

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2010  
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart  
Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Benfield  
Aldermen: Tracy Aitken  
Delaine Fowler  
Donnie Hinson  
Jeff Morris  
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 thanked CAC members for their work in the downtown planters.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to Corbin Smith, North Rowan Elementary School, and Dakota Honeycutt, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO MOVE “PUBLIC COMMENT” ON TONIGHT’S AGENDA FROM #13 TO #7A, PRIOR TO “UNFINISHED BUSINESS”. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:  
AYES: AITKEN, BENFIELD, FOWLER, HINSON, MORRIS  
NAYS: WALTERS**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AMEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE SO PUBLIC COMMENT IS AFTER COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BEFORE UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON THE ORDER OF BUSINESS (AGENDA) FOR BOARD MEETINGS. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:  
AYES: AITKEN, BENFIELD, FOWLER, HINSON, MORRIS  
NAYS: WALTERS**

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HINSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2010/11 BUDGET

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing on the budget. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed. Alderman Morris questioned the verbiage in Section 6B on page 6, concerning interfund transfers. That sentence will be changed to read “Interfund transfers, **which have been** established in the Budget Ordinance and supporting document, may be accomplished without additional approval from the Board of Aldermen.”

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO SET THE TAX RATE AT 60 CENTS PER \$100 VALUATION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ADOPT THE BUDGET, AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Interim Police Chief Eric Ennis, Fire Chief Gray Grubb, Public Works Director Jeff Bumgarner, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

6. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reviewed major town projects, and the Overview of Visitors to the Town’s website.

7. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported that door prizes are needed for the Read to Your Child event on July 28. Alderman Walters attended the TAC meeting and learned that DOT will repair the Wilcox bridge before it is turned over to Davidson County.

7A. PUBLIC COMMENT - Henry Alexander, 419 S Fulton, would like for banners to be allowed across Salisbury Avenue to advertise special events, and for banners to be allowed in stores. Jim Gobel, 609 Eighth, would like to see a stationary marquee on Salisbury Avenue to advertise events.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CENTRALINA COG MEMBERSHIP – DISCUSSION

Al Sharp, Executive Director, asked the Board to retain their COG membership, and reviewed the benefits of that membership.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN AITKEN TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:**

**AYES: AITKEN, BENFIELD, FOWLER, HINSON, WALTERS**

**NAYS: MORRIS**

NEW BUSINESS

9. DOWNTOWN BANNERS – DISCUSSION

Duke Energy will not allow the placement of banners on the decorative light poles. The Town could purchase the poles, but would also assume the liability.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ACCEPT THE LOWER COST OPTION AND REMOVE THE BRACKETS, AND EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS FOR BANNERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. PROPERTY LIENS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECUSE ALDERMAN MORRIS FROM DELIBERATIONS DUE TO A CONFLICT WITH 600 EIGHTH STREET.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN AITKEN TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 600 EIGHTH STREET, \$242.50; 506 S YADKIN, \$306.00; 104 SOWERS FERRY, \$306.00; AND 507 SEVENTH, \$56.00. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ALL FIVE VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOW ALDERMAN MORRIS TO RETURN TO THE MEETING.**

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2010-05 THROUGH 2010-12.**

12. RULES OF PROCEDURE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO AMEND RULE 11 TO READ THAT A SECOND IS REQUIRED.**

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC, Clerk to the Board