

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

March 9, 2009

MINUTES

5:00 p.m.

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: Mayor Pro Tem James O'Garra
Alderman Richard Higgins
Alderman Hogans
Alderwoman McCoy
Alderwoman Sutherland

Others Present: Larry Faison, Town Manager
A.C. Brown, Police Chief
Daniel Gerald, W&WR Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

The purpose for this workshop was to discuss the proposed Noise Control Ordinance and Impact Fees.

Noise Ordinance.

Chief Brown presented the proposed Noise Ordinance and gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Several Board members questioned how we will prove that the Officer obtained a certain decibel reading. It was determined that we will have to depend on the integrity of the Officers. There is no printout to show the reading.

It was clarified that in Section 98A.07 (B) Enforcement and Penalties, the Town would have to initiate this civil action. It would not be an automatic thing. There was some concern expressed about the 72 hour time frame. The Board's consensus was to allow 10 days to pay the fine. The Board requested that Mr. Jackson look at this section and word it more clearly.

Chief Brown will make the needed corrections and bring it back to the Board for adoption.

Impact Fees.

Mr. Gerald defined what impact fees are and explained that we need them to help fund

and pay for the construction of needed expansion of offsite capital improvements and to help reduce the economic burden on local jurisdictions that are trying to deal with population growth within the area.

There are several ways to charge the fee: acreage, units, capacity, usage and total cost project. Mr. Gerald recommends that Spring Lake use capacity to charge the impact fee. This is proposed to be \$2.50/gallon. Gallons would be computed by DENR for commercial flows and computed by staff for residential units. This proposal would start July 1, 2009 and would not include projects that have already submitted plans.

Based on questions from the Board it was determined that our fees would be slightly lower than areas around us. This will also help setoff the need to raise water/sewer rates so much. The Board's consensus was to proceed with creating guidelines for impact fees. We want to keep the costs to build in Spring Lake as low as possible but we need to implement this initiative.

The meeting ended at 6:12 p.m.

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor