

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013
7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Scott Benfield

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

RECOGNITION – None.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to Charlie Durham, North Rowan Elementary School, and Corbin Smith, North Rowan Middle School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2013. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Smith, Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Land Management Director Price Wagoner, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

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

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS were given by Mayor Everhart and MPO Representative Reid Walters.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST TO USE LIBRARY PARK – NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO WAIVE THE RESERVATION FEE FOR NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO HOLD A BAND CONCERT IN LIBRARY PARK ON SUNDAY, MAY 5. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. DISCUSSION – PARKS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ALLOCATE \$35,000 FOR NEW EQUIPMENT FOR BOTH PARKS TO BE BOUGHT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL. During discussion, Alderman Morris stated he supported the purchase but felt it should be deferred to budget meetings for discussion. Mayor Everhart agreed. Following discussion, **VOTE CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR:**
AYES: GOBBEL, JONES, SMITH, WALTERS
NAYS: MORRIS

9. DISCUSSION – SIGN ORDINANCE

Alderman Morris would like the Planning Board to develop an ordinance to conform to state standards for campaign signs, for uniformity and ease of enforcement. Alderman Walters does not want the ordinance to allow signs in the rights of way on Town streets without the property owners' permission.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REFER THE ABOVE SIGN ISSUES TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REAPPOINT SHEELAGH DONALDSON TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, Clerk to the Board