

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 3rd, 2023

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, Brent Cone and James F Gwaltney were all in attendance.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Whitley from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5th meeting as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

Town Manager Andrew DeIonno told the board that Faith Christian Ministries was requesting that the vacate order the town had imposed in 2020 on 203 W Main St be completely lifted. He reminded the board that the building next to 203 W Main was being made safe by the new owner.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to lift the vacate order; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that he wanted to revisit the subject of a salary adjustment for the Police Department. He said that he want to go ahead with the \$1,000.00 increase per full time officer and \$3,000.00 increase for Chief Gant.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the increase as stated for the Police Department; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno presented Resolution 2023-03 Declaring 2012 Charger as surplus property. He said that the car had a blown engine and that the town had taken it out of commission.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the 2023 Calendar for the Board Meetings; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ethan Vester from the Spring Hope Chamber said that in the next weeks they will be organizes their priorities for the upcoming year. He also reminded the board that they had new officers that would be introduced as well.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Police Chief Report

Chief Gant told the board that during the prior month they had 5 reported calls for service, 106 total calls, 17 traffic stops and 8 accidents. Mayor Pritchard asked if 8 accidents was a large amount; Chief Gant said that it was about average. Commissioner Cone asked if there was a particular spot that was more accident prone. Chief Gant said it was all over but that intersection by Food Lion seemed to have the most.

Manager's Report

Town Manager DeLonno said that the ongoing issues with the leaks and water pressure had been the most concerning. He said that the two events that contributed to the water outages were the power outage that took down the well and the frigid weather. He reminded the board about the Main Street Conference and that the town could send a few representatives.

Commissioner Cone told Public Works Director how much he appreciated the time in which the town got the leak fixed. He also mentioned that he wanted to thank all who had helped or offered during the water issues which included Nash County, Spring Hope Fire Department and the Baptist Men's Ministry. Mr. DeLonno also mentioned Edwards Inc.

Commissioner Cone asked the manager if he knew when the checks would start flowing from the state as it pertained to the 3.7 million legislative appropriation. Mr. DeLonno said that he was hitting all the milestones with DEQ and that he was just waiting for a notice to proceed. Mayor Pritchard added that he had also made some calls to see what was going on with the allocation.

Commissioner Cone asked about the Rural Transformation Grant. Mr. DeLonno said that the Depot Building will be transformed into a event space that would include a commercial kitchen and upgrades to the structure. He said that he had been asked about the library and that he was trying to help find a place for them to relocate.

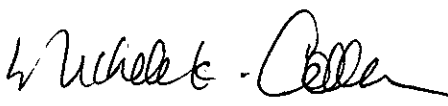
Mayor Pritchard asked if a town hall type meeting would help with questions. Mr. DeLonno said that town staff had explained everything as it pertained to the last leak. He said that he thought maybe it would be best to have the engineers on board to answer questions.

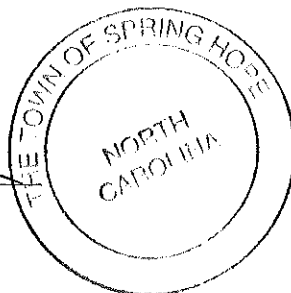
Commissioner Jeffery's said that he wasn't happy with the way Wooten wrote up their preliminary contract. He said he thought that they were concentrating too much on the water mains and not on values. He said he like the plan that Mike Tolsen from Mack Gay and Associates did for the AIA Grant much better. He said that Wooten did not have enough valves in their plan to shut down the town. He said that Wooten did not understand what the town needed or wanted.

There was no other business from the board.

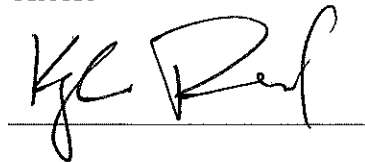
Commissioner Cone made a motion adjourn; Commissioner Griffin second and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted





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Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
Special Called
January 12, 2023

A special called meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, James F. Gwaltney, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin, and Brent Cone.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Whitley from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Mr. DeIonno told the board they would need to vote to give the Mayor the authority to sign the SoE declaration. He said then it would go to the county who would then recommend it to the state.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency as written and authorize the mayor to sign; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that representatives from Wooten were present. He explained to the board that the Wooten Company was the only company to respond to the RFQ for the 3.7 million project which was posted twice on the state procurement website. He introduced the representatives from Wooten, Derrick Smith and Brian Johnson.

Mr. Smith told the board that he was the Eastern Division lead and that he was based out of the Greenville office. He said that a majority the work that they do is with some rural towns and their water/sewer projects.

Mr. Smith said that with regards to the plan that they sent to the state regarding the appropriation that it was just a starting off point. He said that they were aware of the fact that the needs of the town can change. He said that he had been asked about insertion valves and that they were aware that the town needed to use isolation valves and methods to be able to cut off certain parts of town.

Mayor Pritchard thanked the representatives from Wooten.

Commissioner Cone asked if they had examples of other places that they had served with similar issues. Mr. Smith said that they had worked in Nash County, Pinetops, Princeville and multiple projects in Edgecombe County. He said they all had oldest lines in the center of town like Spring Hope and that was why they were targeted. Commissioner Cone asked if there would be a lot of other projects going on the same time as Spring Hope. Mr. Smith said that they had adequate staff to handle the project.

Commissioner Griffin asked if he would be the liaison between the contractors and Public Works. Mr. Smith said he and Will Larsen would be the main contacts. He also mentioned that he wanted people to be aware that even though the project would end up as something very positive it would be disruptive.

Commissioner Jefferys asked Mr. Smith to reiterate the importance of the valves and wanted them to explain how quickly it could be done. Mr. Smith said that putting in valves was always part of the plan and that it could be done quickly. He said that they would need assistance from Public Works for the valves and any other needs of the town.

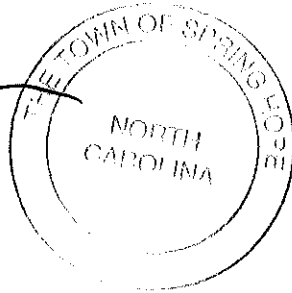
Mayor Pritchard asked if there was a timeline for the different projects. Mr. Smith said that they needed to identify where the valves were needed and that certain documents would have to be in place. He said he was hoping that it could happen in a few months.

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

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

Submitted

Michelle Cole



Attested

KR Pineda

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
Special Called
January 26, 2023

A special called meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 6 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, James F. Gwaltney, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin, and Brent Cone.

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

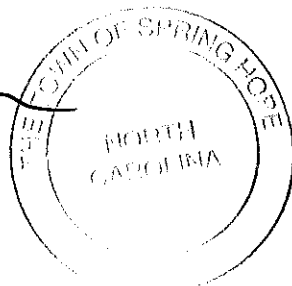
Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

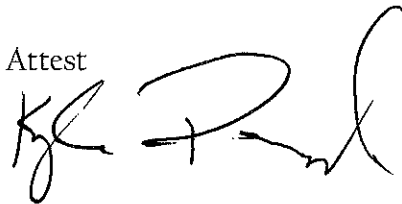
Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 submitting application for the Rural Transformation Grant; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

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

Submitted



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Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 6, 2023

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, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on January 3rd and the Special Meetings from January 13th and 26th as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Mr. DeIonno introduced Austin Eubanks the town's auditor from Thompson Price Scott and Adams to discuss the 21-22 audit via zoom. Mr. Eubanks told the board that the town staff was being good stewards of the financials for the town. He said that the recent rate increase was a good move as it was necessary to keep the water and sewer fund from failing. He also commented that the town had a good amount of unrestricted fund balance in the general fund. He said that the town was well over the amount that the state wanted to see.

Mr. Eubanks said that the one finding for the town was the overage in the budget. He said that there were a couple of line items that had not been recorded correctly with budget amendments. He did recommend that the staff be more aware of that finding. He also said that a response letter from the board and staff members would need to be drafted and sent to the LGC concerning the finding.

Mr. DeIonno thanked Mr. Eubanks and his firm for their professionalism.

LeAnne Hahnel from the SH Chamber requested approval for the second annual car show sponsored by the Chamber. She said that they were hoping to get approval to close several streets for the event which include two NCDOT streets.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the Event Permit for the car show; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023 ~~04~~ for Salary Adjustments; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

DeeAnn Rivera from the Downtown Development asked the board to consider accepting the agreement provided in the packet with Bizzell Design for a branding strategy.

Commissioner Cone said that the Bizzell presentation was thorough and full of new ideas that would help the town.

Mr. DeLonno emphasized that the money to pay for the consultant would come from the restricted Economic Development line item and not out of the operating budget.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the agreement with Bizzell Designs; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chamber Report

LeAnne Hahnel told the board that there were several events scheduled for 2023 starting with the car show. She mentioned Pumpkin Festival and Christmas in Spring Hope.

Town Attorney Report

Mr. Edwards said he had no new items.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Gant said that there were 125 calls for service and 3 traffic accidents during the month. He told the board that one of the officers had a accident while coming to work and that the car was totaled. He said that the other driver was ticketed and that the officer sustained minor but painful sprained ankles.

Chief Gant also said that there was a new officer hired and that he would be in training .He also said that they had received a grant for approximately \$30,000.00 and that the money would be spent on new car radios and handheld.

Chief said he might try to do a concealed class at the end of April or beginning of May.

Lastly, he asked citizens not to continue to feed stray dogs and cats. He said that Animal Control was trying to get them spayed/neutered to find homes.

Mayor Pritchard asked the Chief why people were so inclined to confess to the crimes that were listed on the report. Chief Gant said he didn't question these suspects without already having the evidence against them.

Managers' Report

Mr. DeLonno said that he has reached out to contractors for the various potholes and the bad spot-on Louisburg Rd.

Chris Curry with Alliance Code Enforcement introduced himself and read his report. He said that in the month of January he abated 3 cases, held 3 hearings and opened 26 cases. He noted that 15 of the 26 cases were showing progress. He said that he would try to show at the meeting every other month going forward. Mayor Pritchard asked which cases in the downtown he was working on were still outstanding. He said he was still working on 205 W Main but that the ownership had changed hands and that the new owner had made some progress. Mr. Curry asked Mr. DeLonno to send a list of some of the buildings he considers most concerning.

Other Business

Commissioner Jefferys asked Mr. DeIonno if he had heard anything from NCDOT about the trees in town that were on their right of way. Mr. DeIonno said that he had reached out to but had not heard from anyone yet.

Commissioner Jefferys said he wanted to explain what kind of valves he wanted for the town. He said that he wants to have strategic valves placed so the entire town will not have to be shut down.

There was no other new business from the board.

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

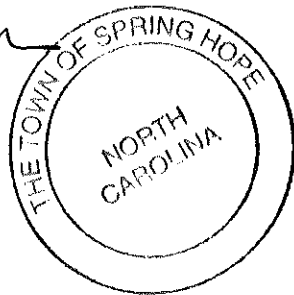
Closed Session

Commissioner Cone made a motion to return to open session; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

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

Submitted

Nichole K. Allen



Attest

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Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 6, 2023

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, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6th as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed.

Thomas Gillespie from Nash County Parks and Recreation gave an update for the past years' activity at the town park. Mr. Gillespie read his report which included the numbers of participants in the T-ball, softball and baseball teams. He said that there had also been several tournaments for basketball.

Mr. Gillespie also gave a update on the wash stations that Nash County was proposing through grant funds that they received from the state. He said that NC Commerce had approved the proposal and environmental review. He said that an extension of the walking trail had also been proposed to go around the baseball field but that it had to have an environmental review and scope of work approval.

Mayor Pritchard asked if people would still be able to park near the field after the walking trail was extended. Commissioner Cone said that there were some no parking signs there already and that there was a handicapped space there currently. Commissioner Cone asked if there was a timeline for the wash stations; Mr. Gillespie said about 4 months. Mr. Gillespie also said that the games seemed to be increasing in the Southern part of Nash County.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into the Public Hearing for Map Amendment changing R8 to LI; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

Public Hearing

Mr. DeLonno informed the board that the proposed amendment was for two parcels off Wilkins St. that are currently zoned R8. He said that the owner of the parcels wanted a amendment to be able to house his trucking company on the land.

The owner of the parcels Kent Sessoms told the board that when he bought the property he did not know anything about zoning. Mr. DeLonno told the board that Mr. Sessoms would be subject to a site plan and several permits. Commissioner Cone asked if the area was across for

the new proposed daycare; Mr. DeLonno said yes. Mr. Sessoms said that he hauled trucks for dealerships and that he wanted to fence in the property to be able to park the trucks in the area.

Commissioner Jeffery said that his greatest concern was that Wilkins St was very narrow and that trucks could not use the street. Mr. Sessoms said that he already had a deal to use a piece of land off of W Branch Street to exit and enter his property.

Commissioner Cone asked if this use would be subject to the ordinance that required fences. Mr. DeLonno said that the rezoning was the first step and that the use would be subject to many regulations, the least of which was the site plan.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that the Planning Board table the vote on the matter since Mr. Sessoms nor a representative was available to go to that meeting. Ken Ripley and Cherie Pinner, both residents of Circle Drive, were present. Mr. Ripley said that he would like for the rezoning to go back to the Planning Board. Mr. DeLonno said that was a decision for the Board of Commissioners to make.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave the Public Hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to table the discussion until the Planning Board has a opportunity to discuss; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into public hearing for the rezoning of 212 S Pine from SUP-LI to R8; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

Public Hearing

Richard Wells from Southeast Contracting informed the board that they now wanted to be rezoned from SUP-LI to R8 instead of RMF. Commissioner Cone asked if the single-family homes would still be subject to an HOA. Mr. DeLonno said yes it could come along with the Subdivision recommendations.

Commissioner Gwaltney asked how many homes could be built in the area of less than 2 acres. Mr. Wells said that due to the configuration of the lots he was thinking that maybe 5 would fit in the area.

Ken Ripley from Circle Drive said that he was disappointed that they changed the RMF as he thought it was better suited for the downtown area. Mr. Wells said that the financial feasibility was not there for them but he believed it would still fit well.

Eric Gainey from E Nash St said that he didn't think that the single-family homes would bring any less of a family atmosphere.

Peggy Leggett from Walnut St. asked how the area across the street would affect the selling of the new homes. Mr. DeLonno said that the owner had been working hard to clean it up and that he hoped to have self-storage in that area.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to close the hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the rezoning from SUP-LI to R8 as it was not inconsistent with the land use plan; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Lucas voting against the rezoning.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to consider action on the letter that was written in response to the LGC after there was a finding on the 2022 audit.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the response letter to the LGC; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Peggy Leggett from the Garden Club said that they would not have the Independence Day event but that they wanted to instead have something at Easter. She said that the children would have their parade and that the SH Cultural Committee also wanted to have a easter egg hunt and food trucks. She mentioned that she wanted to have some monetary help from the town for the event as well as some landscaping near the post office. Ms. Leggett said that they had not had help from the town for the past year. Mr. DeLonno said that the Garden Club was a 501c3 and that the town would not be able to turn over money to them. He said that there was a small amount of money in the beautification line item for reimbursable costs just as there was last year for projects done for the town. Mr. DeLonno also mentioned that anything event that would be held on town property would need a event permit by the group holding as well as insurance.

Chamber Report

Ethan Vester told the board that two leases were signed in town for vacant store fronts. Mr. DeLonno also said that the Chamber would be working on the Flea Market that would be held in town. He said that it would be May 6th with a rain date of May 20th. He told them that he just needed a map of the layout and that he was fine with the event permit for that event.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the event permit for the Flea Market; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Town Attorney

The Town Attorney had no new business.

Police Chief Report

Chief Gant said that during the month of February they had 143 calls for service which included 43 vehicle stops, 12 security checks and 3 traffic accidents. He also told the board that a full-time officer had resigned but that he already had a replacement.

Chief Gant also said that the town had received the 2017 Explorer to replace the one that was involved in an accident a few months prior. He said he was going to try to only get vehicles that have all wheel drive.

Town Manager Report

The Town Manager had nothing additional. He did say he appreciates the board being willing to stay independent for utilities and more.

There was no new business from the board.

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

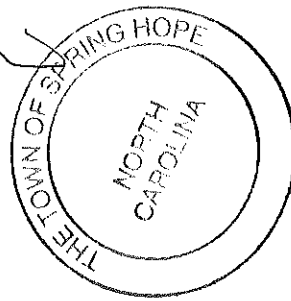
Closed Session

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to come out of Closed Session; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

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

Submitted by

Michele Cone



Attest

Kyle D. ...

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 3, 2023

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, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6th as written and to add a proclamation to the agenda; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Mr. DeIonno explained that the next item was a continued hearing for a map amendment to change R8 to LI off Wilkins St. He told the board that the owner Kent Sessoms was not present but that his business associate Tiffany Williams was there as well as his daughter.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into a Public Hearing to discuss the map amendment; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed.

Public Hearing

Ms. Williams told the board that Mr. Williams wanted to use his property for his own truck storage and not a terminal. She also said that he had jumped and put a building on the property without the proper permits and that they would be trying to resolve the error. She said that he was working with an engineer to work on what he needed for NCDOT.

Devin Keaton from the Auto Barn asked how they had gotten all their permits and who else was going to park their trucks there. Ms. Williams said that for right now he was only going to park his truck. Commissioner Gwaltney reminded everyone that the hearing was for the rezoning only and that if it was rezoned it would be the Light Industrial just like everything around it.

Deleon Parker from the Parker Law Office introduced himself and a letter from the adjoining property owners. He said that they were against the rezoning and that they thought that the use being proposed was not consistent with the rest of the area. He also commented that owners felt like the area would be better as a residential use due to the road traffic and character of the area.

LeAnne Hahnel submitted a petition from two residents in the area and four from different parts of the town that were against the rezoning. She said that they had only been in the neighborhood for a short time but that they moved in due to the quiet nature of the area. The

resident at 106 Virginia commented that even at the Bojangles that was designed for that kind of traffic the area was very congested and hard to navigate. Ms. Williams said that Mr. Sessoms owned four trucks and that he was only using the area for his personal use. Stan Hahnel also from Virginia St. said that there were already decisions made by the town to limit truck use as there were no thru truck signs on many roads. He said that he was all for business and that the town was going to grow but that using that area for truck parking was not a good idea.

Ms. Lockhard, the daughter of the property owner said that her father Kent Sessoms would be cautious and aware of the area.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Gwaltney asked Mr. DeLonno if West Branch St was a state-maintained road; the manager said yes. Mr. Gwaltney reminded everyone that the meeting was just to rezone a small part of the land that he already owned. He pointed out that all the other property that Mr. Sessoms owned was LI and that he thought it was wrong that the larger companies were against the smaller company.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to deny the map amendment changing R8 to LI; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Gwaltney voting against the motion.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to consider Resolution 2023-05 adopting the Spring Hope Local Water Supply Plan. He said this was a requirement from the state of North Carolina.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-05; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to consider two resolutions to apply for funds for ware/sewer infrastructure.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for 2023 WWTP Improvement grants; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for 2023 Elevated Water Tank grant; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to renew the manager's contract; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to consider a contract for a new bookkeeper. He told the board that the LGC strongly recommends that all units of government have an independent bookkeeper.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the contract for the new bookkeeper; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that there were two applications for the open seat on the Downtown Development Board.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept both applications; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-05 transferring \$8,100.00 from General Fund unrestricted account to Water Sewer Engineering line item; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the Proclamation for a long-time business in Spring Hope; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

Chamber

LeeAnn Hahnel from the Chamber told the board about the Car Show. She said that were expecting a large crowd and that the following weekend would be the flea market in the depot area.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Police Report

Police Chief Gant told the board that during the month of March they had 205 calls for service, 37 vehicle stops, 72 security checks, 7 vehicle accidents and 6 non-chargeable calls at residences. Mayor Pritchard asked about the traffic on Virginia; Chief Gant said that he had guys out there giving warnings and that new signs had been ordered.

Chief Gant said that Lt. Leary had done a great job with K9 Jax and wanted the board to know that he had trained the dog to the point that he was one of the best in the area.

Managers' Report

Mr. DeLonno said that he wanted to thank Lt. Leary for the wonderful job that he had done. He also mentioned the Corporal Gwaltney had moved on to Nashville but that he would stay part-time. He asked the board if they had any questions about the managers report and they said no.

Other Business

Commissioners Gwaltney, Griffin and Jefferys had no new business. Commissioner Cone said that he wanted to throw out the idea of changing the time of the DDB meeting.

Commissioner Lucas told the board that she had attended the COG meeting and that she had some information for water/sewer grants.

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

Submitted

Attested

Michael E. Celler

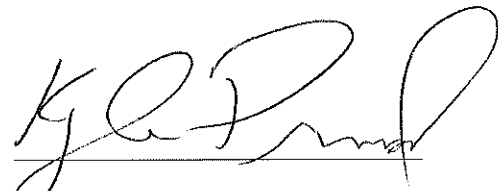
Kyle F. Smith

Town of Spring Hope

Notice of Special Town Board Meeting

Take notice that the undersigned call a meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board on Thursday April 27, 2023 at at the Spring Hope Town Hall for the purpose of adopting amendments to the Asset Management Plan and CIP for the DEQ grant submission.

This is the 25th day of April, 2023



Mayor

Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes – 27 April 2023, 6 PM
Town Hall, 118 W Railroad St

Commissioners: Griffin, Jeffreys, Lucas, and Gwaltney attending.
Staff: Michele Collins, Town Clerk attending.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tempore Drew Griffin at approximately 6 pm. He determined a quorum of the Board was present.

The Board recited the pledge of allegiance.

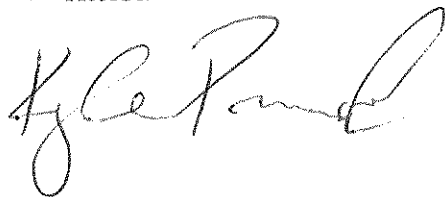
New Business: Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to adopt Amendment 1 of the 2022 Asset Management Plans for Water and for Sewer Systems, as well as accompanying Amendment 1 of the 2022 Capital Improvement Plans for Water and for Sewer systems. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jeffreys. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt Amendment 1 of the 2022 Asset Management Plans for Water and Sewer Systems as well as accompanying Amendment 1 of the 2022 Capital Improvement Plans for Water and for Sewer Systems.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jeffreys. Motion to adjourn unanimously passed.

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Attest:



Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 1, 2023

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, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of April 3rd as written; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed .

New Business

Mr. DeLonno told the board that currently the property at 303 S Pine was zoned Central Business and that the owner wanted to rezone to Light Industrial to accommodate storage units.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to go into Public Hearing for map amendment request to change CB to LI on 303 S Pine; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

The owner of 303 S Pine St. John Holland reminded the board that he had lost his building the prior year at that location due to a fire. He said that he was unable to reopen there and had relocated to a spot in Franklin County. He said that he wanted to place single story storage units on the property, He also mentioned that he had satisfied all requirements that NCDOT had for the area as it pertained to the ditch and drainage. He also said that some of the units would be temperature controlled and that the gates would close automatically at 9pm.

Rocio Broyles from 208 S Walnut St, asked about the trees that were on his property; Mr. Holland said that he would take down the trees. She also asked about the sidewalks and Mr. DeLonno said that was NCDOT right of way.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave the public hearing; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone asked if there would be any kind of advantage for the town; Mr. DeLonno said that the town would collect real property taxes and water/sewer if there was an office. Commissioner Cone said that his concern was that the area was not conducive to light industrial and that it would be best as residential.

Mayor Pritchard said he was concerned about the upkeep and look of the area in the future.

Commissioner Lucas said she did not have an issue with the property owner putting units on his land.

Commissioner Griffin said he was alright with it since there was going to be development standards and it had been a business for many years. Commissioner Jefferys said he thought it would fit well in the area.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the change from CB to LI; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Cone voting against the motion.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into Public Hearing for 210 N Pine St. map amendment changing R8 to CB; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. DeIonno told the board that Denton's Automotive was requesting to change the parcel of land that they purchased from R8 to CB to use for their overflow parking. He said that Mr. Denton owned the property adjacent to that he used for automotive repair.

Chris Denton asked the board to look at the diagram that they had drawn and explained that was how they planned on parking the cars. He said that they wanted to do what was necessary to be compliant with the town.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go back into regular session; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to table the discussion to gather more information; Commissioner Cone seconded the and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pritchard asked the board to look at the next item, which was the Capital Budget Ordinance. Mr. DeIonno told the board that the ordinance was for the upcoming Water Project and that it was needed for accounting purposes.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to approve the ordinance; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to approve the Tax Lien Advertisement list; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to renew the contract with Fields and Cooper for legal services; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that Budget Amendment 2023-06 contained monies being moved from unrestricted funds to pay for Police radios which would be reimbursed from a state grant and money to pay the contract out with Nash County for the park. He said that the town would take back the responsibilities for the park on Mclean St.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept Budget Amendment 2023-06; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno said that Draft 2023-24 did not include any increase for the residents. He reminded the board that the next year would be a reevaluation by the county as it pertained to property taxes. He also mentioned that the budget included a 3% COLA for all Employees and that an additional 2% would be considered after six months.

LeAnne Hahnel told the board that the Poker Run was not sponsoring a particular cause and that if there was money left after costs, they would try to do something for the community. She also said that the car show went well with a total of 97 cars shown and 91 judged. Ms. Hahnel also mentioned that the next weekend would be the Flea Market in the square.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the event permit for the Poker Run; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-07 insurance refund payment; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Police Chief

Chief Gant told the board that the department had closed 7 prior cases and that he would be giving monthly updates on cases as it was available. He also said for the month that there were 102 calls for service, 17 traffic stops and 3 accidents. Chief Gant told the board that one of the officers had recovered a stolen Dodge Hellcat that had been stolen from a dealership.

Managers' Report

Mr. DeLonno said that besides the updates he had been giving the board he wanted to mention that Bobby Ball Public Works Director was working on the valve project with the engineers.

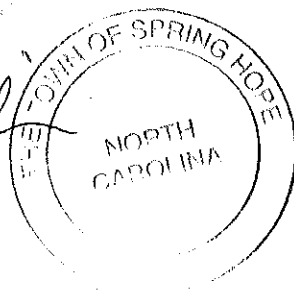
Other Business

Commissioners Gwaltney, Griffin and Lucas had no new business. Commissioner Cone said he was hoping that Denton Automotive issue could be fixed quickly.

Commissioner Jefferys said that he wanted to recommend that the project for the valves included 11 new valves. Mr. DeLonno said that currently 9 had been budgeted for but that more may be added after Bobby had finished testing.

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

Submitted



Attest



Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 5, 2023

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, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 2023 meeting as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that nothing had really changed since the budget was first proposed in February. He said that the Finance Officer had been working with the Local Government Commission to make sure everything was fine. Mr. DeIonno told the board that the town was in good fiscal shape.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the 23/24 fiscal year budget; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave Public Hearing; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno said that he was grateful for all the hard work that the Finance Officer and the Tax Collector had done to make the budget successful.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adopt the budget as proposed; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to continue the Public Hearing from the May 1, 2023 meeting for rezoning of 210 N Pine St. R8 to CB; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Christopher from Denton's Auto told the board that they had come up with a new row system for the area that was currently R8. He said that there would be a driveway to drive around the entire area.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the map amendment to change the parcel from R8 to CB, Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss text amendment for tandem or stacked parking; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Reid Hildreth from 305 Oak Street asked the board to consider excluding residential parcels as it pertained to tandem or stacked parking. He said that he, as most citizens had more than one car and that his were parked in his driveway.

Terah Himmelright from Railroad St. said that she currently had 3 vehicles in her yard and that with a son getting ready to drive they would most likely have a fourth. She also expressed her request to not include residential in the tandem or stacked parking restrictions.

Town Manager Andrew DeLonno said that the amendment was intended for commercial properties and that the wording needed to be corrected.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to add all commercial districts only to the amendment for tandem parking leaving out residential; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for Map amendment changing six parcels from L1 to R15 (00892 007495 007501 007504 008421 108283); Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. DeLonno said that this area was dense and well suited to R15. There was no comment from the public.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave the Public Hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to change the parcels from L1 to R15; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into Public Hearing for map amendment changing R8 to R15 for Parcels 00711 and 336330; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Shantee Henry told the board that she was there representing the landowner Kent Sessoms and that he was requesting the change in the map be denied.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave the Public Hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to deny the change to R8; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the Tax Discoveries, Releases and Water write-offs as written; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to approve the new agreement with Braswell Library and the Town of Spring Hope. He reminded the board that the location would be moved to Spaulding and that the town would continue to allocation monthly stipends to Braswell.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the new contract; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-08; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that Mr. Bizzell had changed the scope of the branding contract and decided not to use the stakeholder. Mr. DeLonno said that a new proposal would have to be adopted.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to not accept the amendments to the contract; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Chief Gant said that there were 100 total calls for service during the month of May. He also said that four cases had been resolved from prior months.

Commissioners Jefferys asked when the bid process for the Water/Sewer project would begin. Mr. DeLonno said that some of the waiting was due to the state but that they were looking at September for bids.

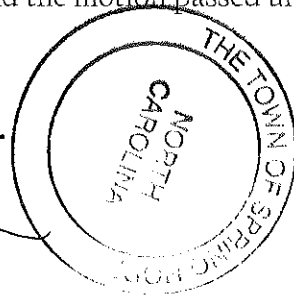
New Business

There was no other new business.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to recess until June 27th for Budget amendments; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted

Michelle Cole



Attest

Drew Griffin

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Recessed Meeting
June 27, 2023

A recessed meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 6 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney. Commissioners Tony Jefferys and Drew Griffin were absent.

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

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2023-09 to end the fiscal year; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

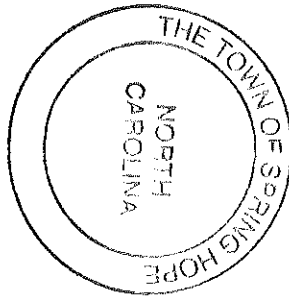
Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the contract for fiber to cover the town hall and the depot building; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Submitted

Wade C. Cole

Attested



Drew Griffin

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 3rd, 2023

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 Pro Tem Drew Griffin, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Tony Jefferys, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney. Mayor Pritchard was absent.

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

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

Mayor Pro Tem Drew Griffin called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the minutes of June 5th regular meeting and the recessed meeting of July 27th as written; Commissioner Jefferys seconded and the motion passed.

New Business

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin asked the Town Manager to explain the agreement between the town and Spaulding as it pertained to the Town of Spring Hope Library's branch of the Braswell Library. Mr. DeIonno told the board that the agreement was between the Town and Spaulding. He said that in the agreement the town would make some improvements to the space housing the library and that Braswell was already beginning the task of moving.

Commissioner Jefferys asked if the area was handicap accessible and Mr. DeIonno said yes. He also said that the town would sweep the parking lot, make sure that there was appropriate signage and that the Fire Marshall had already given a thumbs up to the area. Mayor Pro Tem Griffin said that he had toured the area and that he thought it would be a nice spot for the library. The rest of the board agreed and thanked the members of Spaulding that were present for all that they do for the community.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the cooperative agreement with Spaulding Resource Center; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that Resolution 2024-01 gives the Clerk the authorization to investigate the petition for annexation. He reminded the board that this was for Walnut Cove Phase 2.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chamber Updates

Mr. DeIonno told the board that he had a preliminary event permit from the Chamber that outlined a few ideas for the Pumpkin Festival. He said that there was a mention about having a carnival and that he let them know that there were some town concerns about having one.

Town Attorney Report

Mr. Edwards had no new items.

Police Chief Report

Mr. DeLonno told the board that the Chief Gant was on vacation and that while gone he had resuscitated a young child. He read the report with the emphasis on an incident that ended with an arrest of a suspect who was in possession of drugs, a handgun and several fake identification cards. He also said that the Police Department had a total of 103 calls for service.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. DeLonno told the board that he had spoken with Golden Leaf about the 64Alt water line extension and that they said the town should be looking at other sources of funding as well. He said that there were five companies who responded to the RFQ for the Depot renovation project and that the selection committee would be looking at them in the very near future. He also said that Wooten sent in the locations for the valve project. He said that there was a draft agreement for the park and that there would be something for them to look at in August. Mr. Griffin asked if Golden Leaf was not looking favorable at the town for the grant. Mr. DeLonno said that they were apprehensive about the amount of money for only 20 jobs.

Other Business

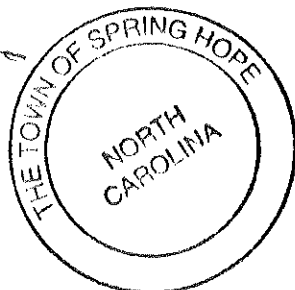
Commissioner Jefferys said that he was worried about the placement of the valves and the working ability of the older ones. He said that the old ones may not work when the pipes are being replaced and feels like the town will not be shut down properly. He also said that he was concerned with the fact that it has taken two years to get started with the 3.7-million-dollar project. He also asked if Braswell Library could give a presentation to the board about what they are going to do.

Mr. DeLonno said that the older valves were tested and if they were not working Bobby listed the issue. He also said that the time frame was at the State of North Carolina's discretion since they were administering the funds. Mr. DeLonno said that Mike Houston with Rural Water assisted Bobby with ground penetrating radar in locating issues.

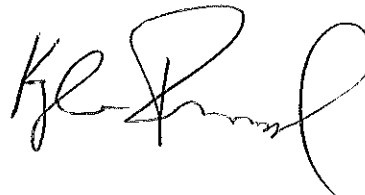
Commissioners Lucas, Cone and Gwaltney had no other business.

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

Submitted by



Attested



Resolution Requesting the Services of the
NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center
for the Town of Spring Hope NC

WHEREAS the Spring Hope Town Commissioners wish to undertake the preparation of a Community Economic Development Assessment to focus on economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS the Spring Hope Town Commissioners would like assistance with this project from the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center; and

WHEREAS the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center and the Town of Spring Hope have reached an agreement on the work to be performed.

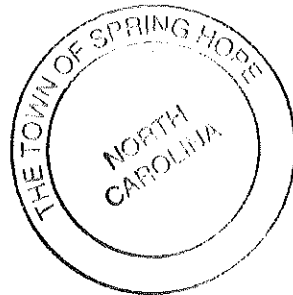
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Spring Hope Town Commissioners hereby request the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center to assist the Town with the preparation of a community economic development assessment, agree to reimburse the NC Main Street and Rural Planning Center for the materials, mileage and meal allowances of the Rural Planning staff who assist the Town on this project, are committed to adoption of the assessment, and implementation to begin when the plan is completed.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE SPRING HOPE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON:

August 7th 2023
Date



W. Kyle Pritchard, MAYOR



ATTEST:



Michele Collins, TOWN CLERK

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION
OF ANNEXATION PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-31

Resolution 2024-02

WHEREAS, a petition requesting annexation of the area described herein has been received; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has by resolution directed the Town Clerk to investigate the sufficiency of the petition; and

WHEREAS, certification by the Town Clerk as to the sufficiency of the petition has been made;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina that:

Section 1. A public hearing on the question of annexation of the area described herein will be held at SH Town Hall at 7:00 (am/pm) on the 5th day of Sept, 2023

Section 2. The area proposed for annexation is described as follows:

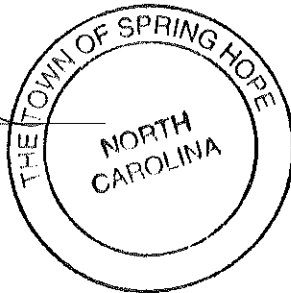
N0 37°55"W, S88 25'24"E, S22 04'52"W, S47 22'23"E, S49 06'51", N47 22'40", N00 47'51"

Section 3. Notice of the public hearing shall be published in The Nashville Graphic, a newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Spring Hope, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Ge Rome
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Coan
Clerk



Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 7, 2023

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, Tony Jefferys, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney. Commissioner Griffin was absent.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew DeLonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Town Attorney Ryan King.

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Eagle Scout candidate Anna Pullen introduced herself and explained that she needed to do a community project to help her qualify for the Eagle Scout honor. She said she wanted to do a informational kiosk at the Spring Hope Community Park as well as some light landscaping. Miss Pullen said that she would need the signature of the beneficiary which would be the town to move forward.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the project; Commissioner Jefferys seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bruce Naegelen from NC Commerce told the board that he was there to speak about creating a plan to help the town with an Economic Plan. He said that Main Street would do an assessment to help the town with Economic Development. Mr. Naegelen told the board that he and his co-worker had toured the town in June with Andrew. He said that since Spring Hope was a designated Main Street Community, they would be glad to help. He also said that the only charges for their services would be the cost of mileage. He commented that the only other requirement was to sign a resolution and a Memo of Understanding. Mr. DeLonno told the board that the Downtown Development Board would be involved and help in any way.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the resolution with NC Commerce; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to consider the new contract with Nash County. He said that the agreement would give the county the ability to continue to use the field at the park even though the town would take control of day-to-day operation back.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the new agreement with Nash County; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that the Chamber had submitted an event permit for the Pumpkin Festival. He mentioned that it was incomplete since there was no answer on the carnival venue. He said that there needs to be a cut-off date as the town is not insured for a carnival or bouncy houses. He said that is why anyone wanting these types of events must have additional insurance on their own as well as the company providing services. He and the attorney Ryan King agreed that both policies must state and hold the town harmless.

Claris Bissette from the Chamber said that the problem is that there is no location big enough to hold the carnival rides as well as the sleep trailers. Mayor Pritchard asked if they had asked Spaulding or the owners of the old Lowes shopping center. Ms. Bissette said she did not know if anyone had talked about it but that she would mention it at the festival meeting. Commissioner Cone asked if the Chamber could come back in September with more details, Mr. DeLonno said that the Sept. 5th meeting would be the cut-off date.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to table the decision on the event permit; Commissioner Jefferys seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that the upcoming Public Hearing was for a property adjacent to a home at 804 E Nash St. He said that the area was zoned R8 and that the owners were using it to park their log truck on it. He said that they received a zoning violation and asked to be rezoned so that they could park there.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for a map amendment changing Parcel #033161 from R8 to LI; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Anita Vasquez, the owner of the property, said that when they purchased the property, they did not realize they couldn't park their truck in the area. She said that right now they were just interested in parking their trucks and she reminded the board that everything around her was commercial use.

Kent Sessoms made a comment that the board gives everyone a hard time and that they need to help these people.

Joseph Hancannon said that he lived on Oak St. and said that he noticed that many people are against truckers. He said that he supported the change as a fellow trucker.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to go back into regular session; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Session

Commissioner Cone said that since there was no opposition from other residents and or business owners, he did not have an issue with the change.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to rezone Parcel #033161 to LI; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing to rezone parcels #007770 and #006124 from LI to R15; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Kent Sessoms said that the board needed to treat everyone the same and if they have big pockets it shouldn't matter.

Nathan Edwards representing Edwards Inc. said that they did not want the rezoning. He said that they would like to keep the area zoned LI even though they had no current plans but that it would leave the potential for the future.

Cindy Strickland Joyner representing Strickland Industries said she thought that it would be best to leave the area as LI. She said that less than 1% of Nash County was LI and that the town may need it to stay that way.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Session

Commissioner Gwaltney said that the residents around the proposed rezoning area were very clear with the fact that they were against any commercial use near their homes. Commissioner Cone mentioned that the letter resented from the two owners of the property referenced keeping the area residential.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to rezone parcels #00770 and #006124 from LI to R15; Commissioner Cone seconded the motion, Commissioner Jefferys abstained and Commissioner Lucas voted nay. The motion passed to 3 to 1.

Mayor Pritchard said he was disappointed in the board taking the action for rezoning without a request from the property owner to rezone.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for a SUP allowing a Microbrewery at 803 E Nash St; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Antonio Toney asked about his public hearing for the Conditional Use Permit. He was told the meeting was at 6:30. He said he was told it was at 7. The Clerk said that the town would have to readvertise and it would be the following month.

Pamela and Ryan Pursel asked the board to consider granting a Special Use Permit so that they could open a microbrewery at 803 E Nash St. They said that they would run a family friendly environment and planned on doing Harvest Host which would allow a maximum of two RVs to park overnight at the establishment. Lastly, they said that NCDOT would grant them a driveway permit if they were approved and closed on the property.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit with opening and closing times set at 10am to 1am seven days a week; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

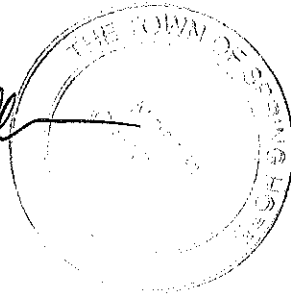
Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to set the meeting for Walnut Phase 2 annexation for September 5th; Commissioner Jefferys seconded and the motion passed.

Police Chiefs Report

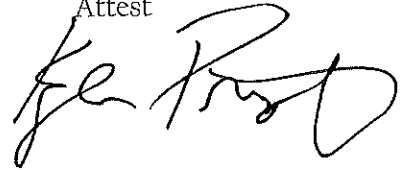
Chief Gant said that the department had 60 calls for service, 63 Vehicle stops and 128 security checks.

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

Submitted



Attest



Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 5, 2023

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, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin and James F. Gwaltney. Commissioner Cone was absent.

Also present was Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Public Works Director Bobby Ball and Chief Nathan Gant.

Nancy West-Brake from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7th meeting, move the agenda item Depot Restoration to the top and add a closed session to the end of the meeting; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Andy Lopina and David Gall representing Alliance Architecture told the board that they were grateful for the opportunity to help the town with the restoration of the Depot building. Mr. Gall said that he was the contract Historical Architect and that he had experience with NCDOT and the state historical offices. Mr. Lopina told the board that once the qualifications were accepted that they would present a contract and specs.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to accept the qualifications of Alliance Architecture; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pritchard asked the Clerk to clarify the discharge of property taxes from Spaulding Resource.

The Clerk explained to the board that the town was never entitled to collect the property taxes from Spaulding as they were exempt due to their status as a non-profit. She said that Spaulding was charged because they filed their exempt paperwork late.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to discharge the 2021 taxes for Spaulding Resource Center; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk told the board that the prices of opening and closings of cemetery plots by the contractor had increased and that the town would need to go up to be able to pay the increase. She said that it was the first time in many years that the contractor had increased his prices for the service. She also mentioned that concrete and granite ledgers had become an issue at both cemeteries as they often crack and cause the sinking of graves.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to increase the amount charged for cremations at both Meeks and Oakdale by \$65.00 as well as to no longer allow any type of ledger to go on top of the graves; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pritchard asked the Clerk about the system development report. She referred the question to Bobby Ball. He said that it was needed to be able to enforce the regulations when new developers come to town. Commissioner Jefferys said he thought the discussion should wait until the town manager was there.

The discussion was tabled.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to accept the amended Nash County Park Agreement which changed the liability to the town; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Clerk presented Budget Amendment 2024-01 to reflect the use of the restricted Peg Channel Fund money.

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to accept Budget Amendment 2024-01; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Karen White from the Chamber asked to have the permit for the festival approved. She also stated that the carnival was not going to happen. She also said that the street closures had been approved.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the Pumpkin Festival event permit; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney

Mark Edwards had no new business.

Police Chief Report

Chief Gant told the board that there were 100 total calls for service, 18 vehicle stops and five vehicle accidents. He also said that they had cleared 5 outstanding cases.

There was no additional business from the board.

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

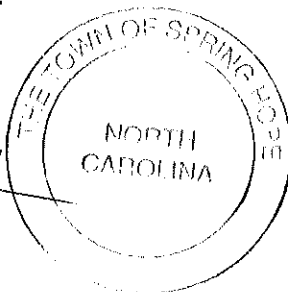
Closed Session

Commissioner Gwaltney made a motion to leave closed session; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Submitted

Michele Cole



Attest

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Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 2, 2023

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, Drew Griffin, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

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

Nancy West-Brake from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

Mayor Pritchard called the meeting to order and led the pledge. Pastor Larry Perry led a prayer.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting and the agenda; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Andrew DeIonno apologized to the board for walking out of September's BOA meeting. He said that it would not happen again.

Mr. DeIonno and Mayor Kyle Pritchard both thanked Former Commissioner Tony Jefferys for the two years he served on the board.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards told the board that since Mr. Jefferys had resigned within sixty days of the election the board would have the task of appointing a new commissioner to serve the remaining term. He said that this was according to NCGS and that there was no formal appointment process expressed in the statute.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to appoint a new member at the November 6th meeting after applications were reviewed; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the Annexation of Walnut Cove Phase 2; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. DeIonno told the board that Phase 2 would have 10 lots and that they were adjacent to the first phase. There were no questions from the public.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to leave the Public Hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the requested annexation of Walnut Cove Phase 2; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that the copy of the Interlocal Agreement with Nash County Parks and Recreation was the final revision. He said that the section that pertained to any equipment that the town purchased was removed from the agreement.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the final revision of the agreement; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to table the discussion concerning Alliance architecture firm that was picked to head the restoration of the depot building until next month; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Crumel with the Community Committee asked the board to approve the permit for the Pig in the Depot event. She said that several churches would be competing in the BBQ cookoff and that there would also be several vendors.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the permit from the Chamber for the Dan Finch Pottery event; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board the branding exercise had to be postponed due to the contractor pulling out of the project. He said that the team from NC Commerce would be starting over with a fresh look at economic development.

Mr. DeIonno reminded the board of the system development report that was needed for new developments and regulations for the town's growing infrastructure needs. He said that the idea had been discussed at the budget retreat last March and funds had been set aside.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go ahead with the report; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2024-02; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

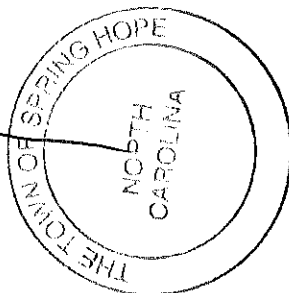
Closed Session

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

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

Submitted

Michele Cole



Attest

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Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 6, 2023

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, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney.

Also present was Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Public Works Director Bobby Ball and Chief Nathan Gant.

Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise was in attendance.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the most passed unanimously.

New Business

Austin Eubanks from accounting firm TPSA presented the 2022/2023 fiscal audit via zoom. He told the board that there were no material errors or compliance problems. He said that they were not hindered in any way from information and no irregularities. He noted that the only issue was an overspend on a line item. The Clerk and the Town Manager both said that the item had already been corrected.

Town Manager Andrew DeLonno told the board that the office had received one application to fill the seat left vacant by former Commissioner Jefferys. He said that Eric Gainey had expressed interest and had sent a letter to that effect that was included in the packet.

Mr. Gainey addressed the board telling them that he felt like he would bring a good bit of knowledge and helpfulness to the position.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the application and have Mr. Gainey fill the seat; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pritchard gave the oath of office to new Commissioner Eric Gainey and he took his seat at the table.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to look at the agreement from the firm that was picked to do the restoration at the depot, Alliance Architects. He said that they had revised the costs and that their fees were now 10% of the project.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the contract from Alliance to restore the Depot; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that there was one bid for the valve project. He told them that Ed Braswell and Sons had bid \$210,000.00 for the eleven-valve plan. Bobby Ball told the board that

eleven values were a good amount since they had discovered several valves during the initial research.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the bid from Braswell; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement

Spring Hope Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas told the board that 58 properties were cited for violations in October. He said that the owners of 609 Mclean St had stated their intention to start the process of demolition of the home. Mr. Lucas also said that he would be taking a closer look at junk vehicles during the next few months as the winter rolls in. Mayor Pritchard asked Mr. Lucas about residents parking on the sidewalks. Mr. Lucas said he noticed that someone was doing that in one of the subdivisions but that he could not locate a statement in the ordinances that addressed the problem. The mayor said it was a question of safety.

Police

Chief Gant to the board that there had been 105 total calls for service. He said that included 28 vehicle stops, 45 security checks and 6 disturbances. He also said that thanks to a tip from a resident the gold-colored truck that had been spotted driving suspiciously through neighborhoods had been stopped and occupants detained.

Town Manager

Mr. DeIonno asked the board to consider the new Resolution which would direct town staff to make daily deposits of cash and checks. He said that the new wording of the resolution would help keep the town in compliance with the state.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the resolution; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the \$200,000.00 grant from Golden Leaf for the water line extension; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

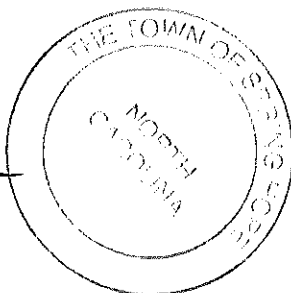
Mr. DeIonno told the board that Tom White had been working on securing the permits for the Ash St properties.

There was no new business from the board.

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

Submitted

Michael G. Cone



Attested

Kyle Rouse

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 4, 2023

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, Eric Gainey, Brent Cone and James F. Gwaltney. Commissioner Drew Griffin was absent.

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

Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise was in attendance.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 6th meeting; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Leslie Loux a business owner located on Main St. said she was representing the businesses that received a letter from Code Enforcement. She said that the letter stated that there had been complaints about the amount of merchandise that was being displayed on the sidewalks. She told the board that displaying items helped her and the other businesses she represented.

Cherrie Pinner from Circle Dr. said that she supported the businesses and wondered if there could be a middle ground. She said that the items draw attention away from the bad looking buildings.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to look at the Capital Project Ordinance for the restoration of the Depot Building. He explained that the ordinance would keep the accounting straight for the payouts as well as the reimbursements.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the Capital Project Ordinance; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that Budget Amendment 2024-03 was to move money from the unrestricted balance to the newly formed project for the restoration.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve Amendment 2024-03; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeLonno asked the board to consider the audit response letter. He reminded them that anytime there is a finding on the audit there must be a response written and signed by all board members, the town manager and the finance officer.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the letter for the audit response and to send it to LGC; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board members and the mayor all thanked Commissioner Gwaltney for serving the last eleven months to fulfill the term left by former Commissioner Wilkins. Commissioner Gwaltney thanked the board and asked them to remember to always do the right thing.

Jennis Toney Carpenter administered the Oath of Office for new Commissioner William T. Toney Jr. and Re-Elected Commissioner Brenda Lucas.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to nominate Commissioner Griffin as Mayor Pro Temp; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone asked the board and visitors to pray for Commissioner Griffin who has just lost his father.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to accept the 2024 meeting schedule; Commissioner Toney seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement

The code enforcement officer Shawn Lucas told the board that there had been 20 code cases that were sent code violation letters. HE also said that he had sent letters to property owners on S. Ash and S Pine asked them to either board up or securely close their vacant properties. He also noted that the letters that were mentioned earlier in the Public Forum were sent out due to not being compliant with the code.

Police

Chief Gant told the board that there were 76 calls for service which included 9 accidents investigated and two burglaries.

Town Manager

Mr. DeFonno said that the contract from the architects who were doing the depot restoration had been received. He also mentioned that there was a workshop for the members of the economic development team to be held this upcoming Wednesday.

Other Business

Commissioner Cone said that he thought the board needed to try to come up with a solution as far as keeping merchandise on the sidewalks. He said it should be allowed with limitations Commissioner Toney agreed. Town Attorney Mark Edwards said that the best thing to do would be to open a conversation and have the manager come up with new verbiage for the code. Mr. DeFonno also said that a public hearing would need to be scheduled to change an ordinance. There was no other new business.

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

