

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 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 the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

RECOGNITION – Mayor Everhart presented a plaque of appreciation to outgoing Alderman David Smith. Alderman Walters thanked the staff and LandTrust for their work with the PARTF grant.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2013 AND THE CALLED MEETING ON DECEMBER 2, 2013. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following a short recess, THE HONORABLE MARSHALL BICKETT, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE FOLLOWING GOVERNING BODY:

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| MAYOR JODY EVERHART | |
| ALDERMEN: SCOTT BENFIELD | KEVIN JONES |
| MIKE BOONE | JEFF MORRIS |
| JIM GOBBEL | REID WALTERS |

COPIES OF SIGNED OATHS ARE ON FILE IN TOWN OFFICE.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to: Nathaniel Burrison, North Rowan Elementary; Trinity Gladden, North Rowan Middle; and Maria Sorrosa, North Rowan High School.

NEW BUSINESS

2. SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO NOMINATE JIM GOBBEL AS MAYOR PRO-TEM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Alderman Gobbel's abstention counts as an affirmative vote.)

JUDGE BICKETT ADMINISTERED THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR PRO-TEM TO JIM GOBBEL.

3. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

4. APPOINTMENT – NCDOT MPO – TAC / TCC REPRESENTATIVES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPOINT ALDERMAN WALTERS AS THE TAC DELEGATE AND MAYOR PRO-TEM GOBBEL AS THE TAC ALTERNATE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPOINT ED MUIRE (ROWAN COUNTY) AS SPENCER'S TCC DELEGATE AND SHANE STEWART (ROWAN COUNTY) AS SPENCER'S TCC ALTERNATE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. CENTRALINA COG APPOINTMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPOINT MAYOR EVERHART AS THE TOWN'S CENTRALINA COG DELEGATE AND ALDERMAN BENFIELD AS THE ALTERNATE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PROCEED WITH A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NC GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION, WITH A POTENTIAL TOWN MATCH UP TO \$5,000. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Phil Conrad, Metropolitan Planning Organization, has asked if there is still support from the new Board for the Third Street connector for the greenway project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REPEAT THE BOARD'S RESOLVE TO SUPPORT THE THIRD STREET CONNECTOR FOR THE GREENWAY PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rowan-Salisbury School System has applied for a grant to fund a School Resource Officer at the Middle School.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO GIVE THE POLICE CHIEF AND THE TOWN MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM TO USE A SPENCER OFFICER FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IF THAT POSITION COMES AVAILABLE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS were given by Mayor Everhart and Mayor Pro-Tem Gobbel.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

10. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET 5K

Small Town Main Street's Promotion Committee is proposing to have a fundraising 5k run on March 15th, 2014. Rowan Runners will help with the planning of the event.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REQUEST THAT THE TOWN MANAGER REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN JANUARY WITH WHAT LEVEL OF SUPPORT IS NEEDED FROM STAFF AND WITH THE PROCEDURE OF HOW THE PROCEEDS AND EXPENDITURES CAN RUN THROUGH THE TOWN'S BUDGET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. REAPPOINTMENTS – PLANNING BOARD / HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REAPPOINT JEFF KIKER, CRAIG POWERS, AND RON GERLOCK TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND JIM NORMAN TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. PROPERTY LIEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE LIEN AGAINST 406 S ROWAN AVENUE FOR \$368.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board