

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 DeLonno, 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 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the recessed meeting of July 27<sup>th</sup> 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. DeLonno 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. DeLonno 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. DeLonno 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. DeLonno 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

