

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 3, 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 Pro Tem Drew Griffin, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Eric Gainey, Brent Cone and Tommy Toney. Mayor Pritchard was absent.

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

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

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

Mr. DeIonno told the board that the revised Development Agreement with Axiom had been returned to the town with some minor changes. Town Attorney Mark Edwards said that the agreement called for a signature by Axiom to approve a promissory note of \$150,000.00. He said that the documents would be held in trust by the escrow agent until the repairs were finished on the lift stations. Mayor Pro Temp Griffin asked Mr. DeIonno if he thought Mr. White had all intentions of fulfilling his obligation to upgrade the lift stations. Mr. DeIonno said yes but that it had already been a 2-year process.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the agreement with Axiom; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Public Hearing for the rezoning of 303 S Pine St.; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. DeIonno told the board that the rezoning of 303 S Pine St. was a town sponsored hearing. He said that the rezoning would ensure that the future development of the parcel would fit in with the current use of the area. The area is currently zoned Light Industrial and the town is proposing Central Business.

Rocio Broyles from 208 S Walnut St. said that she was concerned and wanted to know what the difference was between Light Industrial and Central Business. Mr. DeIonno said that Central Business would ensure that there would not be another kind of business like the granite making company.

Pam Brantley from 213 S Walnut said that she was concerned about the piece of the parcel that backed up to S Walnut St. Mr. DeIonno said that the concern was valid, he also said that there was a stream that ran across it and may affect the development of the parcel. Mr. DeIonno said that the parcel could also go to R8 if the board decided to do so.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to rezone to R8; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2025-06 Police Salary adjustment; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve Budget Amendment 2025-07 maintenance for the WWTP pump; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the 2025 calendar of BOC meetings; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gainey made a motion to approve the contract with audit firm TPSA for the FYE 25 financials; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 Conflict of Interest Policy; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 Internal Controls Policy; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno mentioned that he was in the beginning stage of work to expand the ETJ. He said that it needed to be done since there had been new areas annexed in to corporate limits.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to through the proper channels to extend the ETJ; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Police Report

Police Chief Nathan Gant told the board that there had been 430 calls for service, as well as 3 incident reports, 87 vehicle stops, 7 accidents and 8 cleared cases from the 9 investigations.

Manager Report

Mr. DeIonno told the board that the town received the first step with the permits for the water project. He said that with all the upgrades and that the project would be about \$900,000.00 short but that the money allocated from the county's state allocation that they must give to the towns could cover it. He also said that the plans for the depot project were being completed and that he could bring them to the next meeting. He also mentioned that there was a new PW Technician and that Lap Smith had been elevated to a supervisor.

Commissioner Cone asked the Town Attorney to find the original agreement with Tom White for the Ash Street properties; Mr. Edwards said he would. Commissioner Cone said it was time to insist that Mr. White live up to his obligations regarding the buildings.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas gave his report and mentioned that he had several hearings scheduled for the end of the month. Commissioner Cone asked him to concentrate more on the businesses that had not complied with the ordinances.

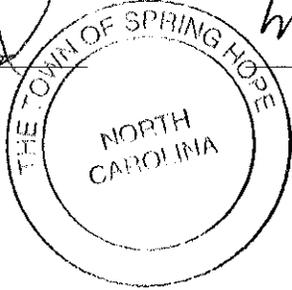
Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into Closed Session; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Commissioner Toney made a motion to go back into Open Session; Commissioner Gainey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mike Kye *Patricia* *Michael Call*

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