

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 7, 2022

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

Members present: Mayor William Pritchard, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Tony Jefferys, Prudence Wilkins and Drew Griffin.

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

Lindell Kay from the Spring Hope Enterprise, Mark Cone from Southern Nash News and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic were also present.

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

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the February 7th meeting; Commissioner Jefferys seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Stacie Shatzer the new County Manager introduced herself. She told the board that she had been with Nash County for many years. Ms. Shatzer said that she had a special place in her heart for Spring Hope as she had lived in the area. She reminded the board that the county and their resources were available to the town.

Robin Koricanek thanked the board members for their service. She asked the board to support the committee's created by the mayor. She also said that she hoped that the board would not throw up roadblocks and go to the events held in town.

Robin Van Dorn told the board that she lived on Walnut Court. She said that her concern was the drainage issues since the development of Walnut Cove began. She said that they didn't have any idea until the land was being cleared that there were approved plans for the area. She said she was told that the only thing she could do was fill in her land. Ms. Van Dorn said that a representative from the NC Department of Environmental Quality told her that run off was an unavoidable result of economic growth. She said that the new manager Mr. DeIonno had been working with her on the issue as well as Commissioner Jefferys. Ms. Van Dorn said that she felt like the new development was more of a priority than the established residential homes.

Appeal Hearing

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to reopen the Appeal hearing for Brandi Apetsi; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards asked Ms. Apetsi if she had anything else to add besides the note from the children's physician. She said that she did not have any additional information. Mr. Edwards read the town's ordinance that pertained to the restriction of farm animals within city

limits. He also noted that the town had received several letters of complaints from residents in the area of Ms. Apetsi's home.

Commissioner Wilkins asked Ms. Apetsi if she had any other animals at her home. Ms. Apetsi said she had three dogs and one chicken. Commissioner Cone asked her if she had any quails or rabbits; Ms. Apetsi said no.

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

Commissioner Griffin said that he lived next door to Ms. Apetsi and would not vote as he would be directly affected.

Commissioner Cone said that the board represented all the residents and that there had been complaints. He also mentioned that it was a code violation and that all residents had to be taken into consideration.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to uphold the Code Enforcement's findings as well as to follow the town ordinance not to allow goats within the town's limits; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Update

Mr. DeIonno told the board that there was asbestos found in some parts of the building at 205 W Main Street. He said that the town would need to have it abated before the building could be demolished. He told the board that asbestos had just been found at the end of the prior week and that quotes were being received for the work.

Utility Update

Mr. DeIonno told that board that he had met with William Lamm from Envirolink regarding issues at some of town owned facilities. He said he would have more details during the Managers Report.

No Parking Ordinances

Commissioner Lucas asked the homeowner of the corner house how often cars are parked on Hopkins Ave. as well as the number of cars. The resident replied that there may be three cars during the day and one at night. She said that she thought that was too much for the road near the school and she also thought that Branch St. was hazardous with trucks and trailers parked on both sides. The resident said he had been there three years without an incident and that his daughter's handicap van needed to be parked on the street.

Mr. DeIonno said that there were cars parked on Hopkins daily and he referred to the pictures that were included in the packet. He said that what was different about Hopkins was that it had a double yellow line, the road was narrow, cars were parked too close to the corner and it was a road heavily traveled by school buses.

Commissioner Griffin commented that Code Enforcement had opened a case and sent warning letters to the owner about the parking situation. Commissioner Griffin said he had seen cars in his area that were without plates and he also said he doubted an ambulance could even turn down the street with the way he is parking.

Commissioner Cone said that he has seen cars being worked on the street. He also said that there were repeated violations as well as dozens of complaints from residents. Commissioner Cone also commented that the board was there for the good of all residents.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept both No Parking Ordinances which would prohibit parking on all of Hopkins Ave. and on the Right Side of E Branch St going toward Louisburg Rd.; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Paving Project

The clerk informed the board that some repair paving was currently being performed on several streets in town. She said that the town office had been gathering quotes since June 2021. She said that the project had been stalled due to funding and the closure of the concrete plant.

Chamber of Commerce

Ethan Vester asked the board for permission to use the Depot area for the growing of a large pumpkin and that his father would be taking care of all the upkeep. He said that there would be live updates on the progress of the growth. He also said that the benches and three flower beds would have to be removed temporarily for the pumpkin.

Mr. Vester also said that he was interested in bringing a car show to town. He said that the show would mean the closing of Pine St; the clerk asked if he had gotten NCDOT approval to close the state road. Mr. Vester said he did not have approval yet.

Mr. DeLonno said that in the future there should be more time allotted before events are approved.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to conditionally approve both items brought by the Chamber; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Report

Town Attorney Mark Edwards told the board that the buildings on Ash St. had not gone through the closing procedure yet but that he was hoping it would soon.

Envirolink Report

John Nelson said that hydrant testing would begin on the 15th of the month. He also said that smoke testing would continue the 10th and the 11th.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Gant said that there was 113 calls for service in the prior month including several traffic accidents, traffic stops, security checks and a few street lights out.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. DeIonno referred to the list of things that had been going on during the month. He told the board that a prior issue on Mclean St. with the road had become more urgent. He said he had gotten an engineer to look at and estimate the cost of fixing the road which he said had the potential of wash out in the future. He said he was quoted a price of \$10,250.00 to repair the road and that the funds would have to come from Powell Bill.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$10,250.00 to repair Mclean St.; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Commissioner Wilkins said she thought it was important for all members of the board to show courtesy when shopping in local stores. She said the members needed to remember that they represent the town.

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

Submitted by

Attested by

Michelle Cone

Wm J. Paul

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #2022-04

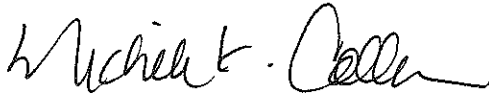
BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Spring Hope, North Carolina that the following amendment shall be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022:

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the appropriations are to be changed as follows:

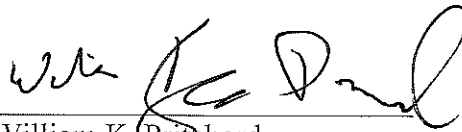
	Decrease	Increase
30-3350-0007 AIA Grant	\$ 63,500.00	
30-8100-9980 (Expense) AIA Grant Project Water		\$ 28,000.00
30-8100-9900 (Expense) AIA Grant Project Waste Water		\$ 35,500.00

Section 3. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and the Budget Officer.

Adopted this 4th day of April, 2022.



Michele K Collins
Finance Officer



William K. Pritchard
Mayor