

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2008
7:00 P.M.
(RECESSED FROM AUGUST 12, 2008)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Morris
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Nick Bishop
Donnie Hinson
C. E. Spear

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Ken Womble

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith, Attorney Rivers Lawther, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Code Enforcement Officer Randy Ferrell.

Mayor Everhart reconvened the meeting, stating the purpose was for an update on 127/129 Fifth Street. Larry Graves reported that his contractor will be able to start within the next few days, and will take 1-2 weeks until the building is down to at least a one-story level so the streets can be reopened. The Board confirmed that the structural engineer and their direction from the last meeting is for complete demolition. Graves gave a copy of an unsigned contract to Board members for their review. Alderman Hinson reminded Graves that he had been given ten days to begin the project, and nothing has been done. Graves responded that by the next Aldermen's meeting, his contractor should be well under way. The building materials will be salvaged and taken outside of Spencer. Alderman Bishop stated that he would prefer to wait until the next Board meeting to make a decision and thereby save tax dollars, but that should be the last chance.

Attorney Lawther suggested staff should investigate the bids for demolition before the next Board meeting and have the engineer present at that meeting as well. If the Town pays for demolition, a judgment can be executed to recoup the cost.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO POSTPONE A DECISION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL THE SEPTEMBER 9TH BOARD MEETING AT WHICH TIME IF THERE IS NO INDICATION OF EQUIPMENT AND WORK GOING ON AT THE PROPERTY, MR. GRAVES WILL BE OUT OF THE PICTURE AND THE TOWN WILL TAKE COMMAND AND ACCEPT A BID ON DEMOLITION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa B. Perdue, Clerk to the Board