

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 5, 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 in the Commissioners Room.

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

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

Lindell Kay from the Spring Hope Enterprise and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic were also present.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a resolution to cancel the old water tank contract; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup> and the special called meeting of June 17<sup>th</sup>; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Andrew DeIonno asked the board to consider the contract with Wooten Engineering. He explained that they would carry out the task orders and work related to the \$ 3.7million-dollar Water/Sewer projects. Commissioner Jefferys asked if he had already given them an idea of what some of the work could involve. Mr. DeIonno said that he had given them a general idea and that once the contract was signed Wooten would be project specific.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the contract with Wooten Engineering; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the resolution to cancel the contract with Suez; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion. Town Attorney Mark Edwards told the board that all the Commissioners would need to sign the resolution since it was a stipulation in the contract.

Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno asked the board to look at the revised contract for the new tank company Southern Corrosion. He said the difference was that the Mclean St. tank would be painted in the first year. He noted that there was a price difference of \$2,000.00 dollars for the change. Commissioner Jefferys reminded the board that the tank would be down for several weeks and that the wells must be in good working order before the tank is down

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the revised contract with Southern Corrosion; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Hope Changer President Ethan Vester informed the board that along with Michael at Show side they were sponsoring a spaghetti drive thru fund raiser for the police department. He said that they would hold it on July 31 and hope to raise money for needed equipment. He also said that there appeared to be two baby pumpkins growing and that they were monitoring them to see which one would be the most viable. He also mentioned that he had seen a lot of cars speeding on North Pine St.

Ruth Emory from Alliance Code Enforcement was present. She told the board that she had a hearing scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> with John Clark concerning his buildings on West Main St. She also said that ACE had opened 188 case and abated/closed 164.

#### Town Attorney Report

Town Attorney Mark Edwards said that his business would be in closed session.

Commissioner Cone asked if Bobby Ball the Public Works Director would be coming to the meetings to give a report of the monthly water/sewer updates. Mr. DeLonno said that sometimes Bobby would be there and other times he would give the report.

#### Police Chiefs Report

Chief Gant said that there were 154 calls for service. He said that they sponsored Kona Ice and that it was a great turnout on a hot day. He asked Ethan Vester where he had seen the most speeding; Ethan said downtown coming from Branch going north on Pine. Chief Gant said he would put the trailer in that vicinity.

#### Town Manager Report

Mr. DeLonno updated the information on the elevated bridge and that NCDOT Rail Division would agree to a scope of work that would repair the bridge.

Mr. DeLonno explained that the Down East Home Consortium partnership was changing and that Nash County would no longer be involved. He said that the funds associated with that program were strict and hard to obtain.

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

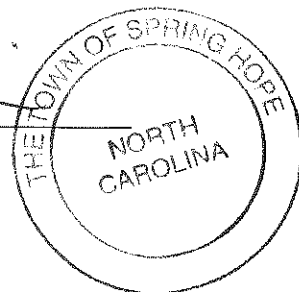
#### Closed Session

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

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

Submitted

*Michelle L. Cole*



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