

Minutes  
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting  
January 4, 2021

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.

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

Visitors included Chamber President Ethan Vester, Ray Wilkins, Jodell Richardson, Augusta Jones, Joey White and Jared Thompson from Envirolink.

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

Commissioner Tucker made a motion to accept the minutes of December 2020 as written; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion to go into public hearing for RZ-2020-01; Commissioner Tucker seconded and the motion passed.

#### Public Hearing

Mr. Kim said that the applicant was Augusta Jones for the property located at 813 E Nash St. He said that she wanted to have it rezoned from General Business (GB) back to Residential Agricultural (RA). He said that the developer named Joey White was present and wanted to subdivide the property and hopefully put homes on the land. Mr. Kim asked the board to look at the picture of the property that was in the packet and pointed out that it was on the left going out and in town limits. Mr. Kim also pointed out the Planning Board had approved the rezoning and plans for the area.

Mrs. Jones said she hoped that the board would pass the rezoning. She said it would like to see the land and the old house that was there used to provide nice places to live. Mayor Gwaltney asked her if she was the owner; Mrs. Jones said she was along with other members of her family.

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

Mr. White told the board that there was about 5.5 acres with an older home still on the property. He said that they would either renovate the old home or sell to someone with the intent to fix it. He also said that they planned on using the vacant land for 3 units that would be affordable and attractive. He said that he was talking with a local business to get modular homes that they may finance. Commissioner Wilkins asked what the range of the affordable housing would be; Mr. White said the price range would be \$125,000.00 to \$175,000.00.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion that RZ-2020-01 is not inconsistent with comprehensive plans that have been adopted by the Town of Spring Hope; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion that based on information presented by staff and other interested parties, RZ-2020-01 does have an acceptable level of impact on both the immediate area and the community as a whole; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffin made a motion that the Spring Hope Board of Commissioners does approve the rezoning request RZ-2020-01; Commissioner Cone seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Jones thanked the board.

Mr. Kim told the board that there was an opening on the planning board for a full member. He said that there was an alternate that had been attending most of the meetings that the other members would like to see become a full member. He also said that there were also other applicants that were very interested in becoming the alternate. Commissioner Cone asked if the alternate applicants were also interested in the Downtown Development openings; Mr. Kim said that one of them was interested in both.

Commissioner Cone made a motion to appoint Catherine Ziencik as the alternate and Dave Willis as the full member of the Planning Board; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nothing new from the Chamber

Commissioner Cone made a motion to table the discussion on the Golf Cart ordinance due to the fact that the Police Chief was not in attendance; Commissioner Wilkins seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There was nothing new from the town attorney.

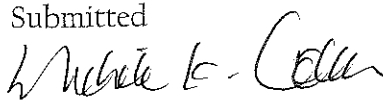
Jared Thompson gave the report for Envirolink.

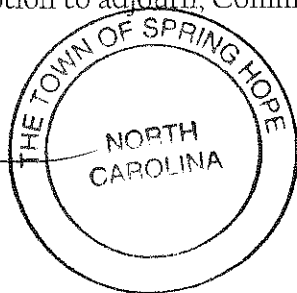
Mr. Kim said that the street markings for 64/Alternate and Hwy 581 were finished. He also said that he had made contact with the owner of Boston Book Co. and would schedule an inspection. Lastly he said that the owner of 314 S Ash St had requested a demolition permit and would be clearing the property as soon as he could.

There was nothing new from the board.

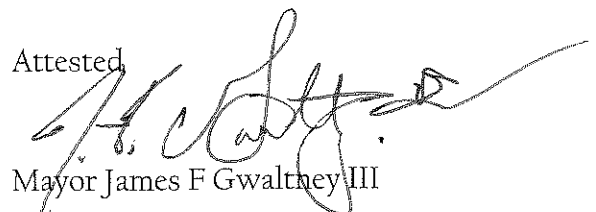
Commissioner Cone made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Griffin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted

  
Michele Collins Town Clerk



Attested

  
Mayor James F Gwaltney III