

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2010
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Benfield
Aldermen: Tracy Aitken
Delaine Fowler
Jeff Morris
David Smith
Reid Walters

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Town Attorney Rivers Lawther. Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Fowler recognized the Hometown Holidays Committee for the two recent events, Christmas in the Park Tree Lighting and the Tour of Homes.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to Nicole Bates, North Rowan Elementary; Tiffany Vang, North Rowan Middle; and Daisy Lemke, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FOWLER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 10-13 – WIND TURBINES

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed. Alderman Morris stated he feels the ordinance is unnecessary and is not part of the Town's plan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS *NOT* TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 10-13, CONCERNING WIND TURBINES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Public Works Director Jeff Bumgarner, Police Chief Mike James, Fire Chief Gray Grubb, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH updated the Board on major town projects. The information on wi-fi options will be discussed at the planning retreat.

6. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on his activities since the last Board meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Laura Porter reviewed the services provided by the Youth Services Bureau and asked for volunteers for their Times Two mentoring program.

NEW BUSINESS

8. OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT – EDDIE CARRICK

Eddie Carrick reviewed the Town’s Financial Statement for the 2009/10 fiscal year. Spencer had a stable year last year financially, although revenues were less than the previous year. Available fund balance at the end of the year was 44%, with the state average being 65%. His advice to the Board and staff was to remain conservative.

Alderman Morris asked that potential payout of accumulated vacation be discussed at the budget retreat. He also made reference to the statement in the letter at the conclusion of the report that states that “the Mayor and governing board will monitor transactions and reconciliations”, and suggested that the Board receive a list of all non-payroll checks to review each month. Alderman Fowler alternatively suggested that a CPA could additionally monitor the operations during the year. No action was taken.

9. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

(This agenda item was covered under #7 Public Comment.)

10. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – ANGELIA FLEMING

Angelia Fleming and two of her students from North Rowan Middle were present with a donation of books collected for Spencer Public Library. Cyndi Atwell, Librarian, accepted the donation.

11. CERTIFICATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN AS PRESENTED TO BE SENT TO THE NC STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. SET DATE FOR PLANNING RETREAT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN AITKEN TO SET THE DATE FOR THE PLANNING RETREAT FOR JANUARY 28-29 (instead of January 21-22 as previously discussed at the November meeting). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board