

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2009
7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Nick Bishop

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Attorney Rivers Lawther.

Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Benfield recognized Sid Blume, who recently passed away, for his years of coaching for Spencer Little League. Mayor Everhart recognized the public works employees for working well together even though the department is short-handed.

SPENCER LITTLE LEAGUE RECOGNITION – Mayor Everhart presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Spencer Little League 9-10 year old All Stars in recognition of their winning the N C District 2 All Star Tournament and the Spencer Little League Invitational Tournament.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on Spencer's efforts with Rowan Economic Development Commission and Duke Energy on a grant application to improve marketability of the Sowers Farm site. He also reported on the success of the Read to Your Child event held at Library Park.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Public Works Mechanic Jerry Hunsucker, Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. OPEN COMMENT – Carol Corriher thanked the Board for the newly installed sidewalks on North Salisbury Avenue.

6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – SPENCER JAYCEES

MOTION WAS MADE ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO EXTEND THE NOISE ORDINANCE AND BLOCK THE STREET FOR THE ANNUAL STREET DANCE ON AUGUST 29. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – SPENCER FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY

Janice Sells, President of the Spencer Fire Department Auxiliary, requested permission to close the two northbound lanes of Salisbury Avenue from 11th Street to Newton Street on September 12 beginning at 9 a.m. for approximately 45 minutes for a parade for their fundraiser to be held at the NC Transportation Museum. She also requested in-kind support of the event by any additional police officers as needed to help with traffic.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR LANE CLOSURE AND POLICE SUPPORT FOR THE FIRE TRUCK PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 12. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – BETH NANCE

Beth Nance reviewed the 2009 Goals for the Hometown Holidays Committee, which covered their plans for marketing, fundraising, phase 2 of the lights, and specific planned events.

9. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – 118 4TH STREET (FORMER FIRE DEPT)

The bid from Kenneth and Teresa Bean was the only responsive bid received from the Request for Proposals.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 7 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE ENCLOSED BID PROPOSAL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 118 4TH STREET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY LIENS: 409 S ROWAN, \$368.50; 812 FIFTH STREET, \$243.50; AND 819 SECOND STREET, \$243.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Charges for 420 S Iredell have been paid and the proposed lien at that address is no longer necessary.)

11. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue
Clerk to the Board