

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JULY 14, 2009
7:00 P.M.

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

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 Morris thanked all volunteers who serve the Town in various capacities. Alderman Benfield recognized the 9 and 10-year-olds' Little League team who recently won the District championship.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 09-03 -NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES (NOT-FOR-PROFIT)

This ordinance would allow nonconforming structures used by Not-for-Profit organizations to rebuild even if the structure is over 50% damaged. The ordinance does not apply to residential uses.

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 09-03, CONCERNING NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES (NOT-FOR-PROFIT). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 26, JUNE 9, AND JUNE 15, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on his activities.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Labor Foreman Roger Church, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Code Enforcement Officer Nathan Ross was introduced.

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

NEW BUSINESS

6. OPEN COMMENT – None

7. NONPROFIT FUNDING POLICY AMENDMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-05, AN AMENDMENT TO THE POLICY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING OF NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. FRONT YARD PARKING ORDINANCE

Mayor Everhart gave a powerpoint presentation showing cars parked in front yards and cars blocking public sidewalks.

ALDERMAN BENFIELD MADE A MOTION TO REFER THE DRAFT OF A FRONT YARD PARKING ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR A RECOMMENDATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – TRACY AITKEN, SBA

Tracy Aitken summarized the meeting with NC Department of Commerce's Division of Community Assistance and Small Town Main Street program representatives. The meeting was to discuss potential downtown redevelopment and revitalization issues.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 09-06 IN SUPPORT OF THE SPENCER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION'S INITIATIVE TO WORK WITH THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE (DCA). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. PROCLAMATION – READING DAYS 2009

“Read to Your Child” is a county-wide initiative that will provide reading events from July 15 through August 12 for the children of the community. The event will be held in Spencer on July 22 at Library Park.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION CONCERNING READING DAYS 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. PROPERTY LIENS

Mayor Pro-Tem Morris asked to be excused from deliberations on 600 Eighth Street due to a conflict. **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO EXCUSE ALDERMEN MORRIS FROM VOTING ON 600 EIGHTH STREET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE LIENS ON 8 PICKETT AVENUE, \$368.50; 506 S YADKIN AVENUE, \$243.50; AND 606 SECOND STREET, \$242.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Pro-Tem Morris left the Board room. **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE LIEN AGAINST 600 EIGHTH STREET FOR \$368.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY THOSE PRESENT.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Morris returned to the Board room.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Everhart recognized Spencer Fire Department Auxiliary for obtaining its 501-c-3 designation. The Auxiliary plans to hold a fundraiser on September 12 featuring a fire truck show and parade.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue
Clerk to the Board