

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

October 26, 2009

MINUTES

7:00

p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a regular scheduled 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
Alderman Napoleon Hogans
Alderwoman Nellie McCoy
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Others Present:

Allen Coats, Interim Town Manager
Daniel Gerald, W&WR Director
Ken Metcalf, Recreation Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

John Jackson, Town Attorney
Paul Hoover, Director of Inspections
Tina West, Interim Finance Director

2. Invocation.

Alderwoman Sutherland gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Clark led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Action: The Board approved a motion to add a Closed Session under G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to the agenda.

Motion by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Second by: Alderman Hogans

Vote: Unanimous

5. Approval of Agenda and Consent Items.

The Board approved the agenda as amended and approved the consent items: Minutes of the October 20, 2009 Special Board Meeting.

Action: The Board approved the agenda as amended.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman McCoy

Vote: Unanimous

Action: The Board approved the consent items.

Motion by: Alderman Hogans

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

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

6. Public Forum

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

7. Presentation

a. Sewer Utilities, Overhills Park.

Mr. Tom Cooney, Cumberland County Public Utilities Director, advised the Board that Cumberland County is planning to put sewer in the Overhills Park Subdivision.

Alderman Hogans asked about declaring some type of emergency to help the families there. Mr. Cooney stated that there is not an environmental hazard but they do have septic tanks that are failing. Some families have been evicted because they had septic tanks that were not repairable.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra stated that it would be a good thing to work with the County to get these properties "squared away" so that we can plan to annex them sometime in the future.

Mr. Jackson asked if the County will be able to offer capital contribution to help build a pump station, etc. The County would look to be a wholesale customer for operations and maintenance. They will find the funding and secure the ability to put in the structure to make the sewer work properly.

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

b. Clean Water Management Report.

Mr. MacConnell from MacConnell and Associates presented a PowerPoint presentation update on the preliminary engineering report concerning the wastewater treatment plant. He stated that the final review should be done by December 2009. He stated that our plant performs well for its age and our current flow is at approximately .9 MGD.

He discussed the changes that will need to be made to meet the reuse criteria and explained various users for the reuse water. He stated that the changes proposed are more energy efficient. The capital costs and funding options were also reviewed. The solar option and the costs associated with it were reviewed.

Mr. Jackson asked about prioritizing to maximize discharge and suggested first consideration be put on correcting our I&I before we expand.

Alderwoman Sutherland asked about the upgrade and why we would not aim for the higher

capacity. Mr. MacConnell stated that when you get to 80% capacity you have to do what we are doing or the state will put a moratorium on you and you will not be able to develop. He stated that they looked at the projected growth to determine the capacity and 2.5 MGD was the best estimate. She asked about costs that would be gained by the sale of reuse water. Mr. Gerald stated that those figures will be included in the study.

Alderman Higgins asked if the proposed costs included the costs to implement the reuse program and it was clarified that it does.

Mayor Clark asked how difficult it would be to go from 1.5 MGD to 2.5 MGD and Mr. MacConnell stated that we would have to do a waste load allocation report. By going to reuse we will be allowed to put more into the river because it is cleaner. This is a win-win.

(A copy of the agenda memo and Powerpoint presentation is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three.)

c. Recycling Program.

Mr. Gerald gave the Board an update on the recycling program. He stated that currently Spring Lake's waste goes to a transfer station where it is separated out and then it goes to Sampson County. This option will not be available next year and the Town citizens will have to separate their own goods.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra asked about the Town implementing their own recycling program and Mr. Gerald stated that it would not be cost effective because the waste would have to be collected, stored, condensed down and hauled away.

Mr. Gerald will bring more information about recycling back to the Board in the future. This will be discussed at budget time next year.

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

8. New Business

a. Sidewalk Extension, Elizabeth Street.

Mr. Gerald stated that the Town needs to extend the sidewalk in front of the Husamuden residence on Elizabeth Street due to run-off that the Multipurpose Community Center

creates. It was clarified that the stormwater fund could pay for the sidewalk since this is a stormwater issue.

Alderman Hogans requested the dollar amount before the Board is asked to approve this project. Mr. Gerald stated that he will bring those amounts back to the Board.

(A copy of the agenda memo is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment five.)

9. Board and Staff Comments :

Alderwoman McCoy

- Thanked Mr. Gerald for his presentations.
- Good to see the Police Officers here tonight.
- Thanked the members of the community for being here tonight.

Alderman Hogans

- Elections are coming up next week and he wanted to wish everyone on the ballot well. He stated that the community benefits when people are willing to serve and there is no greater privilege or higher honor than to be selected by the citizens to represent them.

Alderwoman Sutherland

- Glad to see the Police Officers.
- Urged people to be careful and watch their surroundings since it is beginning to get dark earlier and especially on Halloween.
- Inquired about what is going on with our Code Enforcement. Mr. Coats stated that they are sending out letters daily.

Alderman Higgins

- Echoed Mr. Hogans' sentiment concerning the elections.
- Requested that staff check on the 1st street garage to see if they are within their approved use.
- Requested that Mayor Clark write a letter to the Postmaster asking them to replace the drive by mailbox that used to be at the Post Office.

Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

- Questioned if we will have enough police coverage on Halloween. Mr. Coats stated that Chief Jarvies had already discussed the Halloween coverage with Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and we will be covered.
- My yearly fish fry for Town staff will be held in November sometime after the elections.
- Thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone luck during the elections.

10. Closed Session.

Action: The Board went into closed session at 8:18 p.m. Allen Coats was invited into the Closed Session.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Second by: Alderwoman McCoy

Vote: Unanimous

The Mayor called the meeting back into Open Session at 9:18 p.m.

II. Adjournment.

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Motion: Alderman Higgins

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Rhonda D. Webb, MMC
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Ethel T. Clark
Mayor