

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MAY 13, 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 – None.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to McKayla Freedle, North Rowan Elementary School, and Tamia Brown, 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 GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON APRIL 8, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING 14-05 – SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Craig Powers, Planning Board Chair, reviewed the proposed ordinance, which would allow Level 1 Solar Energy Systems in all zoning districts. Ground-mounted systems would sometimes need a Conditional Use Permit.

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-05, SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT, 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 GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Public Works Director Joel Taylor, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Chief James is in favor of a monetary reward for the arrest or arrest and conviction in the Dee Rios homicide, if the Board so desires.

5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and reviewed the monthly report from Land Management and code enforcement. The Board gave their approval to ask the Planning Board to study allowing home occupations in the Highway Business district.

6. MAYOR EVERHART reported on meetings and events he had attended. Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel attended the Rowan Helping Ministries dedication.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

8. TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

The proposed policy addresses the use of tobacco products at Town parks and recreational facilities, as well as in Town buildings and vehicles. One suggested change was to delete the last sentence concerning consequences of a conviction.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED TOBACCO-FREE POLICY AS AMENDED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. AUDIT CONTRACT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS WITH EDDIE CARRICK, CPA FOR \$4,750 AND THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES WITH BRENT PARKS, CPA FOR \$3,250. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2014/15 BUDGET

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO SET JUNE 10 AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2014-01 THROUGH 2014-06. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. SURPLUS LOCKERS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO SURPLUS THE LOCKERS FROM THE LIBRARY UPSTAIRS AS REQUESTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board