

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2011
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Benfield
Aldermen: Tracy Aitken
Delaine Fowler
Jeff Morris
David Smith
Reid Walters

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Attorney Rivers Lawther. Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Morris recognized the citizens in attendance. Alderman Fowler thanked public works for displaying the U.S. flags and the seasonal flags. Aldermen Walters stated it was nice to see the peewee football league using the ballpark. Mayor Everhart wished outgoing Public Works Director Jeff Bumgarner good luck in the future. He also thanked the LandTrust for holding the recent meeting concerning Spencer Woods, and recognized the Board and citizens for receiving the PARTF grant. Alderman Benfield thanked Jason Walser and the Land Trust for their help with the PARTF grant.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to Diego Dela Cruz, North Rowan Elementary; Janet Hernandez, North Rowan Middle; and Jessica Wall, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON OCTOBER 11, 2011. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – 11-11 – ADULT ESTABLISHMENTS

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 11-11, CONCERNING GROSS SALES: ANCILLARY ADULT ESTABLISHMENT

USES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:

AYES: AITKEN, BENFIELD, MORRIS, SMITH, WALTERS

NAYS: FOWLER

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Fire Chief Gray Grubb, Public Works Director Jeff Bumgarner, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE \$941 FOR NEW STRUTS FOR THE 1994 INTREPID AND DEFER DISCUSSION OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE TO THE ALDERMEN'S PLANNING RETREAT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:

AYES: BENFIELD, FOWLER, MORRIS, SMITH, WALTERS

NAYS: AITKEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE CLOSING OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE 100 BLOCK OF FIFTH STREET FOR A FREE HOLIDAY EVENT HOSTED BY THE LUNCHBOX, SOUNDS OF THE SEASON, ON DECEMBER 10, FROM 6-9 PM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

6. MAYOR JODY EVERHART reported on meetings he has attended. The charette for the PARTF grant will be January 19 & 20 with the landscape architects.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT - Bob Oswald recognized newly elected Aldermen and outgoing ones, and encouraged Board and staff to continue to pursue grant money for projects. Beth Nance reported on the Hometown Holiday events for 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

8. SPENCER WOODS

LandTrust Executive Director Jason Walser updated the Board on the Spencer Woods project and the PARTF grant status. The draft contract has not been received yet from the State. LandTrust will help raise funds and provide \$20,000 for initial expenses.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS THAT THE TOWN IS WILLING TO BUY THE PROPERTY FOR THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS DELINEATED IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND GRANT

CONTINGENT UPON THE TOWN AGREEING TO THE GRANT TERMS AND ACCEPTING THE MONEY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. RESOLUTION – JUDICIAL & PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS

District Attorney Brandy Cook explained that both local officials and local law enforcement are opposed to consolidation of districts.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO CONSOLIDATION OF JUDICIAL AND PROSECUTORIAL DISTRICTS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 614 MEADOW AVENUE, \$368.50; 314 N YADKIN AVENUE, \$368.50; 300 N YADKIN AVENUE, \$243.50; 209 11TH STREET, \$431.00; 403 7TH STREET, \$368.50; AND 400 N YADKIN AVENUE, \$306.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FOWLER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CLOSED SESSION – TOWN MANAGER’S EVALUATION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO GO INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER’S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following the closed session, no action was taken and Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board