

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

February 11, 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  
Alderman Jack Vannoy

Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland was absent due to a personal emergency.

**Others Present:**

Larry Faison, Town Manager

A.C. Brown, Police Chief

Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer

Daniel Gerald, W&WR Director

Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director

Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

John Jackson, Town Attorney

Allen Coats, Finance Director

Robert Doberstein, Fire Chief

Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections

Tom Spinks, Planning & Zoning Director

**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 Clerk requested to make a change to item 7b, a Resolution to amend the Town's Rate and Fee Schedule. She requested that the amendment be made by Ordinance since the original Rate and Fee Schedule was adopted by Ordinance as part of the Budget Ordinance. The Board approved the agenda as amended and approved the minutes of the January 28, 2008 Board Workshop, the January 28, 2008 Board Meeting, the February 5, 2008 Special Board Meeting and the February 5, 2008 Board Workshop. They also approved the Resolution Awarding Badge and Service Sidearm to

Retiring Police Officer.

**Motion by:** Alderman Hogans

**Second by:** Alderman Higgins

**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**

**a. Retirement, Rick Webb.**

Mayor Clark presented Lieutenant Rick Webb with a plaque and coin for 24+ years of service to the Town. She and Chief Brown presented him with one of the duty weapons that he used during his service, a SIG-Saucer P220 .45 caliber pistol, with the understanding that he must obtain a permit and pay the fee as outlined in Resolution (2008) 4. (Lieutenant Webb had provided a copy of the permit prior to the meeting.) Lieutenant Webb thanked the Mayor and Board of all they had done.

**6. Public Forum.** No one spoke at the public forum.

**7. New Business.**

**a. Plat & Plan Case No. 08-011, Curtis Worthy Apartments, Group Development Review.**

Mr. Spinks presented Case No. 08-011. He stated that this is an additional eight units. He also stated that the plan review committee recommends approval. Ms. Speicher from the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board stated that the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board also recommends approval with the recommended conditions. She stated that there are two issues with this site plan. One is the trees located within the drainage easement. Mr. Worthy agreed to move the trees but keep them on site. The other issue is that the proposed building fronting on Mont Drive is just over a foot too close to the existing structure. Mr. Worthy will shift the building and submit a revised site plan.

Ms. Speicher introduced Ms. Patricia Brooks who is a new planner with the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board and assigned to Spring Lake.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the proposed plan with the recommended changes and conditions.

**Motion by:** Alderman Vannoy

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

**b. Fee Schedule Amendment, Sanitation.**

Mr. Coats presented an Ordinance to amend the Town's Rate and Fee Schedule to

extend bulk trash pick up to non-participating individuals. This will allow the Town to pick up bulk trash from individuals who are not in the Town's solid waste collection program. He advised that this amendment will affect commercial entities that use dumpsters for regular trash. Currently, they are not eligible to have bulk pick up. Pick up will be done on the normal scheduled day.

Alderman Hogans questioned what the minimum charge was based upon. Mr. Coats stated the charge includes the hourly rate for the knuckle-boom truck, hourly rate for two sanitation workers (pay and benefits), fuel costs and tipping fee.

Alderman Vannoy questioned if this would include lot clearing. Mr. Coats stated that it does not.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve Ordinance (2008) 3.

**Motion by:** Alderman Hogans

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

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

**c. Ordinance Amendment, Water and Sewer Corporate Accounts.**

Mr. Coats presented an Ordinance establishing the use of corporate water accounts. He stated that improvements were made to the original version based on Board comments from the last Board meeting. The corporate accounts will be based on the number of units of each complex.

Alderman Hogans questioned the reason we are making this change and stated that he wants to make sure we are revenue neutral.

Alderman Higgins clarified that we are talking about the deposit. He asked if the Town returns the deposit like we do with homeowner's deposits. Mr. Coats stated we do not and that at the present time we keep all deposits; however, his department is working on a new deposit policy. Mr. Coats stated that if the corporate account customer does not pay their bill the Town will discontinue the program for them and they will go back to making individual deposits.

Mr. Faison clarified that if a customer has 150 units in the complex they will pay a deposit according to the number of units in the complex, not the number of corporate accounts. Mr. Coats stated that he will keep an eye on how this process goes and if we need to come back at a later date to amend it he will not hesitate to bring it back before the Board.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve the Ordinance amendment.

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

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

**d. Budget Amendments.**

i. Mr. Coats presented budget amendment number 18 that reallocates lapsed salary from the Manager's position to cover the costs of contracting for the Interim Manager. Additional lapsed salaries are being used for the costs of remodeling the administrative wing of the Town Hall.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve budget amendment number 18.  
**Motion by:** Alderman Hogans  
**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra  
**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of budget amendment number 18 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment four.)

ii. Mr. Coats presented budget amendment number 19 that reallocates funds originally budgeted for the purchase of aerators at the wastewater treatment plant for the replacement of the SCADA system that monitors the water level in the water tank.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to approve budget amendment number 19.  
**Motion by:** Alderman Hogans  
**Second by:** Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra  
**Vote:** Unanimous

(A copy of budget amendment number 19 is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

**9. Board and Staff Comments:**

**Alderman Hogans**

1. Thanked Rick for all the years of service to Spring Lake. He wished him good luck and good health in retirement.

**Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra**

1. Wished Rick the best of luck.

2. Expressed appreciation to Mr. Worthy for building in Spring Lake.
3. Glad to see everyone here tonight.

**Alderman Higgins**

1. Thanked Rick and stated there are a lot of memories. Wished him God speed and thanked him for all the volunteer work he has done in the Town.

**Mr. Faison**

1. Congratulations to Lieutenant Webb on your retirement.
2. February 13<sup>TH</sup> and 14<sup>TH</sup> is the Board's retreat.

It was decided that the retreat will start at 10:00 a.m. due to Alderman Vannoy's appointment and everyone will meet at the Officer's Club.

**Mr. Jackson**

1. Expressed congratulations to Lieutenant Webb. The way he looks at it Rick is going from one Chief to another Chief and he wishes him luck.

Mayor Clark invited everyone to stay and help enjoy Rick's retirement cake and punch.

**10. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

**Motion:** Alderman Hogans

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark  
Mayor