

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 7, 2025

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

Members present: Mayor Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Tommy Toney, Eric Gainey and Drew Griffin.

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

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2nd meeting as written; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Continued Items

Cindy Ridgeway told the board that she was the coordinator for this year's parade. She asked the board to consider taking a vote to approve the regular route for the parade. She said that she didn't think that any of the alternate routes would work. Ms. Ridgeway said that NCDOT was in support of the route. She also said that she was told that the board didn't vote on the parade because it was political due to Mayor Pritchard's involvement, who now has stepped back.

Commissioner Griffin said the board supported the festival and wanted to come up with a compromise for the parade. He said that the water main project was of the utmost importance and that it was time sensitive. He suggested that the committee come up with an alternate route just in case the project was happening at the same time. Commissioners Gainey, Lucas and Toney agreed that an alternate route was a smart move and a good compromise.

Steve Brumfield, the coordinator of the Pumpkin Festival, said that he agreed to have Plan B for the parade route. He also asked if a map of some kind could be provided for the water project.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the standard route as long as the area around the depot is not included as well as with a contingency added if the water main project is going on then the route would have to be changed to the alternate route including and up to the possible cancellation of the parade if construction is in progress; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Micheal Edwards from Walnut St, told the board that he was having issues with his water as it was discolored. He also said that his bill was too high and he did not think that the town was reading his meter correctly. He said he wasn't home that much and didn't believe that he could be using that much water.

New Items

Emily Moore from Nash County asked the board to consider a interlocal CBDG-CV agreement that would provide the town with hand washing stations. She explained that the funds were allocated in 2020 and that the locations included stations at the park and downtown either near the depot or town hall. She also said that there would be a trail extension at the park.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the 25-26 contract with Fields and Cooper law firm; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously,

Mr. DeLonno told the board that the contract for the depot building construction was finally ready and that it just needed to be approved. He said that the contractors had sent a tentative schedule of the timeframe for the work.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the contract with Westridge Construction; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pritchard said that the next item was consideration of how to handle the vacancy for the open seat that Commissioner Cone resigned. He asked Commissioners Toney and Gainey how they felt and they both said that since the election was so close they felt like waiting was the best course of action.

Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas informed the board that several of the properties that were in violation have come into compliance. He also noted that there were also some properties that still owed fines to the town for their violations. He also said that there were some cars towed due to being non-registered.

Police Report

Police Lt. Leary told the board that there were 374 calls for service in the month of June including 62 vehicle stops, 198 security checks, 9 vehicle accidents and 1 domestic call. He said that 9 investigations were opened during the month and that they had closed 8 of them.

Town Manager Report

Mr. DeLonno said that he had submitted the survey to the state for the Boy Scout Hut. He said that now it was just about waiting to hear from them.

Mayor Pritchard asked the board if they had any additional things to add to the discussion. Commissioners Gainey, Lucas and Griffin said no. Commissioner Toney said that he had complaints about road conditions on Cherrington Court and Walnut. He also said that there were low hanging trees coming into the entrance of Walnut Court. Lastly, he said that there were people complaining about the fast driving on Poplar and Gum.

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

Closed Session

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

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

  