

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Scott Benfield

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

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

RECOGNITION

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Morris wanted to recognize Chief Bennett for the work that he has done with the Child Protection Team with DSS.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS

North Rowan Elementary School recognized Spencer Gettys.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON AUGUST 12, 2008 AND AUGUST 27, 2008. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS were given by Chairmen of their respective committees and Mayor Everhart.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Labor Foreman Roger Church, and Land Management Director Dustin Wilson.

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

5. ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE- 127/129 FIFTH STREET

Larry Graves, property owner, has work in progress and the staff will monitor. We will need to ask structural engineer about reopening the roads before doing so.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION AT THIS TIME. ISSUE CAN BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD IF NEEDED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

6. OPEN COMMENT

Eric Singer is concerned about the safety issues with the building on Fifth Street. Matt Price spoke about the fence issue at his house at 301 Harrison Street. Bob Oswald stated that the board should take action on both the building and the fence issues.

7. PROCLAMATION- WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Carol Corriher spoke about the safe routes to school program. She stated that to apply for a grant it takes a lot of work. There will be sidewalks within 2 mile radius of the school.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 8, 2008 AS “INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY” IN THE TOWN OF SPENCER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. REQUEST TO USE LIBRARY PARK- MICHAEL YANG FOUNDATION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO WAIVE THE RESERVATION FEE AND DEPOSIT, CLOSE THE 300 BLOCK OF ROWAN AVENUE AND CAROLINA AVENUE, AND DONATE \$250.00 TO THE MICHAEL YANG FOUNDATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. SPENCER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION- REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SPEAR TO APPROVE A PLEDGE OF UP TO \$5000.00 AS NEEDED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTS FOR SPENCER’S HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. PROCLAMATION – NORTH ROWAN ALUMNI WEEKEND

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 17-19, 2008 AS NORTH ROWAN HIGH ALUMNI 50TH REUNION WEEKEND. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS ITEM UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT PART OF AGENDA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING NON-PROFITS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 08-05, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Rabon
Acting Clerk to the Board