

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MARCH 13, 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 – Alderman Morris commended Sgt. Comer and MPO Crews for saving a woman from an apartment fire this week. Alderman Walters recognized Coach Pittman and the NRHS wrestling team for having three state champions. Mayor Everhart read the thank you note from Voices of Hope. The Mayor also thanked Town staff for their work with plans for the Arbor Day event.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to: Tyree Lark, North Rowan Elementary School; Narielle Reid, North Rowan Middle; and Ashton McJunkin, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING RETREAT ON FEBRUARY 4, AND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2012. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$2000 FOR THE ARBOR DAY EVENT ON APRIL 28. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on his activities over the past month, and reported that he had signed a proclamation for the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION – NCTM SUPPORT

Sturges Bryan, representing the NCTM Foundation, asked Board members to contact state legislators and request continued financial support for the Museum.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF REINSTATEMENT OF STATE FUNDING TO THE NC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, AND SEND IT TO EACH MUNICIPALITY IN ROWAN COUNTY AND TO THE ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. DISCUSSION – NCTM VANITY PLATE

Rep. Harry Warren plans to draft a bill for a NCTM specialty license plate and introduce it in the short session when the General Assembly reconvenes in May. An order of 300 plates will be required before production can begin. Funding will be paid quarterly to the NCTM Foundation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE VANITY LICENSE PLATE TO PROMOTE THE NC TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPOINT JONETTE POWELL TO A 3-YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. RFQ – ATTORNEYS

Only one response was received to the RFQ for an attorney to review the Utilities Consolidation Agreement with the City of Salisbury. Mayor Everhart read a letter from Salisbury's Mayor, Paul Woodson, requesting a meeting of Spencer's Mayor and Manager with Salisbury's Mayor and Manager.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH MAYOR EVERHART AND TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH AND MAYOR WOODSON AND CITY MANAGER PARIS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFICATION OF ANY AND ALL OF THE AGREEMENT LANGUAGE THAT RELATES TO THE SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 9 ON PAGE 5 OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH STATES "ALL REVENUES OF SALISBURY UTILITIES DEPARTMENT SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE WATER AND SEWER FUND AND SHALL NOT BE USED TO SUBSIDIZE ANY OTHER OPERATIONS." MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DEFER AGENDA ITEM #10, RFQ DISCUSSION, UNTIL THE MAY MEETING TO ALLOW TIME TO HEAR THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING BETWEEN THE MAYORS AND MANAGERS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO SCHEDULE A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR MONDAY, MARCH 26, AT 6:00 P.M. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board