

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2014
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Mike Boone
Kevin Jones
Jeff Morris
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 Pro-Tem Gobbel recognized the Hometown Holidays group for the Christmas events and the East Rowan Chorus for their entertainment during the Tour of Churches.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD was presented to Kimberly Flores, North Rowan Elementary School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2013. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH updated the Board on the status of major town projects.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TOWN MANAGER'S MEMO, WHICH REFERENCE SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET CONCERNS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES. Following discussion, MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR:

AYES: BENFIELD, BOONE, JONES, MORRIS

NAYS: GOBBEL, WALTERS

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on meetings and activities over the past month.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

NEW BUSINESS

7. OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORT – EDDIE CARRICK

Eddie Carrick, CPA, gave a favorable report of the Town’s finances and urged the board to remain conservative.

8. ORDINANCE 14-01 – SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 14-01, CHANGING THE SPEED LIMIT ON SOUTH ROWAN AVENUE, FROM ELEVENTH STREET TO SEVENTEENTH STREET, TO 20 MILES PER HOUR. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ASK THE TOWN MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT A TRAFFIC STUDY CONCERNING THE OTHER STREETS AROUND SPENCER WOODS AND SEE WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT BE PRUDENT, AND SEEK INPUT FROM THE LANDTRUST AND THE STANBACKS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. DISCUSSION – PLANNING RETREAT

The consensus of the Board was to have a “traditional” planning retreat, with department heads on Friday evening, and a facilitator guiding the meeting on Saturday. The tentative dates selected were February 28 and March 1 respectively, depending on the availability of a facilitator.

10. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPOINT DAVID H. SMITH TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 816 5TH STREET, \$243.50; 215 ANNE STREET, \$243.50; AND 314 N. YADKIN, \$368.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A FACILITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. RESOLUTION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, IN CELEBRATION OF SPENCER’S DIVERSITY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Town Clerk