

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 10th, 2025

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

Members present were Mayor Pritchard, Commissioners Drew Griffin, Brenda Lucas, Eric Gainey, and Tommy Toney

Also Present, Town Manager Andrew Delonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Police Chief Nathan Gant, Code Enforcement officer Shawn Lucas, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Public Works Director Bobby Ball

Mayor Pritchard called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to approve the minutes for October 6th, 2025, meeting, Commissioner Griffin seconded the motions, and the motion passed unanimously.

Continued items:

Consideration of Vacant building ordinance draft and fees, the town manager said the town attorney had reviewed the documents and has also provided an amendment for 118, which is for civil penalties. So, they now abide by statute. He also said that the other towns around don't charge a fee to register their buildings, it's the fines that are what gets people and that is what he would recommend.

Town Attorney Edwards told the board that they would like for them to consider adopting the resolution 1-18 about the penalties first. He also told them there where a change in the state statute on how towns could impose penalties. He also said that this would bring the town's ordinances up to date with the state statute.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to accept resolution for The Town Spring Hope to adopt an amendment to the code of ordinances as presented for section 1-18, Commissioner Griffin seconded the motions, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adopt the vacant building ordinance, Commissioner Lucas seconded the motions, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to approve the commercial building maintenance ordinance, Commissioner Griffin seconded the motions, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Items:

Receive resolution extending the ETJ extra territorial jurisdiction and schedule a public hearing. The town Manager said in June of 2024 is when they started talking about extending the ETJ to the one-mile radius allowed by statute. He said that they had notified the property owners, he has talked to many people both in person and on the phone and answered many questions. The public hearing is set for December 1st.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to adopt resolution seeking expansion of extra territorial jurisdiction, Commissioner Griffin seconded the motions, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Spring hope Chamber- Nobody to give reports.

Code enforcement officer Shawn Lucas gave his report, He said a lot of the same issues are still going on. Mr. Lucas said 322 E Nash St; 508 E Nash St still have outstanding fines and are not cleared. 409 W Main is good now but still has fines that are outstanding. 804 E Nash St is also good but has outstanding fines. 206

Hopkins good also but outstanding fines. 120 S Ash St outstanding fines only. 408 W Nash St has outstanding fines and has not been completed. Mr. Lucas said he and the town manager both sent out letters and they also held a hearing, and nobody showed up. Mr. Lucas said 310 W Nash St is good but has outstanding fines because they didn't apply for the zoning permit before making any changes to the building. 224 Gum Ave Mr. Lucas said he is still trying to get the owner to get this property cleaned up. 302 W Nash is cleaned up. 305 Wilders Dr Mr. Lucas Said the owner has contacted him about the shipping container and it is getting removed. 109 W Nash St Mr. Lucas said we might need to call out contractor to address all the grown-up weeds on the back of the building and around the AC unit. Mr. Lucas said he might try to send out one more letter to them if not we will have to have the contractor to address the issues since he has sent 3 letters already to them. Mr. Lucas asked the board if they had any future questions for him.

Town Manager Mr. Delonno said he had talked to the property owner of 508 E Nash St and they are going to get a list of things for the owner to address on the vacant property. Also 303 S Pine said he has talked to them also about addressing the unkempt lot and the saw cutting happening there. He said so far nothing has happened yet, but they will keep checking on it.

Manager Report:

Mr. Delonno asked the board if they had any questions, also told them he wanted to mention that the hydrological study is under way. They had some Storm water engineers here a few weeks ago while it was raining out. He also said they have asked for more information from Nash County and other places also and the deadline for the work to end is in February.

Police Report:

Police Chief Nathan Gant addressed the board and gave his report, Mr. Gant Said that for the past month they had a total of 5 incident reports. Mr. Gant also said they had a total of 420 total calls for service. They also had 136 total traffic stops. Mr. Gant said that they carried out 170 security checks. They also had 2 vehicle accidents. Mr. Gant also said that they had 3 domestic violence calls, along with 3 disturbance fight calls. Mr. Gant said that they had 9 total investigations and all 9 of those have been cleared.

Guest speaker Melissa Corso, the director of Braswell library in Rocky Mount spoke, Mrs. Corso said she had been there for about a year and was happy to be here. She said the move to the rec center has been positive and in fact it is the top 2 and is close to having the most visitors at a branch. So now they are looking at ways to expand activities. They will be having computer classes and genealogy classes. And in the summer, they will be having the first kickoff at the Spring Hope Branch. She also addressed the rumors about Bailey branch closing, and all the rest. She said they are talking about changing hours to better help the people in the community out.

Commissioner Gainey thanked the board for letting him serve the last 2 years and he thanked the citizens for their support over the last 2 years while he has severed on the board. He also wished all the new commissioners well and said he looked forward to seeing what they would bring to the town.

Commissioner Griffin said he also wanted to thank the community support in him and for allowing him to serve on the board. He said he wished the new board members all the best and was certain they had what was best for spring hope in mind. He said he would be there to help in any way he could to the residents or board members. And he would be happy to help.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Griffin seconded the motions, and the motion passed unanimously.





