

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
APRIL 8, 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 – Alderman Benfield recognized the public works department for the cleanup after recent storms, and also the volunteers with the Spencer Little League for all their work. Alderman Jones recognized Assistant Principal Meredith Williams after his recent tour of North Rowan Middle School. Mayor Everhart thanked Detective Pacilio for his work with the G.R.E.A.T. program at North Rowan Elementary and Middle Schools.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to Nevaya Sion, North Rowan Elementary, and Taylor Ellis, 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 MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON MARCH 11, 2014 AND THE PLANNING RETREAT ON MARCH 14-15, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. Robert VanGeons, Executive Director of RowanWorks, thanked the Town for this proposed amendment, which would add Recycling and Resource Recovery as a conditional use in the Industrial district. No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-02, RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY, STATING THAT

IT IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THE TOWN OF SPENCER LAND USE PLAN 2025, AND IS REASONABLE WITH THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – HPC GUIDELINES – MAILBOXES

The proposal would require a Certificate of Appropriateness for curbside mailboxes in the historic district.

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. Bob Oswald, 410 7th Street, asked the Board to confirm that curbside mailboxes will not be required by the post office because that would place a hardship on new residents to come to the Historic Preservation Commission. No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GUIDELINES AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ONCE AGAIN CONTACT THE STAFF ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPRESENTATION WE HAVE IN CONGRESS IN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE AND CONTACT WHOEVER WE NEED TO IN ORDER TO GET ANSWERS REGARDING THE SITUATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE UP TO \$2800 FOR SIREN REPAIR AND UPGRADE AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE UP TO \$6000 FOR UPGRADING SIGNS AND WORKZONE SAFETY EQUIPMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and reviewed the new follow-up report for Land Management and code enforcement issues. The Board decided to hold a budget workshop on Tuesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m.

7. MAYOR EVERHART reported on meetings and activities he had attended.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Audience members who addressed the Board were: Barbara Kemper, Billy Pless, Patsy Duncan, and Bob Oswald.

NEW BUSINESS

9. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – ROWANWORKS

Executive Director Robert Van Geons reviewed the services provided by RowanWorks. He offered to schedule a meeting with the Aldermen to discuss Spencer's industrial sites and how they could be improved.

10. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-04 – SHOOTING FIREARMS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-04, CONCERNING SHOOTING FIREARMS WITHIN TOWN LIMITS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. STREET BID ACCEPTANCE

The total amount budgeted for paving this year is \$64,000. All bids for Priority 1 (Charles Street) came in over the budgeted amount, so staff recommends completing Priority 2 (N. Yadkin Avenue) and as much of Priority 3 (N. Rowan Avenue) as possible until funds are exhausted. Charles Street would be postponed until next year.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO AWARD THE 2014 PAVING CONTRACT TO HANES CONSTRUCTION, AND AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SEGMENTS AS DISCUSSED ABOVE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATION – 108 FOURTH STREET

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF \$500 TO SPENCER DOLL AND TOY MUSEUM, 108 FOURTH STREET, UNDER THE FAÇADE GRANT POLICY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE – FACILITIES NEEDS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED SCOPE AND COST PROPOSAL WITH ADW ARCHITECTS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following discussion, **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO PROCEED WITH A FULL ASSESSMENT OF TOWN HALL (COST ESTIMATE \$5,000 TO \$7,000). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 430 STEEPLECHASE TRAIL, \$4,506.00; 900 7TH STREET, \$78.50; AND 0 JORDAN AVENUE (MAP 33, PARCEL 14), \$543.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. COMMITTEE REMOVAL – ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO REMOVE LARRY BOLEN, 809 4TH STREET, FROM THE ROSTER OF SPENCER'S ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

16. PROCLAMATION – PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 26 AS PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE DAY IN SPENCER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board