

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2011
7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aldermen: Delaine Fowler
David Smith

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 Morris recognized the members of the audience for their interest in attending Board meetings and the planning retreat. Mayor Everhart reported that he, Police Chief James, and Fire Chief Grubb recently attended a meeting at North Rowan Elementary School to honor local heroes.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS for February went to Destiny Parker, North Rowan Elementary, and Javon Hargrave, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADD RESOLUTION 11-02 AS AGENDA ITEM #9A, AND ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON JANUARY 18, 2011, AND THE PLANNING RETREAT ON JANUARY 28-29, 2011. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND MATCHING GRANT (TOWN'S

PORTION \$3,100). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A FOUR WAY STOP AT FOURTH STREET AND WHITEHEAD AVENUE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and meetings.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on his activities since the last Board meeting. Alderman Walters reported on the TAC meeting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Bennett, 506 Oakwood Drive, addressed the Board concerning the take home car policy for police officers. Jim Gobel, 609 Eighth Street, spoke against allowing residents to have chickens.

NEW BUSINESS

7. FAÇADE GRANT REQUEST – 1411 S SALISBURY AVENUE

John Junk of BodyCraft, 1411 S Salisbury Avenue, has turned in a façade grant application showing expenditures of \$1647.50, making him eligible for the maximum \$500 grant.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMEN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE FAÇADE GRANT OF \$500 TO BODYCRAFT, 1411 S SALISBURY AVENUE, AS REQUESTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – SUSAN WOLF

Susan Wolf, 511 Second Street, is asking the Board to consider revising the animal ordinance to allow the keeping of chickens. The current ordinance requires a minimum of two acres for poultry.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REFER THE KEEPING OF POULTRY TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND A RECOMMENDATION BY THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. AUDIT CONTRACT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR AUDITING AND REPORTING SERVICES TO ALLRED AND CARRICK CPAs, PC, FOR AUDITING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500 AND PREPARATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9A. RESOLUTION 11-02 – REPEATER SYSTEM AT NORTH ROWAN HIGH

Attorney Rivers Lawther suggested some minor changes in the wording of the proposed resolution.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AMENDED RESOLUTION 11-02, A REQUEST TO THE ROWAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INSTALL A REPEATER SYSTEM OR BI-DIRECTIONAL ANTENNAE IN NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPOINT RUBY STEELE TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AND NASHA MCCRAY TO SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board