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

August 25, 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 Spring Lake Municipal Building with Mayor Ethel T. Clark presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem James O'Garra
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman Napoleon Hogans
Alderwoman Nellie McCoy
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Larry Faison, Town Manager

Alvin Brown, Police Chief

Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer

Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections

Tom Spinks, Planning Director

John Jackson, Town Attorney

Allen Coats, Finance Director

Danny Gerald, W&WR Director

Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director

Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

2. Invocation.

Alderman Higgins gave the Invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Oath of Office, Board of Aldermen

Mayor Clark administered the oath of office to Ms. Nellie McCoy.

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

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

The Board approved a motion to move delete item 8b, Property Disposal, Well Site on Odell Road, from the agenda and to reschedule the item at a later date.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

The Board approved the agenda as amended and the consent items.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

6. Public Forum.

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

7. Public Hearing, McCormick Farms

Mr. Spinks presented the McCormick Farms annexation request. Tract 1 consists of 17.729 acres, is vacant, population zero and is currently zoned R5A in the County. Tract 2 is 10.787 acres, is vacant, population zero and is also zoned R5A in the County. He explained the information contained in the feasibility study. He advised that the feasibility study does not take into account the effects that BRAC will have on the property and the area.

Mr. Spinks stated if the land were developed to maximum density the Town would have an additional 145 residential units and the population increase would be 318 persons. He advised that the feasibility study reveals that it is favorable for annexation.

Mayor Clark asked if we will be hiring four more firemen as a result of the annexation. Mr. Faison clarified that the feasibility study is representing the impact only. Whether or not the Town employs more personnel will be a decision the Board would make at a later time or during the budget process.

Mr. Tom Brooks spoke on behalf of the annexation and stated that he believes it is in the best interest of Spring Lake to approve it.

Mr. George Yasmine spoke on behalf of the annexation and stated that he is proposing to build 264 apartments on the southern part of the tract and another 164 on the other side of the tract. He stated that he believes it will be a tremendous improvement for the area with very little stress to the current facilities. He stated that he would like to complete the project within two years.

No one spoke against the annexation.

Action: The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

8. New Business.

a. Annexation Ordinance, McCormick Farms.

Mr. Spinks presented the annexation Ordinance and stated that staff recommends a favorable status for annexation.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Ordinance (2008) 5 to extend the corporate limits of Spring Lake.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

(A copy of the annexation information and feasibility study is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

b. Budget Amendment #4.

Mr. Coats presented a budget amendment to budget insurance proceeds from Cape Fear Valley Health System to repair damages to a Fire Department truck.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Budget Amendment #4.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

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

9. Board and Staff Comments:

Alderman Hogans

- Welcomed Ms. McCoy and stated that he looks forward to working with her.
- Requested staff to step up efforts on Ordinance compliance. Yard issues, debris and old cars are a problem. Would appreciate staff attention.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Yard sale signs are still up long after people have had their yard sales. She would like to make sure the signs are taken down in a timely manner.
- Thanked Mayor Clark and Rhonda for sending letters to those who were not appointed to the Board.
- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Glad to have Ms. McCoy on the Board.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Welcomed Ms. McCoy to the Board.
- Thanked Town workers for everything they do.
- We are about to get more apartments and the post master has already told me that there is no more room for additional routes. Will be working again on getting a new post office.

Alderman Higgins

- Welcomed Ms. McCoy to the Board.
- Complimented Town employees for all the work that they do.

Alderwoman McCoy

- Thanked the Board for welcoming her so warmly.
- Thanked her friends, relatives, church members and neighbors for coming out tonight and supporting her.
- Will work diligently and try to be effective on the Board.

Mr. Faison

- Welcomed Ms. McCoy to the Board. Stated that she makes our Board whole again.
- Asked Mr. Metcalf to address the Board concerning setting up a workshop. Mr. Metcalf asked the Board to hold a workshop to update the Town's comprehensive recreation plan. He explained that the comprehensive plan is a policy document and will have to be passed and adopted by the Board. The Board's consensus was to hold a workshop on September 22, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Board meeting.

John Jackson

- Welcomed Ms. McCoy to the Board.
- Happy to be here.

Rhonda Webb

- Welcomed Ms. McCoy to the Board.
- Reminded the Board about the North Carolina League of Municipalities Annual Conference, October 12-14.

Mayor Clark

- Thanked Ms. McCoy for stepping up to the plate.
- We will need to schedule another picture of the Board and requested Rhonda schedule a photographer.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor