

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

June 9, 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.

**Others Present:**

Larry Faison, Town Manager

A.C. Brown, Police Chief

Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer

Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director

Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

John Jackson, Town Attorney

Allen Coats, Finance Director

Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections

Tom Spinks, Planning Director

**2. Invocation.**

Mayor Pro Tem 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 approved a motion to add a closed session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege to the agenda.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

The Board approved the agenda as amended and consent items.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

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

**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. Public Forum.**

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

**7. New Business.**

The Manager gave an overview of the proposed budget for FY 2008-2009. He explained the increases that would be necessary to balance the budget and gave a summary of each fund.

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

**a. Public Hearing.**

No one spoke for or against the proposed budget.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to close the public hearing.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

**9. Board and Staff Comments:**

**Alderman Higgins**

- Concerned about the house across from 1309 Mack Street. It has been a concern for about three years. It is an insult to the neighborhood and he asked by a motion for the Board's support to start the condemnation process.

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to begin condemnation procedures on the house across from 1309 Mack Street.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

Mr. Jackson stated that the Town could move forward with judicial condemnation.

**Alderman Vannoy**

- Was approached about people in the house behind Fastanal defecating and urinating in the field near the house.

**Aldermen Hogans**

- Thanked the Recreation Department and the Town on behalf of the Holly Hills community watch for allowing them to raise money. Mayor Clark took the opportunity to thank Holly Hills for stepping up to the plate.

**Closed Session, G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege.**

**Action:** The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

**Motion by:** Alderman Higgins

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

**Vote:** Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

**10. Adjournment.**

**Action:** There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Motion:** Alderman Higgins

**Second by:** Alderman Hogans

**Vote:** Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark  
Mayor