

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 2, 2022

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

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin and Prudence Wilkins.

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

Lindell Kay from the Spring Hope Enterprise, Mark Cone from Southern Nash News and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic were also present.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from the April 4th meeting; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Andrew DeLonno informed the board that the town was waiting for material testing to come back on the building at 205 W Main St. He said that the facade would come down once the tests were done. Commissioner Jefferys asked where the materials were found; Mr. DeLonno said in the wood and brick.

New Business

Water/Sewer Rates

Mr. DeLonno said that North Carolina Rural Water had found that the town needed to increase the water and sewer rates to keep from running the fund in the red. He also said that the rates that were included in the packer were not quite finished and that he would have the rest of the study in June. Mayor Pritchard asked Commissioner Cone if he remembered the past rate study from previous years. Commissioner Cone said that the old plan focused on the commercial rates and that the plan was not followed due to covid. Commissioner Jefferys asked where the data was that Rural Water used to come up the rates. Mr. DeLonno said that Sandra Morris could get the data for the board to see.

GFL rates

Mr. DeLonno explained that GFL was purposing a slight rate increase that may include the large recycling bins for all customers. Commissioner Cone asked what the extra cost was currently for the large bins; the clerk said it was an extra \$10.00. Mr. DeLonno told the board that the decision for the rate increase would need to be decided by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to look at the contract for planning services. He said that they would review the ordinance and help to make the town I60D compliant. Commissioner Jefferies

asked if this would be timely; Mr. DeIonno said he has asked the company to spread the financial burden so that it would be in two fiscal year.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the contract with May and Place for bookkeeping services; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion pass unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the audit contract with Thompson Price Scott Adams; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the advertisement of the delinquent 2021 taxes; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2022-05 moving money from supplies and materials in Water/Sewer to Salaries in the same fund; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Report

Mr. Edwards told the town that the sale of the two Ash St. buildings was complete and that the final paperwork was on the way.

Envirolink Report

Envirolink did not have a representative due to an emergency. Commissioner Cone asked if there was a plan for the late leaf and limb pickup. Mr. DeIonno said that the subject had been brought to their attention.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Gant said that they had several calls for service and no street light outages. He told the board that Officer Barbour would be the new K9 officer and that he would be driving the K9 vehicle and that Lenhardt would be in the Dodge truck.

Manager's Report

Mr. DeIonno told the board that he was able to submit the grant for the Depot building. He told the board the sampling at the Community Building showed a small amount of mold spores and it was very manageable. He told the board that a Public Works Director was hired as a liaison with Envirolink. He also told the board that Wooten would be the engineers who would help the town with the infrastructure projects being paid for with the state allocation of \$3.7 million.

There was no additional business from the board.

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

Submitted

Attested
