

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JUNE 11, 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 – Mayor Everhart thanked Town staff for their compliance with the budget over the past year. Mayor Everhart recognized new President of the Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Elaine Spalding, who was present in the audience. Mayor Pro-Tem Gobbel thanked Community Appearance members and volunteers who picked up and planted flowers in the planters. Alderman Walters thanked Andrew Waters, who is moving to South Carolina, for his work with the LandTrust.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD for June was presented to Dominique Kerns, North Rowan Elementary School. Michael Ranson was present to receive his award from North Rowan High School, awarded in May.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2013/14 BUDGET

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE FY 2013/14 BUDGET AS PRESENTED, WHICH SETS THE TAX RATE AT 62.8 CENTS PER \$100. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on the status of major town projects and concerns. Alderman Morris suggested that if the Board wants to discuss withdrawal from Centralina Council of Governments, they do so before the new Board takes office in December.

6. MAYOR JODY EVERHART reported on activities since the last Board meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – DAVID TREME

David Treme reviewed the services provided through United Way and asked the Town Board to hold a campaign in Spencer run by the Board of Aldermen.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO TAKE NO ACTION ON THIS ITEM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPOINT PATSY DUNCAN, 804 4TH STREET, TO THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REQUEST FOR NONPROFIT FEE WAIVER – CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO WAIVE THE RESERVATION FEE FOR THE USE OF LIBRARY PARK BY CENTRAL METHODIST ON SUNDAY, JULY 21ST, FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION – SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET PROGRAM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. RESOLUTION – DOWNTOWN EVENTS / SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2013-06 DEALING WITH DOWNTOWN EVENTS AND SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. DISCUSSION – MAILBOX LOCATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

The Post Office has begun requiring some new residents to install a streetside mailbox rather than utilize an existing house mailbox. Board discussion centered around the need for clarification of the regulations, a suggested plan of action from the Postal Service for the Town to implement those regulations, and a time frame for the Town to implement such a plan. Congressman Mel Watt will contact the Postal Service on behalf of the Town if the Board so directs.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO CONTACT MEL WATT’S OFFICE TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE MAILBOX SITUATION, SEE IF THE SITUATION ON SALISBURY AVENUE AND THE HISTORIC DISTRICT CAN BE RESOLVED THROUGH HIS OFFICE AND GET CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE ACTUAL POLICY OF THE US POSTAL SERVICE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. AUDIT CONTRACT AND ENGAGEMENT LETTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS WITH EDDIE CARRICK, CPA FOR \$4,750 AND THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES WITH BRENT PARKS, CPA FOR \$3,250. 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