

TOWN OF SPENCER
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013
6:00 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 the Town Manager, Town Clerk, Department Heads, and Salisbury Post reporter Emily Ford.

Mayor Everhart called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

1. DISCUSSION – HB 150 EXEMPTION

Board members discussed House Bill 150, concerning Design and Aesthetic Controls. They also received copies of HB 575, Morrisville's request for exemption, and HB 564, request for exemption for Biltmore Forest and Montreat. House Bill 150 has passed through the House and is now in the Senate. Historic districts are exempt already. Alderman Morris feels that HB 150 enables the highest and best use of properties. Morris feels that any request for exemption for Spencer needs to be specific and cite reasons for the request, including the fact that Spencer has the largest contiguous historic district in the State. Planned subdivisions are already exempt from HB 150. If the House Bill passes, Spencer's Commercial Corridor Overlay would no longer exist.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO ASK FOR AN EXEMPTION, AND ATTACH TO HB 564. MOTION WAS SECONDED AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR:

AYES: BENFIELD, GOBBEL, SMITH, WALTERS
NAYS: JONES, MORRIS

Alderman Walters distributed copies of a Resolution Supporting Smaller Municipalities Local Government Authority and asked the Board to support the resolution.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AS PROPOSED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:

AYES: BENFIELD, GOBBEL, JONES, SMITH, WALTERS
NAYS: MORRIS

2. RESOLUTION – I-85 WIDENING

Alderman Morris summarized the proposed Resolution Supporting I-85 Widening and Old Beatty Ford Road Projects in Southern Rowan County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PROPOSED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Town Manager Smith asked Aldermen if they had any questions on his summary in the agenda packet. He distributed copies of the 2013 solid waste program comparison, which shows a cost of \$19.92 per unit for garbage pickup. He also asked for Board input on capital expenditure requests. A Facilities Needs Assessment / Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study is badly needed, especially now with the Spencer Woods project and its potential connection to the Eighth Street Park. If the Board prioritizes it, he will work to see if that can be fit into the budget.

Alderman Morris suggested raising solid waste fees if more revenue is needed, since the program is currently being subsidized. Board members agreed that the Study should be a priority. Morris suggested adding revenue to the budget to fund the Study. Alderman Benfield is against any increase in fees. Smith will get an estimated cost associated with the Request for Qualifications for the Study in time for the Board's consideration for the proposed budget.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board