

Town of Spring Lake
Board of Aldermen Special Meeting
Spring Lake Multipurpose Community Center
245 Ruth Street
Spring Lake, NC 28390

December 11, 2017

MINUTES

7:03 p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Spring Lake Multipurpose Community Center with Mayor Chris V. Rey presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Dobbins
Alderman James Christian
Alderwoman Densie Lucas
Alderman James O'Garra
Alderwoman Fredricka Sutherland

Alderwomen-Elect Soña Cooper and Jackie Jackson were present.

Others Present:

Bill Zell, Interim Town Manager
Tony Buzzard, Town Attorney
Rosa Henegan, Human Resources Officer
John Kleinert, Director of Streets, Grounds and Sanitation
Troy McDuffie, Police Chief
T.J. McLamb, Fire Chief
Claiburn Watson, Finance Director
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk

This meeting was the official organizational meeting for the Board of Aldermen.

(A copy of the special meeting notice and swearing in ceremony program is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment one and two.)

Mark Erskine of the Spring Lake Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Denise Payton sang the National Anthem.

Pastor William "Bill" Hume gave the invocation.

Mayor Rey introduced Ms. Kris Johnson from Congressman Richard Hudson's office who read a House Resolution officially renaming the Spring Lake Post Office to the Howard B. Pate, Jr. Post Office. She and Mayor Rey then presented the Resolution to Mr. Pate's family.

Swearing In Ceremony.

Mayor Dobbins recognized Mayor Chris Rey's dedication and leadership to the Spring Lake Community and thanked him for all he had done to move Spring Lake forward. He presented Mayor Rey with a Town coin and appreciation plaque.

Mayor Dobbins recognized Alderwoman Densie Lucas for her dedication to the Town of Spring Lake as a Board Member. He presented her with a Town coin and an appreciation plaque.

Honorable Edward Pone, District Court Judge, Cumberland County District 12, administered the oath of office to Mr. Larry Dobbins to serve as Mayor for the Town of Spring Lake.

Former Mayor Chris Rey administered the oath of office to Mr. James Christian to serve as Alderman for the Town of Spring Lake.

Honorable Marvin W. Lucas, N.C. House of Representatives administered the oaths of office to Ms. Soña Cooper to serve as Alderwoman for the Town of Spring Lake and to Mr. James O'Garra to serve as Alderman for the Town of Spring Lake.

Honorable Frances Jackson, Magistrate Judge, Cumberland County District 12, administered the other of office to Ms. Jackie Jackson to serve as Alderwoman for the Town of Spring Lake.

Honorable Edward Pone, District Court Judge, Cumberland County District 12, administered the oath of office to Ms. Fredricka Sutherland to serve as Alderwoman for the Town of Spring Lake

(Copies of the oaths of office are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes – see attachment three through seven.)

Ms. Betty Sanford read the Community Charge.

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

Reverend Dr. Lawrence A. Miller read a letter of congratulations to Mayor Dobbins from Bishop Kenneth Monroe.

Mayor Dobbins offered each Board Member an opportunity to give remarks.

Mayor Dobbins opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Alderwoman Cooper was nominated and Alderman O'Garra was nominated.

Action: A motion to nominate James O'Garra as Mayor Pro Tem was made.

Motion by: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by:

Vote: Three Votes Cast for James O'Garra
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderwoman Sutherland
Alderman O'Garra

Action: A motion to nominate Soña Cooper as Mayor Pro Tem was made.

Motion by: Alderman Christian

Second by:

Vote: Two Votes Cast for Soña Cooper
Alderman Christian
Alderwoman Cooper

Mayor Dobbins declared Alderman James O'Garra as the Mayor Pro Tem and administered the oath of office to him to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the Town of Spring Lake.

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

Mayor Dobbins gave closing remarks.

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

Motion: Alderman Christian

Second by: Mayor Pro Tem O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous



Rhonda D. Webb
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Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Larry G. Dobbins
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Mayor