

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

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

Members present were Mayor Pritchard, commissioners Brenda Lucas, Pam Brantley, Stephen Brumfield, Antonio Toney, and William Toney.

Also Present, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Chief Nate Gant, Code Enforcement officer Shawn Lucas, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Nick Berry, Public Works Director Bobby Ball, Linda Pena.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners Lucas made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, Commissioners Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Public Forum

Clinton Hedgepeth is the town grave contractor, Clinton came to the meeting to bring up some issues with headstones not being placed in the right place, he said that they are hanging over into other people's property, or maybe in an area where it's supposed to be flat markers only they are putting upright headstones. Mr. Hedgepeth said it's because we don't have anything in place to control or regulate it. Mr. Hedgepeth said most towns have an application for approval for the erection of an upright stone or a basic form that tells them they must contact the Town prior to installing anything in the cemetery. Mr. Hedgepeth said that would give him the opportunity to go out and mark where they needed to place the stone at so that they stay inside of the grave space. Mr. Hedgepeth also said this would help the town keep track of who installed them and if they made a mistake that they would be held accountable and not the town. Mr. Hedgepeth said he would suggest we get a permit fee put into place that covers the permit and allows him to go out and mark the graves, he suggested 200.00 so that it would cover his fee for marking the grave plus our maintenance of the cemetery. The Board asked to get more information on what other towns around the area are charging and to work on getting a contract for Spring Hope.

Ro Broyles to talk about 400 W Main St, Mrs. Broyles said she is the acting president of the museum and the historical association. Mrs. Broyles was here to ask the town if they would put up a sign at the depot building in front of where the library was. The sign would simply say Spring Hope Museum with an arrow. Town Clerk told Mrs. Broyles that right now they might be able to make a temporary sign until the building is completed. Mrs. Broyles also suggested for the town to consider the land where the community building was for a community gathering space, with a shelter to serve as an outdoor classroom for the Museum.

#### Continued items

ETJ resolution, on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026 The Town Board of Spring Hope hereby expands the ETJ of the Town of Spring Hope as set out on the attached map here to and incorporated herein except for the portion of real estate which is currently within the ETJ of Town of Momeyer pending the Nash County Board of Commissioners approval. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the ETJ resolution, Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

ETJ resolution seeking Nash County Approval - Attorney Edwards explained that it is just asking the Nash County Commissioner to consider the resolution that was just adopted and that they accept it and

work with the town on implementing the ETJ. Attorney Edwards also told the board that they will also need to work with the county on the parcels that are partially covered by ETJ to make sure they are properly designated. Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve ETJ resolution seeking Nash County Approval, Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Employment agreement resolution with Andrew DeIonno, the board did not intend to renew Mr. DeIonno contract, and this is just a written resolution confirming that. Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to approve the resolution, Commissioner Antonio Toney seconded the motion, Commissioner Lucas opposed the decision, and the motion passed 4 to 1.

TPSA contract, The Town Clerk explained that this is the contract for the town audit that is done every year, and it is state requirement from the LGC, which is the local government commission. Ms. Collins explained that it must be done, so they get an independent company to do it for the town. This will be our third contract with TPSA and after that we'll go out for the RFQ next year. Ms. Collins told the board that TPSA knows the town's systems and everyone that works for the town and it's late in the year to try to find a new company. They also work with the county. Mayor Pritchard asked how much the contact is Town clerk told him 17,000 but will not go any higher than 26,000 and that's only if there is a single audit. Town clerk told the board it only if they use a certain amount of money from the federal and state funds and right now town clerk is not sure they are going to reach that threshold before June Mayor Pritchard asked Commissioner Lucas what her thoughts were since she is a long-standing member of the board.

Commissioner Lucas agreed with the Town Clerk that the board needed to approve the contract to keep TPSA for one more year at least. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to stay with TPSA contract for the year, Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

DDB applications Commissioner Brantley made a motion to table it, Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

DDB ex-officio appointment, Commissioner Brumfield nominated Commissioner Brantley to be ex-officio for the DDB, Commissioner Lucas made a motion that Pam Brantley be the ex-officio of the DDB, Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## Reports

Spring Hope Chamber, Alen Barbee from the chamber said he didn't think people knew that the chamber provides Christmas decorations for the town. Mr. Barbee said that they have replaced 5 of them this year with new ones.

Police, Chief Gant said February was a pretty slow month that they had three incident reports, 329 calls for service, 72 traffic stops, 166 security checks, 9 vehicle accidents, 3 domestic violence calls, 4 disturbances, 9 total investigations with 8 being closed.

Code Enforcement, Mr. Lucas said for the month of February he issued a few zoning permits, one for Boice Willis Clinic, one for Nicole Dr for additional steps and landing, and an additional temporary zoning permit for Spaulding Community for Spaulding Community Day. Mr. Lucas also said he sent 2 investigations over to Nash County Building inspector, one for 901 E Nash St and the other for 303 Third St. Mr. Lucas said the building inspector has issued a stop work order for 901 E Nash St. Mr. Lucas said he is still waiting to her back about 303 Third St. Mr. Lucas said a zoning violation was issued for 303 Third for a fence that did not meet the front yard fence height regulations by the town.

Mr. Lucas also said he went out and met with Mr. Jimmy Harris he said the ground was very wet where the fence needed to go, so he gave him till April to do that. Also, he said that 318 Gum was boarded up, and the rental agency was reached out to.

He said that Duck thru came and did an ABC zoning compliance form.

Mr. Lucas said he is also talking to the owner out on Nicole Dr about doing a family care home.

Mr. Lucas said he has also been working with Mr. Kent Sessoms about his property off Wilkins St.

Mr. Lucas told the board he also met with the Planning Board and had some recommendations that he will be working on and he is planning on having that done and for the Board of Commissioners April meeting.

He said that the conditional zoning will be ready for the Board of Commissioner in their May's meeting.

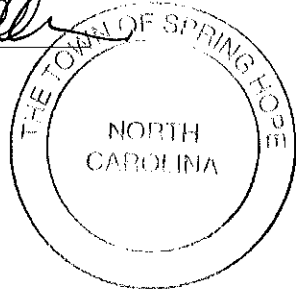
Mr. Lucas said the last thing is code enforcement reports, Mr. Lucas said as he stated earlier 2 properties have been turned over to the building inspectors for investigation, he also said he found 10 streetlights out he sent a report over to Duke Energy and they will fix all but 1 of them.

Garden club, new chair is now April Carter, and they now have 17 working members, the garden club will be joining the Chamber. They also said their next plant endeavor will be red, white and blue.

Commissioner Antonio Toney made a motion to go into closed session, Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Closed Session

Mark K. Cole



Kyle Pasard