

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
October 7, 2024

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 William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Eric Gainey, and Tommy Toney. Commissioner Drew Griffin and Commissioner Brent Cone were absent.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew Delonno, Town Clerk/Finance Officer Michele Collins, Police Chief Nathan Gant, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas, and Attorney Mark Edwards.

Mayor Pritchard called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Toney to approve the minutes as written, motion passed unanimously.

Manager Delonno notified the board that the new system development fee and ordinance fee had been tweaked with input from the Town Attorney. He explained that the 2 triggers are the issuance of a zoning certificate or the commitment of water & sewer service to the development. The amounts enclosed in the packet are the amounts that Wooten Company suggested. With no further questions, Commissioner Gainey made a motion to accept the system development fee as written, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, motion carried.

\*Consideration of project agreement with Axiom Development:

The original agreement when Bryson's Ridge was formed included an upgrade to the 581 N lift station by Developer Tom White. As of this meeting, Manager Delonno explained there had been delays in this being done. He also explained how the lift stations at 581N and Hwy 64A both dump into the Country Inn Lift Station. Now the Country Inn Lift Station will need to be upgraded as well. Tom White has agreed to upgrade the 581N and the Country Inn Lift station. The town would like to enter into a development agreement for him to do the upgrades and to post a bond if no progress has been made by the end of the calendar year. No one from Axiom was at the meeting. There was no action to be taken, the information was just informative for the board, a vote will come later.

\*Consideration of Budget Amendment 25-02:

Finance Officer Michele Collins advised the board that this step is just moving money from the budget for the second platform grant. The funds will be moved from the Economic Development line item to the Grant line item. She also explained that this was our match for the grant. With no further questions, Commissioner Gainey made a motion to accept budget amendment 25-02, seconded by Commissioner Lucas, motion carried.

\*Consideration of Task Order from the Wooten Company for WWTP Project (\$3M appropriation):

Manager Delonno explained that this is the \$3M that Sen. Lisa S. Barnes and Rep. Allen Chesser got the town last year. The board had previously approved a scope of work and a request for funding. This is to conduct the design, planning, and survey work with the Wooten Company. All the improvements are slated for the wastewater collection and treatment this time around. With no further discussion, Commissioner Gainey made a motion to approve Task Order from the Wooten Company for the WWTP project, Commissioner Lucas seconded, motion carried.

\*Consideration of Contract for Alliance Architects of the Triad Depot Platform Project Design:

Manager Delonno pointed out that Attorney Edwards had looked over the contracts for both Wooten Company and Alliance Architects. Attorney Edwards stated that in the off chance an issue came up, the Town would have to go into arbitration and not be able to go to court, which he stated is common practice. He also advised that if the town were to decide to terminate the agreement, the town would have to pay the architects their profits. The town must pay for the work done but would also have to pay the amount of any profit they would have made. Manager Delonno made mention that the board should be able to view the depot and the platform drawings at next month's meeting. With no further discussion, Commissioner Lucas made a motion to accept the Contract for Alliance Architects of the Triad Depot Project Design, seconded by Commissioner Gainey, motion carried.

\*Consideration of Event Permit for the Dan Finch Potter's Market

Manager Delonno explained this was the very same paperwork as used to vote on last year. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm. With no further discussion, Commissioner Gainey made a motion to accept the event permit for the Dan Finch Potter's Market, seconded by Commissioner Toney, motion carried.

\*Chamber of Commerce Report: Commissioner Toney thanked the police dept for getting the help that was needed for coverage of the town. He noted that everything had gone very well and that they had received the invoice from the town for services rendered.

\*Code Enforcement Report: Shawn Lucas gave his updates on the notices sent out and said he was working with Attorney Edwards and Manager Delonno to get some of them handled. Mayor Pritchard asked specifically about the \* going out of town on 64A with the 18 wheelers being repaired. Mr. Lucas stated that he had sent an initial letter and had now sent another letter. Manager Delonno chimed in to say that he, Mr. Lucas, and Attorney Edwards would be working on standardizing the procedure and doling out fines.

\*Police Chief Report: Total calls for service 246 which includes the following: Vehicle Stops 93, Security Checks 23, Vehicle Accidents 4, Domestic non chargeable 5, Disturbances/Civil Unrest calls 11, Total Investigations 18, Total Cleared 15. Chief Gant stated that the Pumpkin Festival went off with only about 6 or 7 calls which were promptly taken care of.

\*Manager's Report: Manager Delonno commended the police dept and public works for their assistance during the Pumpkin Festival. He made mention that Wooten Company would be submitting a revision plan for the water project and then we can take it out to bid. He also mentioned that the signs have been ordered for the parking regulations adopted 2 months ago. They will be posted at the 4 major entries to the town. Mr. Tom White has ordered sheet rock for his buildings on S Ash St, and the windows are on backorder. The town hall had a bad sprinkler pipe that has been replaced and had our annual fire sprinkler inspection and that went well. Nash County provided an interlocal agreement for the \$1M passthrough grant. The language is with Attorney Edwards now. The town is currently waiting for the audit report, hopefully making the deadline this month. Manager Delonno and Mayor Pritchard praised Finance Officer Michele Collins for doing such a fine job with writing and implementing new policies, getting her staff trained and getting the town off the state's watch list. Manager Delonno reminded all the town's people to put their garbage carts out the night before since GFL often came through early and would be unable to turn around and go back. He also noted that we still have 1 job opening in public works.

With there being no further business, Commissioner Gainey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Toney, the motion carried.

Michele Collins

George Pritchard

