

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MAY 15, 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 Gobbel recognized Mike and Anita Mowery for their volunteer work at Eighth Street ballpark. Alderman Walters recognized the Jinwala's, former owners of Country Cupboard, who had moved out of state to begin a new business venture. Mayor Everhart thanked the Town staff, Little League, Town Board, and citizens who participated in the Arbor Day event. Alderman Gobbel thanked Rob Nance for organizing the 5K run.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to: Lashay Little, North Rowan Elementary; Nathan Kiker, North Rowan Middle School, and Jade Gunnerson, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DEFER #9, RFQ – ATTORNEYS, UNTIL THE JULY BOARD MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO LEAVE THE MEETING OPEN AND COME BACK ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS #13, BUDGET WORKSHOP. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS. Following further discussion, **ALDERMAN WALTERS AMENDED HIS MOTION TO RECESS THE MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 22, AT 6:30 PM AT SPENCER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE BUDGET WORKSHOP. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON APRIL 10, 2012. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 12-01 – DEFINITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO CONTINUE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 12-01 TO THE JUNE 12 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL. Following a suggestion from Alderman Morris to change “approved by the” to “submitted for” in the Predevelopment Definition under Section 1 of the proposed ordinance and refer that change to Land Management and the Planning Board, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

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

6. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Everhart and Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel reported on meetings they had attended and upcoming meetings including Town Hall Day on June 6.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Mallett, Mayor of East Spencer, invited Aldermen to attend a meeting on May 21 at Southern City AME Zion Church with a representative from Rowan Regional Medical Center concerning healthcare in our community.

Beth Nance & Marla Gobbel thanked Town staff for their help with the 5K Run and thanked individual Aldermen for their sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS

8. AWARD PRESENTATIONS – CHIEF JAMES

Police Chief Mike James presented Lifesaving Awards and Medal of Valor Awards to MPO Crews and Sgt. Comer for assisting a tenant trapped in an apartment fire on March 12. He also presented a Recognition Pin to Officer Kenny Williams for graduating with honors from High Point University.

(9. RFQ – ATTORNEYS – deferred until July meeting.)

10. AUDIT CONTRACT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR AUDITING AND REPORTING SERVICES TO EDDIE CARRICK, CPA FOR AUDITING SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,500 AND PREPARATION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2012-01 THROUGH 2012-05. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO SET JUNE 12 AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. BUDGET WORKSHOP

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Everhart recessed the meeting until May 22 at 6:30 pm at Spencer Fire Department at which time the budget workshop will be held.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board