

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
JULY 8, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Donnie Hinson

Also present was Town Manager Larry Smith.

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

RECOGNITION – None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORK SESSION ON MAY 27, 2008 AND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2008. MOTION 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 Captain Tony Bean, Public Works Director Barry Pruett, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

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

NEW BUSINESS

5. OPEN COMMENT

Following a request on behalf of the Spencer Jaycees by Alicia Bean, **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO CLOSE THE 100 BLOCK OF FIFTH STREET FROM NOON ON AUGUST 23 TILL 9 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING AND EXTEND THE NOISE ORDINANCE TILL MIDNIGHT ON AUGUST 23**

**FOR THE ANNUAL STREET DANCE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Rod Whedbee, 502 S Church Street, addressed the Board regarding his concerns about “regionalism” in government and loss of individual rights.

**6. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

Rebecca Yarbrough, Assistant Director Member Services for Centralina COG, presented a PowerPoint slideshow for the “CONNECT” regional vision and action program. The six core values around which the vision is being built are 1) sustainable growth, 2) increased collaboration, 3) diverse economy, 4) environment, 5) education, and 6) social equity. She distributed copies of a resolution she would like the Board to consider at a later date. No action was taken.

**7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPOINT LISA EASON AND DAWN BARTLETT TO THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPOINT JEFF KIKER TO THE SPENCER PLANNING BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY CLOSURE – 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET & YADKIN AVENUE**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO CLOSE THE PORTIONS OF 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND YADKIN AVENUE RIGHTS OF WAY ABUTTING THE UNSAFE STRUCTURE ON THAT CORNER, UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE BUILDING IS EITHER DEMOLISHED AND REMOVED OR STABILIZED SO AS NOT TO CONSTITUTE AN IMMINENT DANGER TO THE PUBLIC. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION – POLICE VEHICLE**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A FORD CROWN VIC POLICE PACKAGE CAR AND MONIES**

**FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM HIRING FREEZE – POLICE DEPARTMENT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO WAIVE THE HIRING FREEZE TO FILL TWO VACANT PATROL POSITIONS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT SECTION 14 LONGEVITY PAY AND THE FIRE CHIEF JOB DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. PROPERTY LIENS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE PROPERTY LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 108 SECOND STREET, \$243.50; 600 S YADKIN, \$243.50; AND 430 STEEPLECHASE TRAIL, \$618.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. BUDGET AMENDMENT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT 2008-09. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. OTHER BUSINESS – None.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue  
Clerk to the Board

