

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JULY 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 Gobbel recognized the crew of the NC Youth Conservation Corps for the work in Spencer Woods. Alderman Morris recognized the citizens and staff in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Everhart stated that the cruise-in event is growing, and thanked the public works department for their preparation for that event.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DEFER ITEM #7, REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD BY SYLVIA CHILLCOTT, TO THE NEXT MEETING ACCORDING TO TOWN CODE SECT. 30.05. ITEM #7 IS A NON-SPECIFIC REQUEST BY A RECENTLY SEPARATED EMPLOYEE AND THERE IS NO WRITTEN SUMMARY OF WHAT THE ISSUES MAY BE. SOME MAY BE PERSONNEL MATTERS. MS. CHILLCOTT'S CONCERNS WOULD BE DEFERRED TO THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING AFTER REVIEWING A WRITTEN SUMMARY OF THE ISSUES SHE WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF FOUR:

AYES: BENFIELD, MORRIS

NAYS: BOONE, GOBBEL, JONES, WALTERS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS 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 JUNE 10, 2014 AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Alderman Walters' abstention counts as an affirmative vote.)

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Assistant Fire Chief Terry Smith, Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Chief James reported that he and Wendy Brindle from City of Salisbury had reviewed the parking situation at Eighth Street and Salisbury Avenue and recommend no changes.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH asked the Board to choose a date for viewing the Ethics Webinar. Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. was the date that was chosen.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON CURBSIDE MAILBOXES IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND ASK TOWN STAFF TO DEVELOP AN ORDINANCE NOT PERMITTING CURBSIDE MAILBOXES IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS. Following discussion, **MOTION AND SECOND WERE WITHDRAWN.**

MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS THAT IN THE NEXT MONTHS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND PLANNING BOARD LOOK AT CREATING AN ORDINANCE PREVENTING CURBSIDE MAILBOXES IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MAYOR EVERHART reported on meetings and events he had attended. Alderman Walters reported that he had attended the Rowan County Commissioners' meeting and the proposed Veterans' Home was discussed. Rowan County plans to take back the property at 418 South Carolina Avenue and put it up for auction.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – SYLVIA CHILLCOTT

Sylvia Chillcott, 804 Fourth Street, reported that a commercial business at the corner of Salisbury Avenue and Fourth Street is blowing cigarette butts and red landscaping rock into the street. She also questioned why a violation she had cited against Alderman Morris when she was Code Enforcement Officer was not on the monthly report.

8. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-07 – KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK; GRAZING WAIVER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-07, KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK; GRAZING WAIVER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REQUEST FOR WAIVER – KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK; GRAZING WAIVER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF 91.03 AND 91.04, ALLOWING THE USE OF GOATS TO CLEAR THE SITE OF STANBACK FOREST, AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board