

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 1st, 2026

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Spring Hope Town Hall in the Commissioners Room.

Members present were Mayor Pritchard and Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Pam Brantley, Stephen Brumfield, Antonio Toney, and William Toney.

Also present were Town Manager Jonathan Allen, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Chief Nathan Gant, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas, Town Attorney Mark Edward, Linda Pena, and Public Works Supervisor Bobby Ball.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4th meeting. Commissioner Antonio Toney seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to go into public hearing. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

No one from the public had any questions or comments.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to come out of public hearing. Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Proposed FY27 Budget

Town Manager Jonathan Allen thanked the board for all their hard work on the budget. Mr. Allen told the board it is a balanced budget with no increases to taxes or fees. He said he would like to point out that Spring Hope is the only municipality he knows of, including Nash County, that is not raising any fees. Mr. Allen briefly went over a few items in the budget with the board. He ended up thanking the board and town staff for everything they do and have done to help get the budget completed, especially since he has only been here since March.

Mayor Pritchard said it is truly amazing that, in a time of such high inflation, a town like Spring Hope with only about 1,700 residents was able to complete the budget without increasing taxes. Mr. Pritchard said it is because the town has a very conservative staff who can manage money very wisely. Mr. Pritchard thanked the staff for all their hard work and for being good stewards of taxpayers' money, and for helping to get the town's savings into a very good place over the last five years.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Spring Hope Chamber President Drew Griffin spoke and told the board that the Chamber had purchased 25 new flags and poles and that they had already been installed. Mr. Griffin also told the board about Chalk It Up, which will be held on June 6th. Mr. Griffin also said that they will be holding a July 4th celebration at Spring Hope Elementary School to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country. Mr. Griffin said it will be held on July 5th and that they will have water slides and a DJ, and the fire department will be selling hot dogs. He also told the board about several other events that the Chamber will be working on in the coming months. Mr. Griffin said he would like the Chamber and the Board of Commissioners to work more closely together to help bring more business to the Town of Spring Hope.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas told the board he has been working to identify properties that are in violation of the town's ordinances. Mr. Lucas said he has received several complaints from residents that he has addressed. Mr. Lucas said two of those properties did not meet the required deadlines, and he plans to meet with Mr. Allen within a week or so to discuss issuing fines.

Manager's Report

Town Manager Jonathan Allen said he was going to go over a few items, although many had already been addressed by Mr. Griffin earlier in the evening. Mr. Allen said the DDB would be meeting Wednesday night for a work session to prepare for the Business After Hours event on June 11th. Mr. Allen told the board that he attended a public hearing that morning at the County Commissioners' meeting regarding the ETJ. Due to the feedback received, it was requested that the County Commissioners table the item; however, the board decided to vote, and they rejected the request. Mr. Allen said the next step will be to meet with the concerned citizens to hear what they have to say and provide feedback because the town wants to work together to make sure everyone is satisfied. Mr. Allen said the waterline project is still progressing according to schedule and is nearing completion, and at this time there are no updates. Mr. Allen reviewed upcoming events in town and encouraged everyone to come out and enjoy them.

Police Report

Police Chief Nathan Gant addressed the board and reported that for the month of May, the department had 636 total calls for service, including 485 calls excluding traffic stops. Officers conducted 151 traffic stops and issued 54 citations. They also issued 68 verbal warnings and 24 written warnings and made four arrests.

Chief Gant said the department also handled 19 traffic complaints and completed 373 security checks throughout town. They responded to six traffic accidents and had no domestic violence calls within town limits; however, they assisted the Nash County Sheriff's Office with two domestic calls just outside town. Chief Gant said they also responded to five disturbance calls and conducted 10 investigations, with nine being cleared.

Chief Gant also brought up the July 4th event and asked Mr. Griffin if parking arrangements had been finalized because he did not want people parking in residents' yards or other inappropriate locations. Mr. Griffin told him he did not know yet and suggested he contact Claris the following day because she would have more information.

Chief Gant also told the board that on August 1st, the police department would be working with Spaulding for the Back-to-School event.

Chief Gant also informed Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas that he believes a makeshift group home may be operating at 605 Third Street. Chief Gant said officers have responded there many times due to drug activity, and several arrests have been made at the property. He stated that he does not believe the property is zoned for a group home.

Spaulding Resource Center

President Perry from the Spaulding Resource Center spoke and said he would like everyone to know that the auditorium and gym are now ready, with new HVAC systems installed, and can be rented for events. Mr. Perry also said he would be happy to give tours to anyone interested in seeing the facility.

Museum Report

Rocio Broyles with the museum told the board they still have some bricks for sale, and they continue to feature the "Stagecoach to Depot" exhibit on the history of Spring Hope through November.

Garden Club Report

Mrs. Broyles with the Garden Club told the board that members had replaced all the winter flowers with petunias throughout town and removed weeds from the flower beds at the post office.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Antonio Toney seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

