

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
January 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Drew Griffin and Prudence Wilkins. Commissioner Ricky Tucker was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Spring Hope Officers Nate Barbour and Tim Bell and Chief Nate Gant.

Visitors present were CPA Scott May, Veronica Cooper, Ethan Vester, Reverend and Mrs. Pope and Matthew Littell from Envirolink.

The local newspaper visitors included Mark Cone from Southern Nash News, Lindell Kay from The Wilson Times and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes of December 2nd 2019 as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss 2019 RZ-03; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. Kim said that the town sponsored rezoning was for six parcels on East Nast Street. He said that currently the plots on that side of town were zoned R-8. Mr. Kim said he did a little research and found that across the street the parcels are zoned General Business. He said that he could not find a reason why the parcels on both sides were not General Business since there were commercial businesses including Nash County ABC and Dollar General located there. He said that proper notices in the paper about the rezoning were published. He said that the proposed rezoning would not negatively affect the area.

Commissioner Griffin asked if the home that was located on that side of the street would also be zoned General Business. Mr. Kim said that the property owner had come to see him and asked if the new zone would keep her from rebuilding if something would happen to her home. Mr. Kim said that new zoning would not keep her from rebuilding if that were to become necessary. Commissioner Wilkins asked if the rezoning would affect the homeowner's property value. Mr. Kim said that he suggested that the homeowner go to the county and found out about the property value.

Ms. Deak said that she thought that there would be a difference between the commercial and residential property as far as taxes. Mr. Kim told her that commercial and residential are both taxed at .67 per \$100.00 value and that the county was responsible for how much the property was worth.

Commissioner Wilkins asked if there were other interested parties would they be alternates now or did the board already have alternates. Mr. Kim said that there were already alternates in place and that this request would keep all the same members and alternates. He said that it would just give the two people the chance to serve a full term. Commissioner Cone said that he didn't see a problem in allowing the two members to continue to serve.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to keep Planning Board members Blanchard and Tingler on for a full 3 year term; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Matthew Littell gave the report from Envirolink. Commissioner Wilkins asked what was going on with the leaf and limb pickup. Matt said that there were mechanical issues but that they were working on a solution. Commissioner Cone said that he understood that things happen but that the town was looking bad during Christmas. He said that he thought it would be a good idea for Envirolink to send a supervisor and or manager to a meeting to discuss some of the issues with the board.

Chief Gant said that the month of December was quite quiet. He said that there were two checkpoints that resulted in four charges. Chief Gant also said that Spring Hope participated in the Booze It and Lose It Campaign and eleven citations were given out due to the vehicle stops. He also mentioned that the Police Department sponsored 9 families during the Shop with a Cop campaign.

Mr. Kim told the board that the Main Street Conference would be held in New Bern March 10th through the 12th. He invited the board to attend and said that he would need to know soon who was going so he could make arrangements. He said that it wouldn't cost the town anything because the town had a grant that would pay for the cost.

Mr. Kim said that the town would be doing a sidewalk repair project for existing sidewalks. He said that currently it was too cold to begin but that once all the quotes and sites were selected the project would begin sometime in March.

Mr. Kim said that the new playground equipment had arrived and that it would be kept in the locked area down by the truck shed.

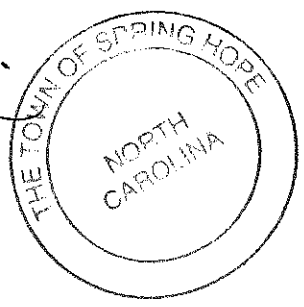
There was no new business by the board.

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

Submitted by

Michele Collins

Michele Collins Town Clerk



Attested

James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 3, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Drew Griffin and Prudence Wilkins. Commissioner Brent Cone was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Spring Hope Officers Tim Bell and Chief Nate Gant.

Visitors present were Beth Baines, Savonia Richardson Veronica Cooper, Phillip Mills, Reverend and Mrs. Pope and Matthew Littell from Envirolink.

The local newspaper visitors included Lindell Kay from The Wilson Times and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Andrew Hagy the Nash County Economic Development Director introduced himself to the board. He told them that he was looking forward to working with the towns in Nash County. He also said that he was going to be targeting the commercial real estate companies in Raleigh and let them know what's going on in Nash County. He said that his office would be building a new website for economic development in the county featuring each town.

Mr. Kim said that he contacted all of the current tree board members as it pertained to changing the current code of ordinances regarding the tree board. Mr. Kim said that the board had two options that related to the tree board. He said that they could leave it as is and appoint new members or revamp the structure and merge with the Downtown Development Board.

Commissioner Wilkins asked what the issues were with the one member of the tree board that was against the Downtown group. Mr. Kim said that the member thought it should stay like it was and was unhappy with some of the things he thought the Development group was doing. Mayor Gwaltney asked if the tree board would advise the Development board. Mr. Kim said that the Downtown group would be the new tree board and would have subcommittee members that would likely be some of the old tree board members.

Mr. Kim said he did research and that originally the town formed the tree board so that they could become a tree city. Commissioner Griffin asked if merging the tree board with the Development group would still help the town qualify as a tree city. Mr. Kim said that it should not be an issue since the tree board was just being merged and not dissolved.

Commissioner Lucas asked why the original conversation started about the tree board. Mr. Kim said that it stemmed from a discussion on who was responsible for the trees and shrubs around the town.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to move the tree board in to the Downtown Development; Commissioner Wilkins asked if the tree board members would be used as consultants and Mr. Kim said yes.

Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had nothing new.

Matthew Littell from Envirolink introduced John Mullis the Business and Relationship Manager for Envirolink. He said he was there to answer any question and that Envirolink was very interested in the town's concerns. He said he had already met some of the town staff and would hang around after the meeting to meet and speak to everyone. Matthew gave the monthly report. Mayor Gwaltney asked how was it possible that according to the report more water was sold then was pumped out of the ground. Mr. Littell said he would find out why there was a discrepancy.

Police Chief Nate Gant told the board that there were only a few items during the month of January. He said that while on patrol several charges for possession of marijuana, paraphernalia and cocaine were executed. He said there were also two charges of DWI one of which resulted in a car accident.

Mr. Kim informed the board that he would be attending the NC City and County Managers seminar. He said he would be gone from the 5th to the 7th of February.

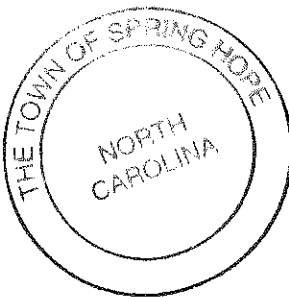
Lastly Mr. Kim told the board that the new playground equipment had been delivered and that it should be installed by the end of the month.

There was no new business from the board.

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

Submitted by

Michele Collins
Michele Collins Town Clerk



Attested

James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Brent Cone and Prudence Wilkins. Commissioner Drew Griffin was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Spring Hope Officer Tim Bell and Chief Nate Gant.

Visitors present were T.C. Morphis, John Clark, Diane Tucker, Veronica Cooper, Ethan Vester, Kevin Varnell, Gerald Ridzon and Matthew Littell from Envirolink.

The local newspaper visitors included Mark Cone from Southern Nash News, Lindell Kay from The Enterprise and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3rd meeting as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Trey Wright the new Nash County Deputy Health Director introduced himself to the board. He said that if there was anything that he or his staff could do as far as health concerns he would be happy to help. He also said that animal control was part of their offices and made the board aware that there had been some changes to the tethering guidelines.

Mr. Kim asked the board to look at a letter of support request that he received from a planner who would like to develop projects along US 64. He said that the NCDOT was going to submit a federal grant application for the planner's company.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the letter of support; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim asked the board to look at Resolution #2020-01 which was the request to go ahead with the Spring Hope sidewalk project. He reminded the board that the project would be funded by the Powell Bill. Kevin Varnell with Stocks Engineering told the board that there were three bids for the job. He said that the lowest bid was from Marshall's Construction for \$9.25 per square foot and that Stocks was recommending taking Marshall's bid. Commissioner Wilkins said she noticed that on the map there were a lot of yellow lines and wanted to know if they would all be replaced. Mr. Varnell said that once the project was started they would decide which sidewalks needed complete replacement and which could be repaired with a grinding method. Mayor Gwaltney asked if the cost would be the same; Mr. Varnell said the quote was for worst case scenario and that it would not exceed the price stated. He said that as long as the weather cooperated the work should begin by the end of April.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to accept the bid from Marshall Construction; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim told the board that NW Poole well company was preparing to use a test pump and camera at the old Poplar St. well. Kevin said that the test was the first step and then after those results were in the board would have to decide whether to proceed or look into a different site.

Mr. Kim said that Stocks Engineering was also working with the owners of the future Bojangles project. No one had questions for Mr. Varnell.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to go into Public Hearing for ZTA-2019-07; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim told the board that the text amendment was concern blithe in both the residential and business zoning districts. He said that the new requirements in Attachment A had been compiled through many meetings with various boards.

TC Morphis from the Brough Law firm showed the board and public a PowerPoint pertaining to the new regulations laid out in Attachment A, Buildings and Building Regulation. Mr. Morphis said that he was there to answer any questions that the board or the public wanted to ask.

He reminded the board that just because they may past the new amendment it did not mean that the town was obligated to spend a lot of money right away. Some of the costs he mentioned were from hiring a code enforcement contractor, inspections and demolishing buildings that did not meet code. He said that a minimum housing code inspection would come from the town but could also come from a complaint by five residents. He also reminded the board that an indoor inspection could only take place if the property owner or occupant invited the inspector on the property or with an administrative warrant.

Mr. Morphis said that dilapidated vs a deteriorated determination on buildings was left up to the town's discretion. He said that after the determination on the building the owner is given a chance to comply and if they don't the town would have the right to do what they think is right for the property. He mentioned that after the town took its action then they could charge civil penalties on property owners who do not comply and also put a lien on the property to recoup the costs.

Mr. Morphis said that the town will have to be willing to set aside funds for abatement and demolition.

Commissioner Cone asked if it was better to hire an enforcement code contractor or have the staff to do it. Mr. Morphis said that he has seen both ways and that he has seen a lot of positive outcomes with a part-time contractor to start.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to that 2019-ZTA-07 is not inconsistent with comprehensive plans that have been adopted by the Town of Spring Hope; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that 2019-ZTA-07 is reasonable and in the public interest; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that The Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners does recommend the amendments to Chapter 6; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Hope Chamber Vice President Ethan Vester gave the updates for the Chamber. He said that the first meeting went well and that they decided to meet the fourth Monday night of each month. He reminded the board that Pine Street Market was handling the Community Yard sale for the Chamber. He said that application for Food and Craft vendors for the festival were available at the Chamber office. He said that the LPA would now be open during lunch and that Wildlife and Fishing licenses would also be available through their office. Commissioner Wilkins asked if they had seen any more business at the LPA; Mr. Vester said there were some upward trends. Commissioner Lucas asked if the Chamber was considering rides for the festival. Mr. Vester said that due to space and financial limitations rides would probably not be available for the 2020 Festival.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Matthew Littell from Envirolink gave the monthly report.

Detective Bell gave the report for the police department. He said that there was a disturbance in the 500 block of South Pine. He said that forcible entry was observed and that a possible suspect was identified. Additionally he said that new police software had gone live that day. He told the board that all agencies that used Nash County communications would be using the new Zuercher software.

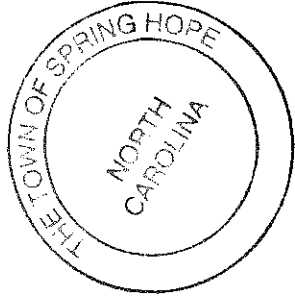
Mr. Kim told the board that the town won both of the AIA grants for water and sewer. He said that it would update maps and the Capital Improvement Plan as well as test lines. Lastly he reminded the board that he along with several members of the Chamber and Downtown Development would be attending the Main Street Conference. He also told the board that there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new park on March 14th.

There was no business by the board.

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

Submitted by

Michele Collins
Michele Collins Town Clerk



Attested

James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners
Special Called Meeting
April 2, 2020

A special called meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 3 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Nate Gant.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Mayor Gwaltney said the meeting was to extend the current Executive Order 121 that was issued by Governor Cooper. He told the board that he wanted stores in Spring Hope that sold groceries to adhere to stricter polices during the pandemic as outlined in Spring Hope Resolution 2020-02.

He read the resolution that named Food Lion and Dollar General as the main stories targeted for the stricter restrictions. He said that the resolution would restrict the first hour of shopping from 7am to 8am to customers 62 and older only. The resolution also said that the police would enforce the order and instructed stores to place markers on floors near checkouts to enforce social distancing. Resolution 2020-02 ended stating that the Town of Spring Hope would fully enforce all of Executive Order 121 as well as Spring Hope Resolution 2020-02 until the executive order was rescinded or if the Board of Commissioners saw a need for further resolutions. This resolution will begin April 6th 2020.

Commissioner Cone said he thought the resolution was great but he was wondering about other people that were at high risk with health issues. Commissioner Wilkins said that it may be harder when it concerned someone's health condition since that was a private matter. Chief Gant said that he noticed when he had been at Food Lion in the early morning that many of the people there were older. He said also that he observed many more people there that knew a truck had come in and they were rushing the meat counter, toiletries and medicine aisles. He felt like if that first hour could help a person who couldn't maneuver as fast would be well worth it.

Mayor Gwaltney said he had spoken with Food Lion and Dollar General and they were on board with doing whatever was necessary to help. Mayor Gwaltney asked Town Attorney Mark Edwards if he felt as if the town was boarding age discrimination. Mr. Edwards said that the town could face some legal issues but that Food Lion and Dollar General would not be hurt.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to pass Resolution 2020-02; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

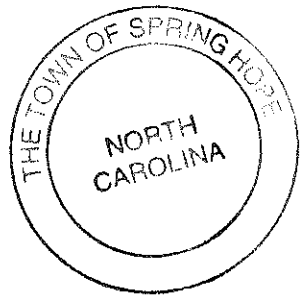
Submitted by:

Michele K. Collins

Michele K. Collins
Town Clerk

Attest:

James Gwaltney III
Mayor James Gwaltney III



Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 4, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Visitors present were Karen White, Kevin Varnell from Stocks Engineering and Mike Tolson from Mack Gay Associates.

The local newspaper visitors included Mark Cone from Southern Nash News, Lindell Kay from The Enterprise and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the minutes of Regular March 2nd Meeting and the April 2nd Special Called Meeting; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider renewing the contract for May & Place CPA firm. He said that the contract was the same as last year to perform the audit at a price of \$14,500.00.

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

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider a contract with Mack Gay and Associates. He said that they would handle the AIA grant for Water and Sewer that the town had received. Mayor Gwaltney asked if there was any cost to the town. Mr. Tolson from Mack Gay said that the towns out of pocket cost are \$2,250.00 per grant which would total \$4,500.00 for the entire combined \$300,000.00 grant. He also said that there were some matching in-kind services but that would not cost money it would be based on the time spent with the manager or the office staff. Commissioner Wilkins asked if the price would change and Mr. Tolson said that the \$4,500.00 was the only cost.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the contract with Mack Gay and Associates for the AIA Water and Sewer grant; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Chamber President Karen White told the board that they had 42 members of the chamber which also included 8 new businesses. She said that they had not been doing any recruiting due to the Corona virus. She also mentioned that the current state of things resulted in the cancelation of the yard sale and that the status of the Pumpkin Festival was in question. She said that the LPA was struggling a little due to the fact that one of the workers had quit.

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Mr. Kim present Budget Amendment 2020-02 which would transfer the insurance money received for the damage to the Dodge Durango to the Police Department for the cost of the bill.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve amendment 2020-02; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim presented the draft copy of the 2020-21 budgets. He said that all of the data for the revenues were not in yet and that with the current state of the economy he wasn't sure if the town could meet what he was proposing. He said that salaries and benefits were 30% of the budget and that he included a cola/merit raise for each officer to total \$3,000.00 a year. He said that they were concerned about officers beginning poached by other agencies and wanted to try to be competitive. Mr. Kim also said that he had included money for a part time worker for the administration side along with \$1,000.00 for the staff. Mr. Kim asked the board to set a date for late June to approve the budget; he said that some of the revenue numbers should be in by then. Mayor Gwaltney said that he would rather wait and see as things change with COVID 19 and work schedules.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Envirolink Report

No representative was present.

Mr. Kim said that there were two reports available in the packets. Commissioner Griffin and Cone asked what the status of the street repair was. Mr. Kim said that the plan was to repair some of the potholes in town with cold patch until the asphalt work could be done. Mayor Gwaltney asked if Mr. Kim would check on the discrepancy between the water produced and sold so that it could be addressed.

Mr. Kim gave the Police Chief's report.

Commissioner Cone asked if the restrictive hours for the stores were working. Mr. Kim said that initially there was some minor issues with people who did not meeting the requirements for the early shopping.

Managers' Report

Mr. Kim said that NW Poole would be testing the Poplar Street well site to determine whether it is still a viable option for the town.

Mr. Kim also mentioned that GFL formerly Waste Industries was proposing a .36 cent increase per customer for the cost of recycling. He said that they were also requesting a 3% increase as it pertained to the CPI index. He said that the recycling fee would increase the monthly bill for the town. Commissioner Wilkins said that she was concerned how the increase would affect the residents. Mayor Gwaltney said that he understood that the town would absorb the cost and Jae said that was correct. Mr. Kim said that he would request that the representative from GFL attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Griffin second and the motion passed unanimously.

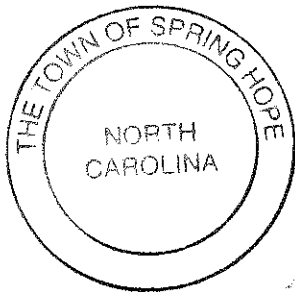
Closed Session

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to go back into open session; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed.

Mayor Gwaltney asked if there was any new business. Commissioner Wilkins asked if people were canceling the Community Building rentals due to COVID 19. She also asked if refunds were being given; Mr. Kim said that refunds were issued. There were no other items.

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

Submitted by:



Michele K. Collins
Town Clerk

Attest:

Mayor James Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 1, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins and Drew Griffin. Commissioner Ricky Tucker was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Nathan Gant.

Visitors present were Matthew Littell and Jarod Thompson from Envirolink, Clinton Hedgepeth, Dexter High, Douglas Cannady, Ray Wilkins, Chamber President Karen White, Kevin Varnell from Stocks Engineering and Mrs. Jean Deak.

The local newspaper visitors included Mark Cone from Southern Nash News, Lindell Kay from The Enterprise and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 4th; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The owner of Clinton's excavating who currently holds the contract for opening and closing graves for the Town of Spring Hope Clinton Hedgepeth addressed the board. He said that he was a native of Spring Hope and was there to represent himself and the town as their contractor. He said that he didn't feel as though the cemeteries were being maintained as far as lawn maintenance. He mentioned that the grave that had been seen on Facebook was repaired with 24 hours of it being reported. Mr. Hedgepeth said that he submitted plans to establish a driveway at Meeks. He said that it was never finished even though the new section had been opened years earlier. He said that he was willing to help form a committee to help Meeks since Oakdale already had a group helping. Commissioner Wilkins said that the condition of the driveway at Meeks was in bad shape when it rained. Mr. Hedgepeth said that the drains at the cemetery needed to be cleaned and repaired. He said that the level of work would require fees and approval. Commissioner Cone thanked Clinton for immediately taking care of the grave issue that was reported.

Mr. Kim asked the board to look at the new 2020-2021 contract for legal services from Fields and Cooper. He said that the contract had not changed.

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

Pat Luce from GFL joined the meeting from the phone. He said that GFL was proposing a CPI increase and recycling fees. He explained that the fees GFL paid for recycling had increased to the point that they needed to raise fees for the town. He said that the CPI increase would add an

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extra 3% to the monthly cost. Mr. Kim said that the town would absorb the cost which would be approximately 0.77 per account per month. He said this would mean that the residents would not see an increase in costs. Commissioner Wilkins said she was fine with the increase as long as the residents did not see higher bills.

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

Mr. Kim presented an amendment to the Town of Spring Hope Sidewalk project. He said that the original financial request that was approved for \$23,689.25 would not fix most of the sidewalks that needed work and that the new price was \$42,716.50. Mr. Kim reminded the board that Powell Bill funds would cover the cost of the sidewalks. Commissioner Griffin asked if this were to be approved would the town be short changing another project. Engineer Kevin Varnell said that other projects maybe be pushed back but that the sidewalks had not been repaired in many years due to the funds being used for street repair. Commissioner Griffin said he agreed that the sidewalks needed work. Mayor Gwaltney asked how much money there was in Powell Bill. The clerk said that there was approximately \$150,000.00 reserved for Powell Bill work. Mayor Gwaltney asked if there would be any hot patch work done during the sidewalk project; Mr. Kim said that some of the patch work would be done during the project.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the amended sidewalk project; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim asked the board to look at the agreement with the Down East Home Consortium. He reminded the board that the town was already part of the group and that this would just be a renewal. He said that this would enable the town to be notified when there are funds and programs available for HUD. Commissioner Wilkins asked how this helps the town and the residents that may need help. Mr. Kim said that the funds would assist low to moderate income residents with homeownership or rehabilitation. He also said that when the program had available funds the town would publish on the website and have applications available for residents.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the Down East Home Consortium; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider accepting the funds from DEQ for the AIA water and wastewater grant. He said that a resolution was necessary to receive them.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the funds for the water part of the grant; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the funds for the wastewater part of the grant; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim presented the water /sewer and tax write-offs, discoveries and releases as well as the request to publish delinquent taxes.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the write-offs; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to advertise the outstanding 2019 taxes; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to approve the discoveries and releases; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim told the board that Nash County let them know that they would be opening the baseball field but that the playground equipment, basketball courts and bathrooms would still be closed. Commissioner Griffin asked why the bathrooms would not open; Mr. Kim said that they county just didn't have the staff to constantly clean them. Commissioner Lucas asked how the town would continue to keep people off the equipment if some of the other parts were open. Mr. Kim said that the county is going to mark off the playground. Commissioner Cone said he felt like people would stay away if the whole thing was taped off; Mr. Kim said that the county is willing to block off the equipment. Commissioner Cone said he wanted to follow the county's recommendation as far as having the baseball field open; Commissioner Lucas said the whole playground should remain closed.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to follow the county's recommendation; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote. Commissioner Lucas voted against the motion.

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider Resolution 2020-03 declaring older Wi-Fi boxes as surplus property.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-03; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to open the Public Hearing to discuss the 20-21 fiscal year budget ordinance; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. Kim told the board that there were no changes in the budget since he presented it earlier in March. He said that the tax rate would remain \$.67 per \$100.00 valuation, General Fund was \$1,158,800.00 and Water/Sewer was \$472,500.00. He said that the budget included a COLA for all employees. He said also that the COLA and a raise that would equal \$1,000.00 for Admin staff and \$3,000.00 for Police Officers. Mr. High asked why there were no African American police officers especially with the racial balance of Spring Hope. Chief Gant said that it was hard to get minorities to come to a small town like Spring Hope due to the fact that they will make more money somewhere else. He did say that he had just hired a part time black officer that he had bonded with in the academy. He said that he didn't have a full time position and was so glad that he could at least have him part time.

Anthony High from the public asked about the park. He wanted to know why the baseball field would be open and not the basketball court. He said the perception of the not opening would be negative. Chief Gant said he would be willing to help out with police presence to make sure the courts did not get overcrowded. Mayor Gwaltney said that the topic could be revisited if the board wanted too.

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Mayor Gwaltney said that he would entertain a motion to go into open session.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to go into open session; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Kim said that the town would be getting a bit more information on the budget and would like to wait until then to decide about the budget.

Chamber President Karen White said that they were still discussing the fate of the Pumpkin Festival. She said they will know more after they meet with Nash County tourism. Mr. High asked what the process of getting the high school bands to enter the parade. Ms. White said they invite the bands every year but that it was their decision whether they come or not but that they had entertainment already booked.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business for the board. He did thank the board for continuing the contract for legal services.

Matthew Littell gave the Envirolink report.

Commissioner Wilkins said she was concerned on why the condition of the grave was not reported to the town. Matthew said he was asked by the town to cover the graves months prior to keep them safe and feels like that one was missed. She asked why the people mowing did not say it was caved in. Mr. Littell said no one from the grass cutting crew told him it was in the condition. Mr. Hedgepeth said his crew must have just overlooked that particular grave when he fixed the other ones.

Commissioner Cone said that he was in Meeks cemetery and wanted to know if they were currently finished. Mr. Thompson said he relied on the crew and they had been out there in the prior week and if they weren't finished he would send them back. Commissioner Cone said that the cemetery was not finished and that it was a disgrace and that he was very upset about it. He said that he would rather they don't rely on a picture of a chosen spot and actually go look at the work. He said that there were weeds at the road that were very high and that they needed to be finished right away. Commissioner Griffin said that Envirolink supervisors need to actually go out and look at the work their people are doing. Commissioner Lucas said that this conversation happens constantly and she would like to have Envirolink to decide if they want to continue with Spring Hope or not. Jared Thompson from Envirolink said that he was sorry for all the issues and that he was hoping to change things by doing a better job. Commissioner Wilkins said that words were great but that they needed to see the changes. She also said that it was not Spring Hopes job to manage their people and that the supervisors of Envirolink needed to do it. Commissioner Cone said that just an apology was not enough anymore.

Mayor Gwaltney suggested that Envirolink leave the meeting while it was still light outside so they could see the condition of Meeks.

Chief Gant gave his report. He said in the month of May there were several charges including identity theft, driving with a suspended license, fraudulent vehicle purchase, opioid overdose and damage to property. Commissioner Wilkins said that she was getting complaints about the police stops and that the black residents feel like they aren't being treated right. She said that there was an incident that a lady said she had been asked on several occasions what she was

doing on a particular property and that she felt uncomfortable. Commissioner Wilkins said she gets these types of complaints and or concerns constantly. She said the fact that officers rest their hands on their guns makes people uneasy. Chief Gant said he viewed a tape on a separate incident and said he does not see where the officers are targeting any particular race. He said she was welcome to do a ride along with any officer and they majority of people being arrested in Spring Hope are white. Commissioner Wilkins said she would like for the police to close the gap with the minorities in town. Chief Gant said the people complaining should come to him; Commissioner Wilkins said that they don't feel comfortable with him. She said that people feel more comfortable with her and that was why she was elected to serve them. Chief Gant said he felt like he should not be getting any kind of attitude from anyone about the fact he wants people to come to him with problems. Commissioner Wilkins said she no longer wanted to discuss the matter. Commissioner Cone said that he could understand why people would go to people that they feel comfortable with; Chief Gant said he can't fix the problem if he doesn't know it exists. Commissioner Lucas said she always lets the police know when there is an issue.

Mayor Gwaltney asked if the Commissioner had any new business.

Commissioner Lucas asked when the commodes would be picked up; the clerk said that Waste Industries no longer picked up toilets and that they were trying to find a way to remove them from the side of the street. She asked if Waste Industries would pick up things like refrigerators and the clerk said yes with a special request. Commissioner Griffin had no new items. Commissioner Cone said that he would like an update at the next meeting on the progress of dilapidated buildings blithe. Commissioner Wilkins had no new items.

Mr. Kim said that he knew that there was still a question about the basketball courts and that the town had the right to be different than what the county wanted. Mayor Gwaltney said that Chief Gant and he were speaking about the courts last week. He said they thought if signs and regular patrols were used then maybe the basketball courts could be opened. Mayor Gwaltney said he thought opening the courts would be great to allow young people to get out and get fresh air. He said he felt like the kids in Spring Hope had followed the rules very well and should have a chance to enjoy some of the summer.

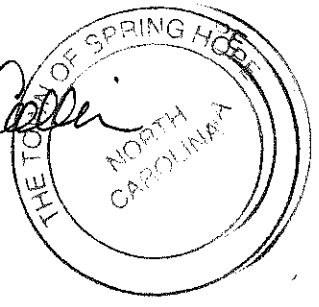
The board decoded to reverse their earlier motion.

Commissioner Griffin decided to amend his motion to open the basketball courts; Commissioner Cone seconded and motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote. Commissioner Lucas voted against the motion.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to recess until June 24th; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted

Michele K. Collins
Michele K Collins



Attested

James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Recessed Meeting
June 24, 2020

A recessed meeting from June 1, 2020 of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. at the Spring Hope Community Building.

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Drew Griffin, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, and Ricky Tucker. Mayor James Gwaltney phoned in and Commissioner Prudence Wilkins was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Chief Nathan Gant. Lindell Kay from The Enterprise was also present.

Mayor Pro Tem Drew Griffin led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Griffin asked Mr. Kim to go over the budget ordinance.

Mr. Kim told the board that there were no changes in the budget. He said that General Fund was balanced at \$1,158,800.00 and Water/Sewer was balanced at \$472,500.00; for a total of \$1,631,300.00. There were no questions from the board.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to approve the 2021 budget; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Gant gave his report for June. He said that there were several charges during the month including: driving while impaired, driving while license revoked, damage to property, operating a vehicle with no insurance, larceny, resisting arrest, credit card fraud and possible child abuse. He said that DSS had been contacted in the child abuse case. He also said that total calls for service were at 135 and that this was as of June 18th. Commissioner Tucker asked the Chief what kind of policy the police department followed as it pertained to golf carts. He said that he had seen a juvenile on a golf cart late at night and wondered what Spring Hope had in place to address that kind of situation. Chief Gant said that he was working on something to be tailored to Spring Hope but that currently they were following the state statute.

Mr. Kim reminded the board that currently the town was not cutting off residents who had not paid their bill. He said that there were about 49 people who were considered late. Mr. Kim said that he had spoken with Michele and Sandra in the office and that payment plans for residents who were behind could be created. He said that a time of 6 months could be given to pay past due bills while they were still making their current payments. He said it would be up to the board and that they could pass a temporary resolution stating exactly how they wanted the issue handled. Commissioner Cone asked if the 49 people had been contacted; Mr. Kim said no that this was just now being discussed for when the state goes past Phase 3. Mayor Gwaltney asked how many billing cycle had passed since the lockdown; Mr. Kim said three. Mayor Gwaltney and Commissioner Cone said that it may take longer than the 6 months. Mr. Kim said that he wasn't expecting a decision tonight he just wanted to get prepared. Commissioner Cone said maybe it would be a good idea to contact the residents. Commissioner Griffin agreed and

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said that people may be under the misconception that the bills are being forgiven. Mr. Kim said that residents are being encouraged to pay when they call and being told that the bills are accruing. Mr. Kim said that he would let the board know in July what kind of response he gets from the residents.

Mr. Kim asked the board to look at the paperwork he gave them for the public nuisance update. Commissioner Cone said that Bailey had a new code enforcement officer that he thought seemed to be a success for their town.

There were no new items from the board.

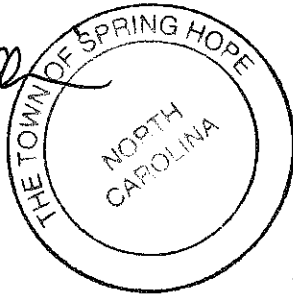
Commissioner Cone made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted

Attest

Michele K Collins

Michele K Collins
Town Clerk



J. F. Gwaltney III

James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 6, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins, Drew Griffin and Ricky Tucker.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Visitors present were Matthew Littell, Dave Strum, Mike Meyers, Carr Mclamb and Jarod Thompson from Envirolink, Fan Whitley, Beth Baines, Chris Payne, Donna Little, David Little, Ray Wilkins, Clyde Best and Michelle Boesen.

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

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 1st regular meeting as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 24th recessed meeting as written; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Spring Hope resident and former Commissioner Clyde Best told the board that he felt like the cleanliness of the town was lacking. He said he thought that if Envirolink would take care of their responsibilities as well as residents then the town would look better. He said at first when he was on the board it looked like Envirolink was going to be a good deal. He said that the town staff should be managing Envirolink not the town board. Mr. Best said that when he has mentioned something to the town manager about a concern he took care of it. He said he thought it was the responsibility of all of the residents to let the town know when there was a problem. He said that the manager and the town staff should look around town and see what's wrong and get it addressed.

Chris Payne pastor at Gold Valley Church addressed the board. He said that he had grown to love the town and thanked the board for servicing the community. He said he had seen a lot of trash on the side of the roads and in people's yards. He said he wondered why the company was not doing their job and wanted to know who was paying them. Mr. Payne said he had seen the same piles of trash for several months. Mayor Gwaltney told him to feel free to call the town manager at any time if he had questions.

Fan Whitley said that she had lived in Spring Hope all her life. She said that even her grandchildren had made comments about how bad the town looked. She said she had witnessed the leaf and limb truck just drive by the piles of debris without stopping. Ms. Whitley said she had to stop the truck and ask them to pick it up. She said that as a citizen she paid for the

service and that she wanted it done. Ms. Whitley also said that enough was enough and that Envirolink needed to do their job. She said that the grass in some yards and on town property needed to be mowed.

Mr. Kim asked the board for their thoughts on how to handle the delinquent utility bills that have accrued due to Covid 19. Commissioner Lucas asked if letters had been sent out to the past due account holders; Mr. Kim said no that most had been contacted by phone. Mayor Gwaltney asked if he saw any issues as far as a repayment time limit; Mr. Kim said that the people that were called did not indicate a problem with the 6 months. Commissioner Lucas said that maybe more thought should go into the time frame because some people may need longer.

Commissioner Griffin asked if the ones that couldn't be reached by phone had been heard from; Mr. Kim said no. Commissioner Cone said he thought that maybe the 6 months wasn't quite long enough for people who had been affected financially by the virus and owe large amounts. Mr. Kim said that maybe a percentage rather than a 6 month deadline could be arranged. Town Attorney Mark Edwards said that along as the arrangements were the same for everyone it would be fine.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business

Matthew Littell from Envirolink read the monthly report.

Dave Strum from Envirolink told the board that there had been a change in staff and that the training had taken awhile. He said that they had implemented a grid system for leaf and limb pickup that would last three days instead of two. He also said that Spring Hope was one of the first towns to use the full services of Envirolink and that they were glad the residents are speaking up. Mr. Strum said that they are committed to the town and will strive to improve.

Commissioner Cone said he sat in on the monthly meeting between the town and Envirolink and was hard on Jarod. He told Envirolink President Mike Meyers that the responsibility for the problems was on his shoulders. He said that the board was looking to him to resolve the issues and that he no longer wanted to just hear an apology. He said that Envirolink was always apologizing and never living up to their apology. He said at the last meeting he asked if the cemeteries were finish and that Mayor Gwaltney had even told them to go look at them while it was still light out. He said that Jarod had told him he relied on his staff to take pictures of their finished work. Commissioner Cone remarked that the very next day Envirolink was told in an email that there was a funeral at one of the cemeteries and they were asked when the areas would be completed. He said Envirolink told town staff that they had commitments elsewhere. Commissioner Cone said that the town had to pay an outside contractor to finish Envirolink's work in order to be able to make burial arrangements. Commissioner Cone said that the company's track record was poor and that he had to field many complaints.

Mike Meyers said that they were trying to get more qualified employees. Commissioner Cone said that he did not want Envirolink to throw their employees under the bus. He said that it wasn't the employee's fault that the equipment broke down or that they were sent to another town when they were supposed to be in Spring Hope.

Mayor Gwaltney said that he did appreciate the fact that JR and Matthew came and worked on the weekend. He said that he was upset to see that not only was Meeks cemetery so thick and

high but also the grass at the WWTP. He said he contemplated cutting the grass around town himself. He said that the fact the town had to pay a contractor to finish the cemeteries was something that he expected Envirolink to just have to take a hit and pay for it. He said that Matthew was the biggest asset the company currently had and that he needed the equipment to continue to do a good job.

Mike Meyers said he would like it if a couple of Commissioners could attend the monthly meeting between the town and Envirolink. Mayor Gwaltney said that all of the Commissioners worked during the day. Commissioner Griffin said that he felt like Envirolink was in the maintenance business and that it should not be the Commissioners job to see the issues and point it out.

Commissioner Wilkins asked what Jarod's responsibilities were as it pertained to the town. Jarod said that he was checking on Matthew making sure that he was covering and watching that work got down. Commissioner Wilkins said it sounded like two people were doing the same job.

Mayor Gwaltney suggested that the representative from Envirolink ride around the town to see how it looked. He said then maybe they could understand why the residents were upset.

Mr. Kim gave the Police Report.

Commissioner Wilkins said she appreciated the fact that Officer's Barbour, Lucas and Lenhart came out to their boot camp. She said that she thought it was great for the officers to spend time with the community.

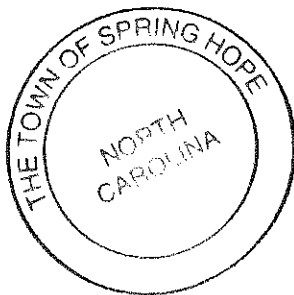
There was no other new business

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

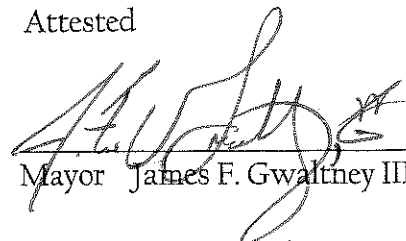
Submitted by



Michele Collins Town Clerk



Attested



Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 3, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins and Ricky Tucker. Commissioner Drew Griffin was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, SHPD Officers Lashawn Lucas, Jake Gwaltney, Chief Nathan Gant and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Visitors present were Matthew Littell and Jarod Thompson from Envirolink, Ray Wilkins, Harold Denton, Stan Hahnel, LeaAnne Hahnel and Spring Hope Chamber VP Ethan Vester.

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

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 6th as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Gant introduced Lashawn Lucas as the new fulltime officer. He said that he made Officer Lucas an offer for the job and that he started the next day. Chief Gant said he was happy to have Officer Lucas working with SHPD.

Stan Hahnel from One Man's Treasure introduced himself and his wife LeaAnne. He said that he and his wife help people downsize their belongings due to burnouts or business closures. He explained that they work with shelters and churches as well as individuals. Mr. Hahnel said that if no one needs them he and his wife sell them at auction. He said that they appreciated the town and the positive welcome they had experienced.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to go into Public hearing for ZTA-2020-02; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. Kim said that Harold Denton from Denton's Auto was hoping to get the town to amend the ordinance pertaining to automotive repair. He said currently new automotive businesses are not allowed in the central business district and the sections to be changed would include 26-70, 26-139 and 26-231.1. Mr. Kim said that in the past Denton's had an issue with parking and that they had purchased a piece of property next to their business but that it was zone residential. Mr. Kim said that changes in the ordinance would come along with several new regulations including but not limited to; the number of spaces, no parking in the right a way, access to the bay doors, fencing, landscaping and no storage of vehicles.

Mayor Gwaltney reminded everyone that the request tonight was a general request that would allow new automotive businesses in the downtown area not just at one specific location.

Ray Wilkins asked how long it takes to fix a car and why the cars at Denton's seem to stay so long. The Denton family said that a lot of the cars are from different companies and as soon as they are fixed it is replaced with something else. Mr. Wilkins said he didn't think that all the cars parked everywhere looked very attractive.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to close the Public Hearing; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Regular Session

Commissioner Cone made a motion that 2020-ZTA-02 is not inconsistent with the comprehensive plans that have been adopted by the Town of Spring Hope and on the recommendation from the Planning Board; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that 2020-ZTA-02 is reasonable and in the public interest; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners does recommend the amendments to Chapter 26, sections 70, 139 and 231.1; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Hope Chamber

Vice President Ethan Vester told the board that they were working on a raffle for the businesses in town. He said that the reverse raffle would be held and that all of the proceeds after the winner's ticket would go to the small businesses in town who have suffered since the virus.

Mr. Vester said that they had decided to postpone the upcoming 2020 Pumpkin Festival to October 2021 due to Covid 19. He also said that on that first weekend of October there would still be a pumpkin, watermelon and sweet potato weighing contest. Commissioner Wilkins asked if the Pumpkin pageant would still be held; Mr. Vester said that the organizers were following the Miss North Carolina pageant and would keep the two reigning queens for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Lucas asked Mr. Vester how the LPA was doing and he said that it was doing very well

Mr. Kim presented the draft copy of the utility payment agreement that had been discussed the month prior. He said that in the agreement utility customers that were affected by Covid would have to make their current month's payment as well as the payment arrangement amount.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the draft; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had nothing new.

Matthew Littell from Envirolink gave the monthly report. Mayor Gwaltney commented on how nice the cemeteries looked and that they need to focus some attention on the pump stations and tower.

Police Report

Chief Gant gave his monthly report. Commissioner Wilkins told him that she was thankful for the way the officers were interacting with the community.

Manager's Report

Mr. Kim told the board that progress as far as the Poplar St. well was continuing with NW Poole. He also said that the sidewalk project had been completed.

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider allowing the town to put liquor by the drink on the voting ballot for November. He said it only takes a letter explaining that the board approved so it can be offered as a referendum on the ballot for Spring Hope voters.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to submit the letter to Nash County Board of Elections; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed.

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

Closed Session

Commissioner Cone made a motion to come out of Closed Session; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

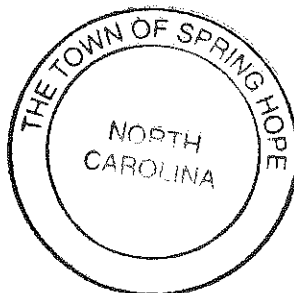
There were no new items from the board.

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

Submitted



Michele K Collins



Attested



Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 8, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Drew Griffin and Prudence Wilkins. Commissioner Brent Cone was absent.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, SHPD Officer Patrick Lenhart and Chief Nathan Gant.

Visitors included Kevin Varnell from Stocks Engineering, Jared Thompson from Envirolink, Chamber Vice President Ethan Vester, George Pugh and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

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

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to accept the August 3rd minutes as written; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chamber Vice President Ethan Vester told the board that the reverse raffle that the Chamber held went well. He reminded the board that the proceeds from the raffle would go to local businesses in grants after the winner received their money. He said that there were 4 winners splitting the \$5,000.00 dollar prize and that there were a total of 13 recipients of the grant money.

Mr. Vester said that the Pumpkin weighing contest scheduled for October 3rd was still happening and that the town would be decorated to reflect the event.

Finally he mentioned that even though Christmas in Spring Hope was canceled there would still be a Christmas tree display in the depot area.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Envirolink Report

Jarod Thompson gave the Envirolink report. Commissioner Wilkins asked when the cemeteries would be mowed. Mr. Thompson said that they were currently mowing Meeks and that Oakdale would also be done by the end of the week. Commissioner Wilkins said that the storm drains on South Ash St. were problematic and that a resident had actually cleaned it herself. Mr. Thompson said he would drive down and check it himself after the meeting. Mayor Gwaltney asked why Spaulding campus was still on the non-billable list. The clerk said that the people who bought Spaulding pay for the water and that it should just be taken off.

Police Report

Chief Nathan Gant gave his report and there were no questions. He also said that the flavored ice truck would not be going around anymore due to the change in season. Chief Gant said that

they may have something else in mind for the colder months like making s'mores and or hot chocolate.

Manager's Report

Mr. Kim told the board that the Planning Board had approved an early phase plat plan for a new subdivision off of Walnut Court. He said that the approval came with conditions like sidewalks and an HOA. Commissioner Griffin asked if the new area would be behind the Boy Scout hut and the duplex which both currently sat on McLean St.; Mr. Kim said yes. Commissioner Wilkins asked if all property owners that were adjacent had been notified; Mr. Kim said that he did know if all had but that some had been offered money to sell their properties. He said that the developer wanted to be able to put an exit on one of these properties but that currently the owners were not interested.

Mr. Kim said that the state had been contacted about the Poplar Street well and that the town was waiting for the next step.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go back into regular session; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Open Session

Commissioners Griffin, Lucas and Wilkins had no new business.

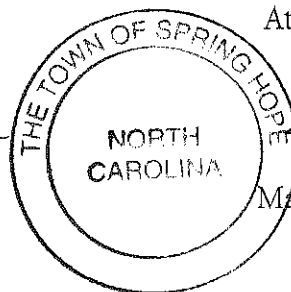
Commissioner Tucker asked if the town would be able to help the Fire Department with the cost of the fire hydrants; Mr. Kim said yes.

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

Submitted



Michele K Collins



Attested



Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 5, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins, Ricky Tucker and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Visitors present were Rob Wilson and Jared Thompson from Envirolink, Ray Wilkins, Tim Tabron, Rev. Ernest Pope and Spring Hope Chamber VP Ethan Vester.

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

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

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 8th meeting as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Robyn Cone Reynolds told the board that her cousin would be shooting a film in Spring Hope. She said it started as a tribute to her family and a love story about the south. She also said that due to the Covid crisis the film had been delayed but that they were now going forward and hoped to have it out in the near future. She said that she wanted the town and the board to be aware that there would be filming in downtown and that she felt like the movie would bring a positive light to the Town of Spring Hope.

Spring Hope Chamber Vice President Ethan Vester said that the pumpkin weight event went well and he gave thanks to all of the volunteers and contributors. He said that approximately \$5,000.00 was raised and that it was given as prize money. Mr. Vester also told the board that they had found a new LPA manager.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Envirolink Report

Jared Thompson from Envirolink gave the monthly report. Commissioner Wilkins asked Mr. Thompson to check the drains near Shocco Church.

Mr. Kim read the Police report and there were no questions.

Manager Report

Mr. Kim told the board that the Fire Department was going to begin painting the hydrants in town. He also said that the town was still waiting for the state to give an answer on the next step to be taken for the Poplar St.

Mr. Kim said that the company assisting the town with the AIA grant would be riding around town locating the water system components.

Commissioner Cone told the manager that he would like him to give a monthly report on the progress of the nuisance ordinance.

New Business

Commissioner Wilkins asked why it was ok for some people to have the sweepstakes machines and not others. Mr. Kim said that it was a matter of zoning and whether their location met all the requirements.

There was no other new business from the Commissioners.

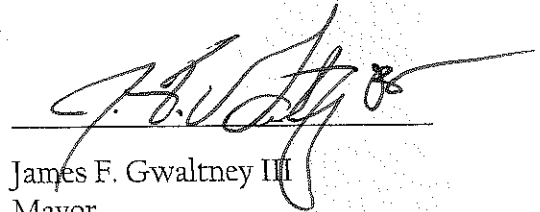
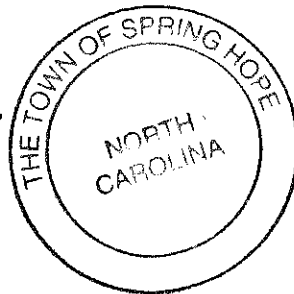
Commissioner Griffin made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Attested:



Michele Collins
Town Clerk



James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 2, 2020

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Spring Hope Municipal Building.

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Spring Hope Officers Durwood Radford, Patrick Lenhart and Chief Nate Gant.

Visitors present were Stanley Drewery, George Godwin, Rev. and Mrs. Pope, Leann Hahnel, Tammy Davis and Jared Thompson from Envirolink.

The local newspaper visitors included Mark Cone from Southern Nash News, Lindell Kay from The Enterprise and Kendra Jones from the Nashville Graphic.

Mayor Gwaltney called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to accept the minutes; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

George Godwin the owner of the Painted Peacock said he got a large water bill and that he felt like there was no way he used that amount. He said the bill was for 50,000 gallons of water at the cost of over \$900.00. He said that Rip Bass had inspected the building and did not find any leaks but replaced pipes and flappers. Mr. Godwin said that he wanted some help on the bill because it was impossible to use that amount.

Mr. Kim said that the town had a leak policy and that it was implemented. He said that it had been checked several times and that after the pipes were replaced the amount of water used went down dramatically. He said that Mr. Godwin received a large adjustment after the work had been done. Mr. Godwin said that he still had a large bill after the adjustment; Mr. Kim said that he was given the amount that was allowed by town policies.

Commissioner Lucas asked if the bill came down after he fixed the pipes; Mr. Godwin said it came down to \$47.00. Commissioner Griffin asked if the bill had remained the same after the repairs; Mr. Kim said that he was credited over \$400.00 per the policy. Commissioner Wilkins said that she wanted to make sure that everyone was being treated the same and that the policy was being followed. Commissioner Cone said that if it was on the side of the homeowner or resident then they would have to pay after the adjustment. Commissioner Griffin asked if it was the policy to get one adjustment a year after a repair had been made; Mr. Kim said yes and that Mr. Godwin had received his adjustment. Commissioner Wilkins asked if all protocols had been followed; Mr. Kim said yes.

Mayor Gwaltney told Mr. Godwin that according to town policy he would have to pay the bill.

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to table the discussion; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had nothing new.

Jared Thompson read the report for Envirolink.

Chief Gant gave his report. He mentioned that the calls for service had gone up and that it was partly due to the new reporting system. He said that the officers were now able to generate their own reports on any and all self-initiated calls.

Managers' Report

Mr. Kim told the board that Kevin Varnell from Stocks Engineering had gone on a site visit with Greg Vital of Public Water Supply (PWS) to the Poplar Street Well. He said that things were progressing slowly and that town would have to wait for approval from PWS.

Mr. Kim said that the Bojangles project was going ahead with filing of final permits and pricing contractors.

Mr. Kim said he sent notices to the owners of the Boston Book Company and the former Bissett Hardware store to request to perform an inspection of the properties. He said this was the first step as laid out in the town ordinance that covered Minimum housing and Non Residential buildings. He said that he also would use parts Nuisance code as it related to broken windows as well as the properties being a breeding ground for rodents and insects.

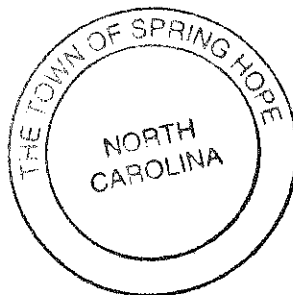
Commissioners Griffin, Wilkins, Lucas and Cone had no new business. Commissioner Tucker asked the manager to check on the directional lines at the intersection of 581 and 64 HWYS. He said that it was hard to see where to turn or stay straight. Mr. Kim said that he would send a letter to NCDOT as they were state maintained roads.

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

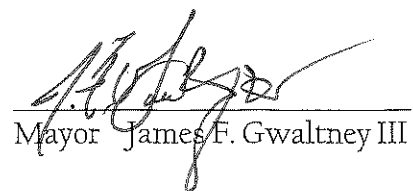
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Michele Collins Town Clerk



Attested


Mayor James F. Gwaltney III

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 7, 2020

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

Members present: Mayor James Gwaltney, Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Ricky Tucker, Brent Cone, Prudence Wilkins and Drew Griffin.

Also present were Town Manager Jae Kim, Town Clerk Michele Collins, Town Attorney Mark Edwards and Chief Nate Gant.

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

Visitors included Marco and Patricia Cordova, Kay Mitchell, Jodell Richardson, Peggy Legget, Don Liles, Ethan Vester, Ray Wilkins, Reverend Earnest Pope and Margret Pope. Jared Thompson from Envirolink was also present.

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

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Kay Mitchell from Faith Christian Ministries said that Jodell Richardson their President was there and would speak for the group as it pertained to the collapsed building on Main St. Ms. Richardson said that they just needed to know when they could expect to be able to fix their building. She said that FCM was made up of several churches and gave help to the community but that currently they could not operate out of their store due to the collapsed building. She also said that the closure of their business has affected their ability to assist those in need.

Kay Mitchell said that she was told that there would have to be an asbestos test before anything could be removed from the old building. She said that Al Collie from SAC Enterprises had taken a sample from the collapsed building to send off for the test. Ms. Mitchell said that they stop him because the owner of the building did not want it. She said that they needed a go ahead from the owner of the building and that she knew he had gotten a letter from the town that gave him two options. She said that her insurance company would pay for the demo of the wall but not the removal of the debris.

Commissioner Griffin said that this matter was not a subject to be discussed in front of the town board. He suggested that FCM have a separate meeting with all involved and that they needed to decide what was in their best interest. The rest of the board agreed.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into Public Hearing to discuss 2020-ZTA-04 automotive repairs (parking and overflow); Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mr. Kim said that the amendment included how overflow would be handled on the property. He said that any overflow that was visible would have to be stored behind a screen or fence. Commissioner Cone asked if the properties were not adjoining but separate different parcel; Mr. Kim said that the regulation would only apply to one stand-alone property.

There were no questions from the public.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to come out of public hearing; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that 2020-ZTA-04 is not inconsistent with comprehensive plans that have been adopted by the Town of Spring Hope; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that 2020-ZTA-04 is reasonable and in the public interest; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners does approve of the changed for Chapter 26, Section 26-231.1; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cone made a motion that the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners approves the resolution to amend the text of the zoning ordinance regarding Automotive Repairs; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider renewing the partnership with the surrounding towns and counties as it pertained to hazard mitigation. He said that planning and a proper vision for the future is part of the benefits of continuing to be a part of the proposal.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to accept the resolution to continue the partnership with the other towns; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kim presented the schedule for the 2021 Commissioners meetings.

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

Mr. Kim asked the board to give the town permission to proceed with applying for a USDA loan/grant for Community Building upgrades. He said it may include a barrier in the basement, roofing, flooring and installation.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to proceed with the application for funds from the USDA; Commissioner Lucas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ethan Vester from the Spring Hope Chamber told the board that he was the President elect. He said that the Christmas tree display was going up and that there were 18 churches involved. Commissioner Cone asked if they planned on doing any open meetings to be able to have a membership drive. Mr. Vester said that they hoped to come up with some ways to be able to do a few meetings and open membership drives safely.

Mr. Kim asked the board to consider 2020-ZTA-03 which allows for ADU within a property. He reminded the board that they had tabled the discussion at the last meeting to review all of the information. Mr. Kim explained that the amended ordinance would allow for ADU's to be 3ft off the property line and considered to be an additional living unit. Commissioner Griffin asked how the setbacks were calculated; Mr. Kim said they were compiled from other towns and what was in the ordinance. He said that the Planning Board's biggest concern was that the ADU did not sit closer to the road than the primary residence. Commissioner Lucas said she wanted the ADU to be at least 5ft from the property line instead of the current 3ft.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion that 2020-ZTA-03 is not inconsistent with comprehensive plans that have been adopted by the Town of Spring Hope with changes stated; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion that 2020-ZTA-03 is reasonable and in the public interest; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion that the Spring Hope Board of Commissioner does approve the amendments to Chapter 26, Sections 75; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Attorney Mark Edwards had no new business.

Envirolink

Jared Thompson from Envirolink gave the monthly report.

Police

Chief Gant gave the Police Report

Town Managers Report

Mr. Kim told the board that the EPA Brownfields grant was looking at the old Masonite plant and may do some work there. He also said that he was able to conduct an inspection of one of the buildings that was served a nuisance letter. He said pictures were taken and a report was being written.

Mr. Kim told the board that Chief Gant had a draft of a golf cart ordinance. Chief Gant said that he had been working on an ordinance that would regulate golf carts in town. He said that the drivers of the carts had to be a certain age and that if they were not residents he could give special permission to the operator.

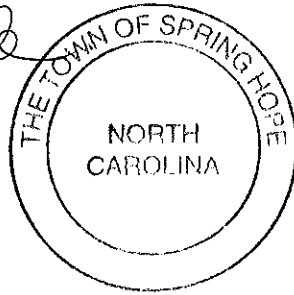
Commissioners Griffin, Tucker, Lucas and Cone had no new business. Commissioner Wilkins said she would like to open up discussion in the future as it pertained to yard sales. She said she thought the limit should be eight instead of two.

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

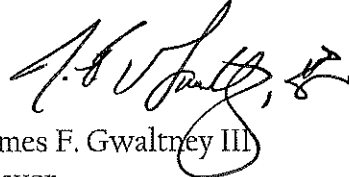
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Michele K Collins
Town Clerk



Attest



James F. Gwaltney III
Mayor