

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
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 Attorney Rivers Lawther. Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Mayor Everhart recognized the Meals on Wheels headquarters that has recently relocated to Spencer, and the North Rowan High football team for finishing their regular season undefeated.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to: Kari Downs, North Rowan Elementary; and Logan Stoner, North Rowan Middle School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. REVIEW OF PROPERTY / LIABILITY INSURANCE – JOHN DRYE

John Drye, Central Carolina Insurance, stated that Spencer's workers compensation insurance was approximately \$11,000 less this year, partially due to the emphasis on policy and procedures. The Police Department has great policies in place. Travelers Insurance has given a good quote on the property and liability coverage.

Town Manager Larry Smith presented certificates to Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Labor Foreman Josh Brown, and Sgt. Eric Ennis for their work with the Town's safety program and policies.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON OCTOBER 8, 2013 AND THE CANDIDATE FORUM ON OCTOBER 21, 2013. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Sgt. Eric Ennis, 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 major town projects. He also reported to the Board of an opportunity to apply jointly with East Spencer for a NCDOT bicycle and pedestrian planning grant.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO GIVE TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH PERMISSION TO MEET WITH EAST SPENCER ADMINISTRATOR MACON SAMMONS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL GRANT AND BRING BACK INFORMATION TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ASK THE CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL OFFICIALS TO SCHEDULE THE OPEN HOUSE FOR THE NORTH AREA AFTER 6:00 PM TO ALLOW FOR MORE PUBLIC INPUT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Everhart, Alderman Walters, and Alderman Benfield reported on functions they had attended.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Oswald, 410 7th Street, reminded Aldermen of the tree lighting at Library Park on December 6, and announced that there is a vacancy on the Historic Preservation Commission.

8. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 513 ANDERSON, \$381.00; 515 ANDERSON, \$381.00; 517 ANDERSON, \$381.00; 604 3rd STREET, \$368.50; 610 S YADKIN, \$493.50; 816 5th STREET, \$368.50; AND 816 5th STREET, \$543.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CLOSED SESSION – TOWN MANAGER’S EVALUATION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE TOWN MANAGER’S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:15 PM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:16 PM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board