

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2012
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Kevin Jones
Jeff Morris
David Smith
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 – None

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to: Kaylin Hill, North Rowan Elementary School; Terry Cathcart, North Rowan Middle School; and Lawrence “Jamal” Watkins, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 13, 2011. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Fire Chief Gray Grubb, Interim Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH updated the Board on major projects and distributed a sign up sheet for the planning charette for Spencer Woods. Regarding information received from the Carolina Thread Trail, Alderman Morris asked for the requested resolution, with suggested changes, to be placed on next month’s agenda.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reviewed his activities over the past month.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Nance gave a recap of the events of Hometown Holidays 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

7. PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION – FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIO ACCESSORIES

Rowan County is purchasing new radios for all fire departments in the county (including municipal and rural). The only cost to the Town will be the cost of the accessories, approximately \$5,740.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE UP TO \$6000 FOR ACCESSORIES FOR MOTOROLA APX 6000 RADIOS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. DISCUSSION – STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Everhart explained that the Manager/Council form of government does not require committees since the entire Board is involved in all final decisions. The Administrative Rules of Procedure adopted in 2010 eliminated the Board committees. Board members felt it would be redundant to discuss agenda items in committee meetings and then again in the actual Board meetings.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ELIMINATE THE BOARD'S STANDING COMMITTEES AND REMOVE THOSE STANDING COMMITTEES THAT WERE FORMERLY COMPRISED OF THE ALDERMEN FROM THE AGENDA SUMMARY SHEETS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. YOUTH PROTECTION ORDINANCE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ADOPT THE YOUTH PROTECTION ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN'S ROSTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. SET DATE FOR PLANNING RETREAT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT HEAD PRESENTATIONS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT AND HAVE AN 8:30-5:00 PLANNING RETREAT ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, AT SPENCER FIRE DEPARTMENT BASED ON THE ORIGINAL FORMAT BUT GET THE TOPICS TO THE FACILITATOR BY JANUARY 24 SO THEY CAN BE DRAFTED ON THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board