

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 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 Morris recognized Spencer Police Department for their overtime hours and extra efforts during the recent incident.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented by Mayor Everhart to Michael Geter, North Rowan Elementary School; and Stanton Bailey, 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.** Following discussion concerning Beth Nance’s absence from the meeting, the consensus of the Board was to change Item #10 to Board Discussion, but keep it on the agenda. **MOTION THEN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSING STRATEGIES WORK SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Smith, Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and events.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Alderman Walters reported that the MPO had met and discussed potential new signage on I-85.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ENCOURAGE NCDOT TO MARK THE SOUTHBOUND I-85 CORRIDORS AS SPENCER HAVING THE NEXT 3 EXITS ON THE DAVIDSON COUNTY SIDE OF THE YADKIN RIVER BRIDGE AND POTENTIALLY MARKING WHICH EXIT TO TAKE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Everhart reported on meetings and events he had attended.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Bob Oswald, 410 Seventh Street; Billy Pless, 706 Third Street; and Daniel McClerin, 215 N Salisbury Avenue, addressed the Board with various concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION – CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL PRESENTATION

Randi Gates, Director of the Carolina Thread Trail, reviewed the Master Plan process, and asked Spencer to adopt the plan. Adoption does not commit the Town to fund the implementation themselves.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE “RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL GREENWAY MASTER PLAN FOR ROWAN COUNTY COMMUNITIES”, AND ALSO TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT THEY SUPPORT THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IF SPENCER TAKES THE INITIATIVE TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THAT AREA. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – NORTH ROWAN HIGH

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALERMAN GOBBEL TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR POLICE COVERAGE AND THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE “CAVS FOR A CURE 5K RUN / WALK” ON NOVEMBER 22. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. REQUEST NONPROFIT FEE WAIVER – SPENCER PARTNERSHIP

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO WAIVE THE LIBRARY PARK RESERVATION FEES AND THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FEE FOR THE HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS EVENT ON DECEMBER 5, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. BOARD DISCUSSION – SPENCER DOLL & TOY MUSEUM

Beth Nance has discussed off-premises signs with Land Management, and asked for a waiver of the application filing fee for an ordinance text amendment. Alderman Morris stated that since no Town event is involved, fees should not be waived for a zoning amendment.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO DENY THE REQUEST BY SPENCER DOLL & TOY MUSEUM TO WAIVE THE APPLICATION FILING FEE FOR AN ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. PROPERTY LIENS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 314 N YADKIN, \$493.50; 408 S IREDELL, \$368.50; 816 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, \$368.50; 501 N BALDWIN, \$493.50; 0 GRANTS CROSSING (MAP 33, PARCEL 410), \$293.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Alderman Walters' abstention counts as an affirmative vote.)**

A suggestion to potentially contract out mowing for abatements was mentioned. The budget workshop would be the appropriate venue for discussion.

12. TOWN GOALS UPDATE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO HAVE WI-FI INSTALLED AT SPENCER LIBRARY BY PARADE DAY (NOVEMBER 26). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT HOUSING STRATEGIES MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, AT 6:00 P.M. AND INVITE CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, SALISBURY HISTORIC FOUNDATION, AND SALISBURY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REMOVE THE 10-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLAN FROM THE LIST OF GOALS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. RESCHEDULE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO RESCHEDULE THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AT 7:00 P.M. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET UPDATE

Board members discussed the potential need for reflective paint on the band around the bonnet of the fire hydrants.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO PURCHASE REFLECTIVE PAINT FOR THE FIRE HYDRANTS AND PROVIDE TO SMALL TOWN MAIN STREET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS.** Following discussion, **MOTION AND SECOND WERE WITHDRAWN.**

Town Manager Larry Smith will discuss this item with the artist painting the fire hydrants.

Mayor Everhart distributed packets for the Town Manager's performance evaluation to the Board of Aldermen.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board