

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

March 17, 2009

MINUTES

5:30

p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special 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
Alderwoman Nellie McCoy
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderman Hogans was absent.

Others Present:

Larry Faison, Town Manager
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

John Jackson, Town Attorney

2. Invocation.

Mayor Clark gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Closed Session.

Action: The Board went into Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 6:55 p.m.

5. Board and Staff Comments:

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Asked if the Overhills housing area will use Town water. Mr. Faison stated that there are discussions about selling them water. We need to cover our costs. We are working on a proposal which will come to the Board for approval.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Inquired what happened to the park on Odell Road. Mr. Faison stated that we felt it

in our best interest to remove our equipment from property that does not belong to the Town. At this point the Town is open to working out an agreement with Mr. Smith for a park in that area. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated that we hurt the kids out there. Mayor Clark requested that we contact Mr. Smith to see if he wants to keep that property a park and work on an agreement if so. Alderwoman Sutherland stated that we need to look out for all children and not just that area. Mr. Smith did state to her that the Town will never get anything else from him.

Alderman Higgins

- Stated that he feels that he lost a friend based on his role but it was not done on a personal basis. The contract for the Manchester Road sewer was shoddy from the beginning and should have been handled differently. We should do business the way we want people to do business with us. He is not putting any blame on anyone it just should have never happened.

Mr. Faison

- Stated that he protecting the Town's interest and the Town's equipment. If Mr. Smith wants a park there he can negotiate with us and we will work with him.

6. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 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