

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015
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 thanked the Hometown Holidays Committee, public works department, downtown merchants, and Howard Everhart for their part in Spencer’s Christmas decorations. Alderman Walters recognized Pastor Richard Gross, retiring from Oakdale Baptist. Alderman Benfield thanked the NC Transportation Museum, the Foundation, and all who helped with the Polar Express event.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS were presented to Chloe Stoner, North Rowan Elementary School; and Spencer Gettys, North Rowan Middle School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS 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 DECEMBER 9, 2014. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – STORMWATER UTILITY

Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton summarized the proposed ordinance. Mayor Everhart explained that a stormwater utility is not currently mandated, but there are runoff issues in Town that need funding.

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. Ron Gerlock, W. F. Owens, and Bob Oswald spoke against the proposed stormwater utility and the fees it would create. Mayor Everhart closed the public hearing.

Board members discussed that citizens will need to be well educated and informed on the proposal before it is implemented. No action was taken.

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

5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and meetings he had attended.

6. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments on various issues were made by Patsy Duncan, Bob Oswald, and Dan McClerin.

NEW BUSINESS

8. RESOLUTION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. PROCLAMATION – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE ATTACHED PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING JANUARY 19, 2015 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IN THE TOWN OF SPENCER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. DISCUSSION – PLANNING RETREAT

The consensus of the Board was to hold the planning retreat on Saturday, March 7. The time will be finalized at the February meeting.

11. COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO REAPPOINT MARTY LINEBERGER TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO REAPPOINT ROBERT REESE TO A THREE-YEAR TERM AS AN EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION MEMBER ON THE PLANNING BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENT – ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REAPPOINT LAUREN RAPER AND DAVID SMITH TO SERVE A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 314 N YADKIN, \$368.50; 914 S CAROLINA, \$643.50; 0 N YADKIN (MAP 35, PARCEL 99), \$181.00; 408 S IREDELL, \$368.50; AND 450 S SALISBURY, \$2081.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board