

Minutes of the  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
December 2, 2024

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, Commissioner Cone, Commissioner Griffin, Commissioner Lucas, Commissioner Gainey, and Commissioner Toney.

Also present: Town Manager Andrew DeLonno, Finance Officer/Town Clerk Michele Collins, Chief Nathan Gant, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas, and Attorney Edwards.

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

Commissioner Gainey made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Griffin to approve the minutes as written, the motion passed unanimously.

Continued business from last month's meeting:

Consideration /Approval of the project development agreement with Axiom Development LLC. No one from Axiom was in attendance. Per Tom White via phone conversation with Manager DeLonno, the agreement is with the Axiom attorneys and Mr. White will get any recommended changes to the town by next month. It can then be brought back to Attorney Edwards for review and eventually back to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Cone made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gainey to table the motion until next month, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

2023-2024 Audit Findings with Sam Potts from TPSA & Co via phone: The only findings for this fiscal year were an insufficient bond for the Finance Officer, and the fact that the Town did not have an annual OPEB report. Neither of these will be issues for another year because they have already been rectified. Mr. Potts thanked the town for their cooperation with the audit. Commissioner Cone made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gainey to accept the audit findings for the 23-24 fiscal year, the motion passed unanimously.

The consideration of Interlocal Agreement with Nash County for \$1M appropriation. Manger DeLonno explained that it came from the legislature in October 2023 to Nash County. \$1M is the amount agreed upon for Spring Hope. The plan is to utilize the money to make further improvements to the wells. Commissioner Griffin made a motion to enter the Interlocal Agreement with Nash County for the \$1M appropriation, seconded by Commissioner Cone, the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Amendment to Personnel Policy to convert Holiday pay to Sick time for police officers. Manager DeLonno explained that we sometimes have officers that are unable to take time off because of the size of our department. Instead of losing the time, we would like to convert it to Sick time with no cost to the town. Commissioner Toney made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gainey to approve the conversion of unused Holiday hours to Sick time, the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of the 2025 -05 Budget Amendment for Grant match adjustment. Manager DeLonno explained that a couple of months ago, the state awarded the grant amount including the town's match. This will remove the match out of the accounting process. There is no change in the project or the amount, this is strictly for accounting purposes. Commissioner Griffin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gainey, motion passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement Report: CE Officer Shawn Lucas informed the Board that there would be hearings at the Town Hall on December 17<sup>th</sup> for four separate locations in Town with another location in the process of getting a date for the hearing. Manager DeLonno, Attorney Edwards, and CE Officer Lucas had a meeting to go over all the regulations to make sure they were according to statutes.

Police Chief Report: This month there were 4 reported incidents, 270 total calls, 102 traffic stops, 62 security checks, 7 traffic accidents, 3 domestics (non-arrestable), 4 disturbances or civil unrest calls, total investigation were 14 with 11 cleared.

Town Manager Report: There were no questions from the board for the manager.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Griffin made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gainey to adjourn the meeting, the motion passed unanimously.

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