

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Jeff Morris
David Smith
Reid Walters

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Kevin Jones

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 Gobbel recognized Neal Purvis, Spencer resident, retired Sgt. Major with the NC National Guard.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to: Caroline Monroe, North Rowan Elementary School; Trent Berry, North Rowan Middle School; and James Woodson, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Everhart requested that Item #12 – Closed Session / Litigation Update be moved between Items #1 and #2.

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

12. CLOSED SESSION – LITIGATION UPDATE

Mayor Everhart explained to the audience that the Board would move into the conference room to go into closed session for a litigation update.

After the closed session during which no action was taken, **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON MARCH 13, AND THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ON MARCH 26, 2012.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Police Chief Mike James who introduced new officer James Cayer, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. The Fire Department report was presented in writing.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET RESOLUTION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DECLINE THE OFFER OF DONATION OF PROPERTY AT 206 NORTH YADKIN AVENUE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Everhart asked the Board members for their assistance with the food booth at the Arbor Day celebration. Alderman Walters reported that the MPO had reviewed the State's 2040 Transportation Plan.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Lentz and Marla Gobbel addressed the Board on behalf of Community Appearance Commission (member Jody Vail was also present). Lentz stated that the powers and duties of CAC include direction of Town officials to any ordinance that needs enforcement. Code enforcement is now done part time by Land Management since staff cuts were made at the beginning of the fiscal year. CAC wants citizens to regain pride in their community and does not want Land Management and Code Enforcement to be outsourced.

Bob Oswald, 410 Seventh Street, addressed the Board concerning rental property and downtown buildings.

7. RESOLUTION – MUTUAL AID

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE

WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. PROCLAMATION – SPENCER WOMAN’S CLUB

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 24 AS GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S CLUB FEDERATION DAY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. STREET PAVING PROPOSAL

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE STREET PAVING PRIORITY LIST AS PRESENTED (17TH ST OFF OF SALISBURY AVE TO THE CURVE; 15TH STREET APRON OFF OF SALISBURY AVE; CAROLINA AVENUE FROM 11TH ST TO 8TH ST; AND ROWAN AVENUE FROM 11TH ST TO 8TH STREET) AND PROCEED WITH THE BID PROCESS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. SCHEDULE BUDGET WORKSHOP

Board members decided to wait until next month’s Board meeting to schedule another budget workshop.

11. RESCHEDULE MAY MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR MAY TO MAY 15TH, 2012. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board