

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present: Mayor Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Drew Griffin, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew DeIonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, and Chief Nathan Gant.

Nancy West-Brake from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

Mayor Pritchard called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Pastor Larry Perry led a prayer.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting and the agenda; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Andrew DeIonno apologized to the board for walking out of September's BOA meeting. He said that it would not happen again.

Mr. DeIonno and Mayor Kyle Pritchard both thanked Former Commissioner Tony Jefferys for the two years he served on the board.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards told the board that since Mr. Jefferys had resigned within sixty days of the election the board would have the task of appointing a new commissioner to serve the remaining term. He said that this was according to NCGS and that there was no formal appointment process expressed in the statute.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to appoint a new member at the November 6th meeting after applications were reviewed; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the Annexation of Walnut Cove Phase 2; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. DeIonno told the board that Phase 2 would have 10 lots and that they were adjacent to the first phase. There were no questions from the public.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave the Public Hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the requested annexation of Walnut Cove Phase 2; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that the copy of the Interlocal Agreement with Nash County Parks and Recreation was the final revision. He said that the section that pertained to any equipment that the town purchased was removed from the agreement.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the final revision of the agreement; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to table the discussion concerning Alliance architecture firm that was picked to head the restoration of the depot building until next month; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Crumel with the Community Committee asked the board to approve the permit for the Pig in the Depot event. She said that several churches would be competing in the BBQ cookoff and that there would also be several vendors.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the permit; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the permit from the Chamber for the Dan Finch Pottery event; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board the branding exercise had to be postponed due to the contractor pulling out of the project. He said that the team from NC Commerce would be starting over with a fresh look at economic development.

Mr. DeIonno reminded the board of the system development report that was needed for new developments and regulations for the town's growing infrastructure needs. He said that the idea had been discussed at the budget retreat last March and funds had been set aside.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go ahead with the report; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2024-02; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Closed Session; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

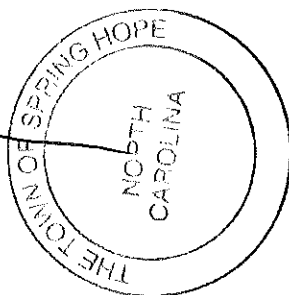
Closed Session

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go back into open session; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted

Michele Cole



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