

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
AUGUST 12, 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

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**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 JULY 8, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Fire Chief Jay Baker and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Police Chief James reported that crime was down for the third year in a row and encouraged citizens to sign up for LeadsOnLine to record their valuables. Labor Foreman Josh Brown reported that the mulch giveaway will be on October 4, and that Patrick Michael has been hired as the new mechanic. Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton reported that the new Code Enforcement Officer, Jason Greer, will begin work on August 14.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and reviewed the updated list of goals as set by the Board.

5. MAYOR EVERHART reported on meetings and events he had attended.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Bob Oswald, 410 7<sup>th</sup> Street, addressed the Board concerning the new Family Dollar and also the Community Appearance Commission. Pete and Patsy Iossi, 203 8<sup>th</sup> Street, commented that Spencer Woods looks good, and they are glad Spencer is involved in the Carolina Thread Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

7. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-08 – ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 14-08 AS RECOMMENDED AND ASK STAFF TO ALSO STUDY EXPEDITED NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY VIOLATORS AND BRING BACK A RECOMMENDATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. DISCUSSION – STANBACK FOREST – INVASIVE-SPECIES CLEARING PROPOSAL

Jason Walser from the LandTrust for Central North Carolina explained that fencing will be installed and vegetation will be studied before bringing in the goats. Cover crops will be planted in the fall to help erosion issues. The goats should take care of 75-80% of the kudzu.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS THAT WE DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE SCHEDULE AND PROCEED AS PLANNED AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET UPDATE – JON PALMER

The three subcommittees will report to the Steering Committee who will select ideas to pursue. Items discussed include: painting fire hydrants, wayfinding signage, cross promotions with the Museum, downtown streetscape, and façade grants. An update will be given to Aldermen each month if available and applicable.

10. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Eric Marsh, executor of the estate of Bobby Marsh, has asked if the Town would be interested in subdividing and purchasing the back half of Tax Parcel 031 010, which is across the street from the ball park. Tax value is approximately \$20,000.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO PASS ON PURSUING THE PURCHASE OF THE LOT AND ASK STAFF TO ADVISE THE HEIRS ON HOW TO PROCEED WITH A MEMORIAL ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, EXPLAINING THE NECESSARY TEXT CHANGE TO FACILITATE THE MEMORIAL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:  
AYES: BENFIELD, BOONE, JONES, MORRIS, WALTERS  
NAYS: GOBBEL**

11. NCDOT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH NCDOT REGARDING THE NCDOT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT, AND TO APPOINT KEVIN JONES AS THE SPENCER “MAYOR OR BOARD DESIGNEE” TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. STORMWATER UTILITY – SET DATE FOR MINI-SESSION

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO SET TUESDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM AS THE DATE FOR THE WORK SESSION ON STORMWATER UTILITIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (The scheduled meeting was canceled a few days after the Board of Aldermen meeting.)

13. HOUSING STRATEGIES – SET DATE FOR MINI-SESSIONS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO SET TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 AT 6:00 PM AS THE INTRODUCTORY WORK SESSION ON HOUSING STRATEGIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board