

Town of Spring Lake
Board of Aldermen Workshop
Municipal Building
300 Ruth Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390

February 23, 2009

MINUTES
p.m.

5:00

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

Board Members Present: Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman Hogans
Alderwoman McCoy
Alderwoman Sutherland

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra was absent.

Others Present: Larry Faison, Town Manager
Chip Dodd, Waste Management
Patrick Kalemba, Waste Management
Daniel Gerald, W&WR Director
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer

The purpose for this workshop was to discuss Recycling, Impact Fees and Special Event Permitting/Recreation Facility Rental and Usage.

Recycling.

Mr. Gerald gave background information on recycling. Spring Lake does not currently recycle and recyclables are going into the Town's waste stream. This may lead to higher fees. Mr. Gerald discussed the advantages of recycling and described how recycling would work.

Waste Management would handle the recycling program. Based on 2900 customers the cost to run a recycling program one a week would be \$138,156 per year. The cost to run a recycling program every other week would cost \$102,660 per year. This charge would be passed on the customers. There is a 32 cents per customer savings that Waste Management would provide.

Based on questions from the Board it was determined that the Board of Aldermen would have to make a decision as to whether citizens would have the choice to recycle or not. The bill would show on the citizen's tax bill each year. Property owners and not renters would be billed for the service. Fayetteville will either transfer the recyclables or they will go into the Cumberland County landfill. The price of the program is based on a

multi-year contract, through the end of the current solid waste contract, according to Chip Dodd. This would be curbside recycling. The City of Sanford may be the community in the area that has been recycling the longest. 70% of Fayetteville participates. Mr. Kalemba stated that they can not make people sort their trash. Trash service and recycle pickup are the same day.

Mr. Gerald discussed holding Town Hall meetings in March to see what the citizens interest it. Spring Lake is the only municipality not participating in recycling in the surrounding communities.

The Town would not get money back from the recycling program unless we process the recyclables in house. The charges are really only for transportation.

Alderwoman Sutherland wants the program attractive to the public because of the costs.

Alderwoman McCoy stated that it could be too hard for senior citizens to take out several containers and then have to retrieve the containers once they are emptied. Mr. Kalemba stated that there are rolling carts available that will make it easier.

Alderman Hogans stated that we should commit to recycling in keeping with the going green initiative (4-day work week) and that education is needed.

Mr. Gerald will email everyone a fee schedule and proceed with creating a time line.

Special Event Permitting and Recreation Facility Rental and Usage.

Mr. Metcalf defined special events and requesting guidance from the Board on a policy that follows all laws and guidelines without hindering what groups are trying to do. He questioned if the Town should continue to subsidize non-profits use of the facilities. Currently we do not charge non-profits for use of the facilities. He stated that staff needs to be prepared for large groups of people. This is why a special events permit is needed for functions where attendance is expected to be greater than 150 people. Mayor Clark stated that a large event triggered this need to create a policy. Town staff was not equipped to handle the event because it was marketed differently than what it turned out to be. She stated that these events need to be permitted so that the cost of overhead can be covered.

Based on questions from the Board it was determined that the community center does not have cameras due to the expense involved. However, they do "beef up" part-time staff during special events. Mr. Metcalf is also more visible during those times. Police presence is not required at special events but they respond quickly when needed. The open gym is divided into age groups to help keep things under control. Weddings and funeral gatherings are classified as private gatherings and are subject to pay the rental fee. Someone should decide what events are appropriate. The appeal process for rejection of special event or waiver of fees was discussed.

Mr. Metcalf stated that the Board of Aldermen would be the only appeal for waiver of

fees but the special event permit could go to either the Town Manager or the Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Metcalf will take the Board's recommendations and guidance and craft a policy for the Board's approval.

The meeting ended at 6:40 p.m.

Due to the Town Clerk's absence, these minutes were taken by Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer and typed by Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk.

Debbie Disbrow
Human Resources Officer

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor