

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

May 12, 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
Alderwoman Fredericka Sutherland
Alderman Jack Vannoy

Others Present:

Larry Faison, Town Manager	John Jackson, Town Attorney
A.C. Brown, Police Chief	Allen Coats, Finance Director
Debbie Disbrow, Human Resources Officer	Daniel Gerald, W&WR Director
Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections	Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk	

2. Invocation.

Alderman Hogans 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 item G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege to the closed session discussion. Mr. Faison advised that item 5b under presentations is being withdrawn.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans
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. Presentations

a. Retirement, Kevin Motter.

Mayor Clark presented Lieutenant Motter with a plaque and coin for his dedicated service to Spring Lake for 22 years. Chief Brown gave Lieutenant Motter his service badge and stated that he has ordered Lieutenant Motter a duty belt.

6. Public Forum.

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

8. New Business.

a. Water Tank Maintenance Plan.

Mr. Gerald requested direction from the Board concerning the contract for maintenance of the water tank. The tank is due to be repainted at a cost of \$14,000. If the Board wants to change the color of the tank or add the Town seal, now is the time to do so. If the color is changed it will cost an additional \$10,000 to \$12,000 because it will take two coats to cover the old color. Sandblasting will be required if the tank is painted a lighter color. He asked the board to advise him on which option staff should proceed with.

Alderman Hogans would like to have a few options to consider and requested that Mr. Gerald bring back those options. He stressed that he would really like for staff to bring options when they request the Board to make a decision on this type of issue.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra asked about the life span of the tank. Mr. Gerald stated that it usually has a 30-year life span. Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated that he would like to hold off on things other than making it functional.

Alderman Higgins stated that Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated his sentiments. He requested if we had budgeted this in this year's budget. He feels that what we have now is sufficient compared to the cost to change the look.

Alderman Vannoy asked about the possible damage to the tank if sandblasting is needed. He stated that he can not support putting so much money into it.

Alderman Hogans was concerned about sandblasting damage and he doesn't see spending so much money to repaint. He also inquired what the life span left on the tank is and how much longer will we be able to use this tank. He determined that it is already past its life span.

Alderwoman Sutherland would like to see it re-coated, it does represent Spring Lake. She wants to keep it at the price we have. It was clarified that in the contract it will get one coat.

Mr. Faison explained that industry standards may state a 30-year life span but in reality a well maintained tank will last much longer. He also clarified that Mr. Gerald is looking for guidance from the Board on the color of the tank. He had heard that there was some interest from the Board to change the look of the tank and wanted clarification from them. He stated that a lighter color is recommended. It tends to last longer and is better for the water quality.

Mr. Jackson asked about the stirring device and it was clarified that was listed as an option for the Board.

Action: The Board approved a motion to proceed with the current contract with the minimum expense.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

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

b. Case 07-168, Plan Review, Waterford Apartment.

Mr. Spinks advised that the proposed site is a R5A Group Development, 26.52 acres, located on Lillington Highway. It will consist of 288 apartment units, recreation areas (walk paths, tennis, volleyball court, pool, and open areas) and a club house/office. Spring Lake Plan Review Committee recommends approval. He stated that the developers are aware of the recommendations and have agreed to the proposed conditions of approval.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra inquired about recreation areas such as swings and play areas for kids. Mr. Spinks stated that they have open areas and have more than the minimum required.

Action: The Board approved a motion to follow staff recommendations and approve it.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Alderman Vannoy

Vote: Unanimous

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

c. Resolution, 2008 Water and Sewer Bonds.

Mr. Coats presented the resolution for 2008 Water and Sewer Bonds. The resolution

authorizes the sale of the bonds to retire the previously authorized and existing Bond Anticipation Notes that were used to fund sewer rehabilitation, water line work and extending water and sewer lines to the Business and Industrial Center.

Mr. Coats advised that most of the work has been completed. We sold some bond anticipation notes in October to get construction financing. This resolution is selling the actual Bonds themselves.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2008)11 for \$817,000 water bonds and \$527,000 sewer bonds.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

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

d. Board to Consider Cancelling or Rescheduling May 26, 2008 Board Meeting.

Alderwoman Sutherland would like to reschedule the meeting because she will be gone the month of June. Mayor Clark stated that we can always call a special meeting.

Action: The Board approved a motion to cancel the May 26, 2008 Board Meeting.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Aldermen Vannoy

Vote: Unanimous

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e. Resolution, Procedures for Handling Closed Session Minutes.

Ms. Webb gave an overview of a resolution to establish procedures for handling closed session minutes. She stated that the method of approving closed session minutes in a closed session allows the Board the freedom to make changes or comments concerning the minutes without compromising their integrity. The Board has the freedom to call a closed session for the specific purpose of approving closed session minutes or the minutes could be approved at any closed session following the creation of the minutes. Additionally, the resolution provides a provision for reviewing closed session minutes annually and unsealing those minutes which no longer frustrate the purpose for having the closed session.

Mr. Jackson clarified some of the aspects of the resolution.

Action: The Board approved a motion to adopt Resolution (2008)12.

Motion by: Alderman Higgins
Second by: Aldermen Vannoy
Vote: Unanimous

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9. Board and Staff Comments:

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Mr. Wall was put to rest and we need to remember that a good man has passed.

Alderman Higgins

- Echoed Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra's sentiments concerning Mr. Wall.
- Congratulations to Kevin on retirement and good luck on your endeavors.

Aldermen Vannoy

- Congratulations to Kevin on his retirement, it is well worth the time put into it.
- Asked Mr. Jackson what the Board's requirements about keeping manager's reports. Mr. Jackson stated that the State is in the process of trying to develop legislation concerning emails. He stated that he advises to keep any official information that allows you to make policy or decision in your mind

Alderman Hogans

- Keep the Wall family in our thoughts.
- Congratulations to the retiree.
- The Stride and Ride campaign this year was a complete success. The Town staff donated \$1,358.34. This was very generous and thank you very much. The community donated \$292.00. Jenny wanted to come down and present Mayor Clark with a plaque.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Thanked Ms. Webb for all that she does for the Town and the Board. She thanked Mr. Motter and the employees for all they do.

John Jackson

- He was very touched by everyone who showed up at the Mr. Wall's funeral. He asked everyone to continue to remember former Alderman James Wall.

Mayor Clark

- Appreciates all the employees and staff who made time to be at Mr. Wall's "home going" this morning.
- Asked Kevin not to party too hard while the Board is in closed session.

Mayor Clark invited everyone to have refreshments and share in Lieutenant Motter's Retirement Reception.

Closed Session, G.S. 143-18-11(a)(6) Personnel and G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege.

Action: The Board approved a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, CMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor