

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MAY 13, 2008
7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Ken Womble

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

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 APRIL 8, 2008. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD 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, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Smith, Public Works Director Barry Pruett, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on the status of major town projects.

NEW BUSINESS

5. OPEN COMMENT

Barbara Kemper, 414 S Carolina Avenue, gave contact information to staff about a loan program through USDA for which she would like Spencer residents to become eligible.

Corinne Mauldin, 385 Winterlocken, addressed the Board concerning North Rowan High School. Capacity is 1130 and at present, North only has 666 students. She encouraged

Spencer Board members to attend the school board meetings to encourage the school board to help North Rowan.

Margaret Waddell introduced David Long, who will be helping with future cruise-in events.

Jack Fisher addressed the Board about the importance of replacing the Yadkin River bridge. Rod Whedbee asked the Board to see that the land use plan considers commercial developers and is not too restrictive to property owners.

Shirley Faust, Dan Hendricks, and Scott Hawkins addressed the Board concerning noise complaints in their neighborhood. They feel the neighborhood is not as bad as it is being portrayed by one particular resident.

6. STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS

Mayor Everhart presented the first monthly student appreciation awards to Dhestini Cunningham, North Rowan Elementary; Carrie Thompson, North Rowan Middle; and Kristin Moore, North Rowan High School.

7. Request to Address the Board – Forrest Clanton

Forrest Clanton, 403 S Carolina Avenue, addressed the Board concerning the “noise situation” in Spencer. (See agenda item #5, Open Comment) No action was taken.

8. RESOLUTION – PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR OBSERVANCE OF MAY 15TH AS PEACE OFFICERS’ MEMORIAL DAY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2008-05 THROUGH 2008-07. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR:
AYES: BENFIELD, BISHOP, MORRIS, SPEAR
NAYS: HINSON**

10. SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP & PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO SET MAY 21 AT 6:00 P.M. AS THE DATE FOR THE BUDGET WORKSHOP AND JUNE 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN HINSON TO GO INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR PERSONNEL REASONS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following the closed session, no action was taken and the Board adjourned into a budget workshop at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue
Clerk to the Board