

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 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 Morris recognized the students from Rowan Cabarrus Community College’s Early College program who were present in the audience. Town Manager Larry Smith presented a commendation to Police Chief Mike James in recognition of all his accomplishments with Spencer Police Department and the reduction in crime for 2014.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to Haley Brewer, North Rowan Elementary; Oriana Reed, North Rowan Middle; and Phillip Martin, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON JANUARY 13, 2015. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Labor Foreman Josh Brown, Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Fire Chief Jay Baker reported that Stacy Baker and Jody Everhart had retired from Spencer Fire Department effective January 31.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on the status of major town projects.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$2,500 FOR THE FY 15/16 PLANNING RETREAT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Board members asked Town Manager Smith to inquire about any professional hours available from Centralina Council of Governments.)

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS – Alderman Jones attended a presentation in Salisbury from Gov. McCrory and Susan Kluttz about historic preservation tax credits. Mayor Everhart reported on several meetings he had attended and advised Aldermen that registration would end soon for Town Hall Day if they were interested in attending.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Valerie Ward, 206 17th Street, encouraged citizens to bring positive suggestions to the Board of Aldermen rather than complaints. Dan McClerin mentioned a need for new members on the Historic Preservation Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

7. RESOLUTION – HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Frank Thomason, Chief of Emergency Services for Rowan County, gave an overview of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is needed to ensure eligibility for FEMA funds.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ROWAN-IREDELL REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. RESOLUTION – SURPLUS BODY ARMOR

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF OFFICER WILLIAMS’ BODY ARMOR TO THE ROWAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. RESOLUTION – HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA’S HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS WITH ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE AS SUBMITTED: “AS A NON-TRANSFERABLE TAX CREDIT TO OWNERS OF BUILDINGS”. MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

**MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA’S HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:
AYES: BENFIELD, BOONE, GOBBEL, JONES, WALTERS
NAYS: MORRIS**

10. AUDIT CONTRACT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS 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 GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. PROPERTY LIEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE LIEN ON 301 N. SALISBURY AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9506.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board