

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MARCH 11, 2014
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel
Aldermen: Mike Boone
Kevin Jones
Jeff Morris
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 Pro-Tem Gobbel thanked the residents for their community involvement at the February 27th Listening Session.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS for March went to Addison Connor, North Rowan Elementary; and Ernesto Jaramillo, North Rowan Middle School. Brianna Peterson, North Rowan Elementary School, was also present to receive her award from the month of February.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Alderman Boone presented a proposal to request an addition to departmental reports at each monthly meeting concerning code enforcement, land management, law enforcement, and fire department problems in a “Core District” (Historic District and surrounding area). The Town Manager would work with department heads for input on the best way to implement and the cost involved.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO ADD THIS PROPOSAL TO THE AGENDA AS ITEM #14. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ADD DISCUSSION OF SIDEWALKS ONTO ITEM #11, STREET PAVING PROPOSAL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11, 2014 AND THE CALLED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 27, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 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.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on the status of major town projects and the draft agenda for the planning retreat on March 14-15.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on meetings he attended and announced that Spencer had received recognition for the Spencer Woods project from Salisbury’s Community Appearance Commission and Tree Board.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Meredith Williams, assistant principal at North Rowan Middle School, extended a personal invitation to the Board of Aldermen to visit NRMS.

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – JEREMY BATES, AMY SMITH

William Noles, representing Spencer Little League, asked the Board to consider the prohibition of tobacco products at the Eighth Street ball park. Amy Smith, Rowan County health educator, reviewed the statistics of the hazards of smoking. The City of Salisbury adopted a similar policy in February. Rowan County has funds for signage. The only expense to the Town of Spencer would be the posts and labor to install.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: IT IS THE POLICY GOAL OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER TO DISCONTINUE TOBACCO USE AT ALL MUNICIPAL PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES. WRITTEN ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT THE REGULAR MAY 2014 MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

During discussion of the motion, clarification specified that signs should be installed as soon as possible at the ball park, even though enforcement measures would not be discussed until May.

8. DEMOLITION ORDINANCE 01-14 – 604 THIRD STREET

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE DEMOLITION ORDINANCE 01-14, CONCERNING 604 THIRD STREET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. SPENCER CRUISE-IN

Kellie Luttrell plans to revive the original Spencer cruise-in event on the 3rd Saturday of each month from April through December. Event organizers will pay off-duty officers to work the event.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE: 1) CLOSURE OF 4TH STREET AND 5TH STREET, AS NEEDED, 2) CLOSURE OF THE SALISBURY AVENUE LANES OF TRAVEL THAT HAVE BEEN REQUESTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS PRESENTED, AND CONTINGENT UPON NCDOT APPROVAL, AND 3) ALLOWING USE OF THE TOWN'S 4TH STREET POWER POLE FOR THE ORIGINAL MONTHLY CRUISE-IN AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. SCHEDULE OF FEES – EIGHTH STREET PARK

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR THE BALL FIELDS AT THE EIGHTH STREET PARK AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. STREET PAVING PROPOSAL AND SIDEWALKS

Alderman Walters asked about adding some bad sections of sidewalks some board members have received complaints about to this Request For Proposals. Town Manager Smith advised that sidewalk and streets would be two different kinds of contractors. Smith asked Board members to relay any sidewalk complaints to staff within the next few weeks, and Public Works could report back on the list at the next meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE STREET PAVING PRIORITY LIST AS PRESENTED AND PROCEED WITH THE BID PROCESS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPOINT JATANA PATTERSON, 504 8TH STREET, TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION

COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO CONTINUE WITH THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROCESS, AND SUPPORT THE 20% MATCH IF PROJECT WERE TO BE AWARDED, THROUGH TOWN AND POTENTIALLY POWELL BILL MONIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. ADDITION TO DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL AS DISCUSSED UNDER AGENDA ITEM #1. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board