

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

November 18, 2019

MINUTES

7:00p.m.

The Spring Lake Board of Aldermen held a Special Meeting at the Grady Howard conference room with Mayor Dobbins presiding.

Board Members Present: Mayor Pro tem O'Garra
Alderman Christian
Alderwoman Cooper
Alderwoman Jackson
Alderwoman Sutherland

Others Present:

William Zell, Interim Town Manager
Kevin Hornik, Brough Law Firm
Banard Lemon, Auto/Visual Technical
Rhonda Webb, Town Clerk
Melissa Pereira, Deputy Town Clerk

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

Mayor Dobbins gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Christian requested to delete Personnel G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) from Closed session.

Action: Alderman Christian– requested to delete Personnel from Closed session.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderwoman Sutherland

Vote: Unanimous

Business

NCDOT Update

Gregory Burns discussed Bragg Blvd sidewalks and why there was a delay due to having water pumps installed. Now, DOT is waiting for Duke energy to make an electrical connection. In addition, DOT is installing a pedestrian walk NC24 AND NC210. Mr. Burns stated they are working on improving safety in the Spring Lake area. Mr. Burns said they are working on closing up the gaps on the roads. He said they are working on getting more road warning signs and pedestrian signs. Mr. Burns said the funds are coming from the U4444 Project funds and CAP 88. The recommendation is installing a crosswalk and pedestrian signal at Bragg Blvd and NC210 Hwy. He said its already under contract. Mr. Burns stated a flashing crosswalk signal be installed at 4th Street, and Holland Street will have a pedestrian crosswalk and sidewalk added from Bragg Blvd and over to Monroe Street. Mr. Burns said that they will widen about 10 feet on the roundabout so they can install a sidewalk for the pedestrians. Mr. Burns said there will be lights along Poe Street and bridge. He stated they are working on Manchester Road intersection to help with traffic flow. It's scheduled for 2023. Aldermen O'Garra thanked Mr. burns for helping Spring Lake and asked if the Town is paying for the contracts? Mr. Burns said no, the funding is coming from them. Alderwoman Cooper asked about

the resolution that dealt with the speed limit being reduced to 40mph. Mr. Burns asked had the resolution been sent to DOT, if so, then they would take that in consideration. Mr. Burns said they did add reduce speed signs when coming in to Spring Lake area. Mr. Burns recommendation was to add "Welcome To" signs to help reduce the speed. That would help make people aware when coming into town. Alderwoman Sutherland asked about opening Spring Ave back up for public safety? Alderwoman Sutherland concerns about crosswalk on NC210 and to get to Main Street and NC87 to get to Wal-Mart putting in a pedestrian crosswalk as well as Deerfield subdivision. Alderwoman Sutherland concerned about some people don't have vehicles. Mr. Burns explained there will be crosswalks installed at NC87, NC210, NC24, and Bragg Blvd. Alderwoman Sutherland asked about Sleepy Drive. Mr. Burns said there will not be a crosswalk. Alderwoman Sutherland concerned about even if a pedestrian pushed the button crosswalk and what will let a driver know to slow down? Mr. Burns said there is a sign and flashing yellow light. Mr. Burns said once they press the button there will be yellow flashing light. Mr. Burns said it does not stop traffic, it will advise them.

Approval of 2020 Town Holiday Schedule

Ms. Webb asked for the Board to approve and adopt the 2020 Holiday schedule. Ms. Webb stated the 2020 Holiday schedule mirrors the holiday schedule for the employees of the State of North Carolina with the exception of the Town's addition of President's Day and omission of one of the three days that State receives during the Christmas Holiday period.

Action: Approve Resolution (2019) to adopt the 2020 Holiday Schedule.

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderwoman Jackson

Vote: Unanimous

Update on FY 2017-2018 Audit

Mr. Butch Watson discussed that they are waiting on FEMA to finish audit. Mr. Watson explained the 2018-2019 is almost finished.

Board to Determine the Meeting schedule for November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and December 23, 2019 Regular Meeting

Ms. Webb asked the Board to determine if they wish to hold the Regular Board Meetings scheduled for November 25, 2019 and December 23, 2019. Ms. Webb stated since the Board had to call a special meeting on November 18, 2019 due to time sensitive information and the fact that Mr. Zell would not be able to attend meeting scheduled November 25, 2019. In addition, the second meeting in December is held the week of Christmas. In the past, the Board does cancel this meeting and calls for a special meeting if necessary.

Action: Determine meeting schedule for the November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting and December 23, 2019 Regular Board Meeting are cancelled.

Motion: Alderwoman Jackson

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous

Closed Session

G.S 143-318.11(a)(4) – Economic Development

G.S.143-318.11 (a)(5i) – Acquisition of Real Property

Adjournment

Action: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02p.m.

Motion: Alderwoman Cooper

Second by: Alderman O'Garra

Vote: Unanimous




Melissa Pereira
Deputy Town Clerk

ATTEST:


Larry G. Dobbins
Mayor