimous

They approved a motion to approve the Agenda as amended and to approve the minutes of the February 13 and 14, 2008 Board Retreat and the April 14, 2008 Board

Meeting.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins
Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland
Vote: Unanimous

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

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Public Forum.

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

7. Public Hearing.

a. Public Hearing, Case P08-14, Rezoning 0.507 Acre Tract to from R10 to R5A or a More Restrictive District.

Mr. Spinks and Ms. Brooks presented the rezoning case and explained where the tract of land is and advised that this portion of land is vacant. There is a school, manufactured home park, duplex and open storage of junk surrounding the tract. Ms. Brooks stated that Pope Air Force Base has no objections with this request. The request is not consistent with the Spring Lake Land Use Plan but it is consistent with the zoning and plan use of the area. The application process is being submitted for annexation. There was clarification that the portion of land that is being considered is already in Spring Lake.

Mr. Brooks was available for questions.

Mr. Jackson clarified that there are two distinct actions. The issue of annexation was purely for information purposes.

No one spoke against the rezoning.

Action: Mayor Clark closed the public hearing on an approved motion to close.
Motion by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra
Second by: Alderman Vannoy
Vote: Unanimous

8. New Business.

a. Case P08-14, Rezoning 4.12 acres to R5A or More Restrictive District.

Mr. Spinks advised the Board that staff recommends approval of the rezoning.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the rezoning.
Motion by: Alderman Higgins
Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland
Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Site Plan Review, Case 08-058, RLM Development M(P).

Mr. Spinks advised this is the first 10-acre tract to be developed in our Industrial Park. He recommended approval of the site plan with the additional recommendation condition that is listed in the agenda packet. That condition requires the developer to provide a gateway sign and landscaping easement at the corner of East Manchester Road and the industrial park drive (street yet to be named) to be coordinated with the Town of Spring Lake. He stated that RLM had agreed to this condition.

Action: The Board approved a motion to follow staff recommendation and approve the site plan with the additional condition of Case 08-058.
Motion by: Alderman Hogans
Second by: Alderman Higgins
Vote: Unanimous

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c. Resolution, Audit Contract.

Mr. Coats presented the annual audit contract. He stated that this is the same company that has done our audit for the past two years. The contract price is the same as it has been for the past two years. He explained that a team of people work on the audit. Some of the work is done here in town hall and some of it is done at their location.

Mr. Jackson clarified that most audit firms will help you throughout the year as part of what they do.

Action: The Board approved a motion to approve the audit contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co, PA and the Resolution.
Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland
Second by: Alderman Higgins
Vote: Unanimous

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

d. Cumberland County Sales Tax Initiative.

Mr. Coats offered the Board additional information concerning the Sales Tax Initiative which was requested at the last Board Meeting. He stated that the County has seen a reduction in funds because of the Medicaid swap. As part of this agreement between the legislature and the County, the legislature offered two opportunities to make up any shortfalls in revenues due to sales tax. The two opportunities were an additional one-quarter cent sales tax or a land transfer tax. The County Commissioners decided to pursue the one-quarter cent sales tax. The County is looking at an approx \$216,000 gain.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Motion by: Alderman Vannoy

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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Ms. Greene from the Muscular Dystrophy Association was not available to make the presentation and Alderman Hogans stated that he will arrange for her to come back to another meeting.

9. Board and Staff Comments:

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Metcalf for the presentation on Mendoza Park last week.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Glad everyone came out.

Aldermen Higgins

- Prayer Breakfast, Thursday, May 1st in the community center.

Mr. Faison

- Asked for clarification from the Board on the interest of continuing summer day camp. The Board last year discontinued the after school program and staff wants clarification if that included summer day camp. The Board clarified that their intent was to only discontinue the after school program. All other programs are needed and the Board's desire is to continue all other programs.

Mayor Clark

- Recognized Del Crawford in the audience. He is a past Town employee.

John Jackson

- Asked everyone to continue to remember former Alderman James Wall.

Closed Session, G.S. 143-18.11(a)(6) Personnel, Employee Performance.

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor