

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 4, 2025

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, Tommy Toney, Eric Gainey and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager Andrew DeLonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas, Chief Nathan Gant and Town Attorney Mark Osterhout.

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

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25th called meeting and the July 7th meetings as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Items

Mr. DeLonno told the board that the water main project had gotten three bids but that they were all over what was available in the grant funds. He said that they could either rebid the project to allow for additional bidders or cut the project to fit the monies available. Mr. DeLonno said that the rebid process would take a shorter amount of time most likely 2 to 3 weeks.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to rebid the project; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno presented a Federal Procurement Policy that would be specifically used for ARP funds. He said that it was a requirement from the state to continue to use the grant funds that were awarded the town

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the policy; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that there was a need to clarify some of the current utility procedures that the town currently followed. He said that the recommended changes would include a higher deposit for owners who had several properties as well as clarifying that the connection and disconnection fees would be the responsibility of the service/account holder.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to accept the reclarification of the deposits and fees associated with connection and disconnection of water/sewer services; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas presented his report. He gave a list of blighted properties that were notified they were in violation it included 113 N Ash, 322 E Nash and 508 E Nash. He said that they have until specific dates in August to comply with the ordinance or they may face fines.

Mr. Lucas said that the list of properties that were already incurring fines included 409 W Main, 804 E Nash, 206 Hopkins, 120 S Ash and 224 Gum Ave.

He said that the owners at 106 Nash St, 202 Hopkins and 414 S Poplar have all received letters to bring their properties up to town standards. He also said that the owners of a downtown automotive repair center had received a letter to comply with the stacked parking ordinance.

Mr. DeIonno told Mr. Lucas that he believed 409 W. Main St had cleaned up their area and asked him to stop by there. He also said that he had spoken to the owner of 119 and 121 S Ash about the blight behind the buildings and that the owner had said he would clean up.

Police Report

Chief Gant told the board that they had received approximately 519 calls for service which included 65 traffic stops, 6 traffic accidents, 5 disturbances and 9 total investigations with 8 being cleared. He also said that there was a personal issue and that one officer had resigned and he had already hired an officer to take his place.

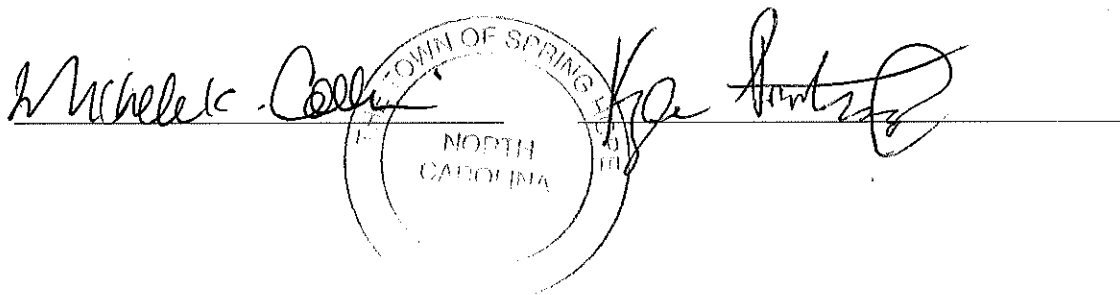
Managers' Report

Mr. DeIonno said that the Chamber is working on the permits for the Potters Festival and Christmas in Spring Hope. He said that the staff had been working to get additional insurance for the railroad as it pertained to the Caboose. He said that the price of that as well as the fabrication would take most of the economic funds for the remainder of the fiscal year. He said that since the project was underway the street furniture would have to wait. He told the board that Barbara Williams, who donated the Icehouse had stopped by and was very happy with the results.

New Business

Commissioner Toney said that the residents near the Walnut Court subdivision were happy to see the tree and limbs cut back. Commissioner Griffin, Lucas and Gainey had no new business.

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

The block contains two handwritten signatures in cursive script, one on the left and one on the right, both written over a horizontal line. Between the signatures is a circular official seal. The seal has an outer ring with the text "TOWN OF SPRING HOPE" at the top and "NORTH CAROLINA" at the bottom. In the center of the seal, the words "TOWN CLERK" are visible.