

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
January 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 William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin, Brent Cone and James F Gwaltney were all in attendance.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew DeIonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Nathan Gant.

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Whitley from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed.

Town Manager Andrew DeIonno told the board that Faith Christian Ministries was requesting that the vacate order the town had imposed in 2020 on 203 W Main St be completely lifted. He reminded the board that the building next to 203 W Main was being made safe by the new owner.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to lift the vacate order; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno told the board that he wanted to revisit the subject of a salary adjustment for the Police Department. He said that he want to go ahead with the \$1,000.00 increase per full time officer and \$3,000.00 increase for Chief Gant.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the increase as stated for the Police Department; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeIonno presented Resolution 2023-03 Declaring 2012 Charger as surplus property. He said that the car had a blown engine and that the town had taken it out of commission.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-03; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the 2023 Calendar for the Board Meetings; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ethan Vester from the Spring Hope Chamber said that in the next weeks they will be organizes their priorities for the upcoming year. He also reminded the board that they had new officers that would be introduced as well.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Police Chief Report

Chief Gant told the board that during the prior month they had 5 reported calls for service, 106 total calls, 17 traffic stops and 8 accidents. Mayor Pritchard asked if 8 accidents was a large amount; Chief Gant said that it was about average. Commissioner Cone asked if there was a particular spot that was more accident prone. Chief Gant said it was all over but that intersection by Food Lion seemed to have the most.

Manager's Report

Town Manager DeIonno said that the ongoing issues with the leaks and water pressure had been the most concerning. He said that the two events that contributed to the water outages were the power outage that took down the well and the frigid weather. He reminded the board about the Main Street Conference and that the town could send a few representatives.

Commissioner Cone told Public Works Director how much he appreciated the time in which the town got the leak fixed. He also mentioned that he wanted to thank all who had helped or offered during the water issues which included Nash County, Spring Hope Fire Department and the Baptist Men's Ministry. Mr. DeIonno also mentioned Edwards Inc.

Commissioner Cone asked the manager if he knew when the checks would start flowing from the state as it pertained to the 3.7 million legislative appropriation. Mr. DeIonno said that he was hitting all the milestones with DEQ and that he was just waiting for a notice to proceed. Mayor Pritchard added that he had also made some calls to see what was going on with the allocation.

Commissioner Cone asked about the Rural Transformation Grant. Mr. DeIonno said that the Depot Building will be transformed into a event space that would include a commercial kitchen and upgrades to the structure. He said that he had been asked about the library and that he was trying to help find a place for them to relocate.

Mayor Pritchard asked if a town hall type meeting would help with questions. Mr. DeIonno said that town staff had explained everything as it pertained to the last leak. He said that he thought maybe it would be best to have the engineers on board to answer questions.

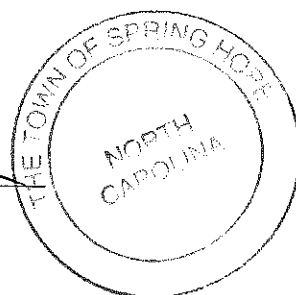
Commissioner Jeffery's said that he wasn't happy with the way Wooten wrote up their preliminary contract. He said he thought that they were concentrating too much on the water mains and not on values. He said he like the plan that Mike Tolsen from Mack Gay and Associates did for the AIA Grant much better. He said that Wooten did not have enough valves in their plan to shut down the town. He said that Wooten did not understand what the town needed or wanted.

There was no other business from the board.

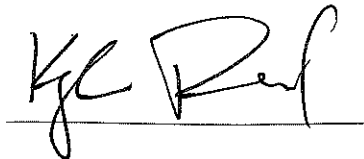
Commissioner Cone made a motion adjourn; Commissioner Griffin second and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted





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Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Special Called  
January 12, 2023

A special called meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, James F. Gwaltney, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin, and Brent Cone.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew DeLonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Whitley from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Mr. DeLonno told the board they would need to vote to give the Mayor the authority to sign the SoE declaration. He said then it would go to the county who would then recommend it to the state.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the Declaration of Emergency as written and authorize the mayor to sign; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. DeLonno told the board that representatives from Wooten were present. He explained to the board that the Wooten Company was the only company to respond to the RFQ for the 3.7 million project which was posted twice on the state procurement website. He introduced the representatives from Wooten, Derrick Smith and Brian Johnson.

Mr. Smith told the board that he was the Eastern Division lead and that he was based out of the Greenville office. He said that a majority the work that they do is with some rural towns and their water/sewer projects.

Mr. Smith said that with regards to the plan that they sent to the state regarding the appropriation that it was just a starting off point. He said that they were aware of the fact that the needs of the town can change. He said that he had been asked about insertion valves and that they were aware that the town needed to use isolation valves and methods to be able to cut off certain parts of town.

Mayor Pritchard thanked the representatives from Wooten.

Commissioner Cone asked if they had examples of other places that they had served with similar issues. Mr. Smith said that they had worked in Nash County, Pinetops, Princeville and multiple projects in Edgecombe County. He said they all had oldest lines in the center of town like Spring Hope and that was why they were targeted. Commissioner Cone asked if there would be a lot of other projects going on the same time as Spring Hope. Mr. Smith said that they had adequate staff to handle the project.

Commissioner Griffin asked if he would be the liaison between the contractors and Public Works. Mr. Smith said he and Will Larsen would be the main contacts. He also mentioned that he wanted people to be aware that even though the project would end up as something very positive it would be disruptive.

Commissioner Jefferys asked Mr. Smith to reiterate the importance of the valves and wanted them to explain how quickly it could be done. Mr. Smith said that putting in valves was always part of the plan and that it could be done quickly. He said that they would need assistance from Public Works for the valves and any other needs of the town.

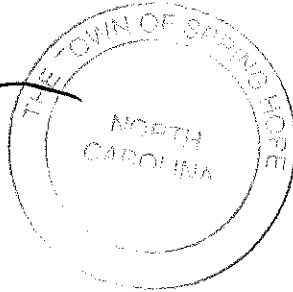
Mayor Pritchard asked if there was a timeline for the different projects. Mr. Smith said that they needed to identify where the valves were needed and that certain documents would have to be in place. He said he was hoping that it could happen in a few months.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the contract; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Submitted

*Michelle Cole*



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Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Special Called  
January 26, 2023

A special called meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 6 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, James F. Gwaltney, Tony Jefferys, Drew Griffin, and Brent Cone.

Also present was Town Manager Andrew DeIonno, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

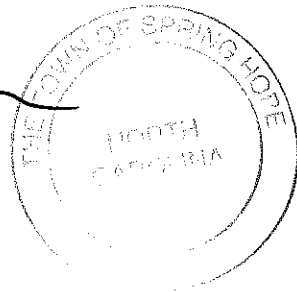
Lindell Kay from the Nashville Graphic and Hannah Camarena from the Spring Hope Enterprise were in attendance.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-04 submitting application for the Rural Transformation Grant; Commissioner Gwaltney seconded and the motion passed.

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

Submitted



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