

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 – None.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to Jeremiah Bowman, North Rowan Elementary; Passion Patterson, North Rowan Middle; and Tristyn Flowers, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADD #15 – NCDOT JOINT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT AND ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING RETREAT ON MARCH 7, 2015 AND THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON MARCH 10, 2015. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton reviewed the ordinance amendment which will now place the Community Appearance Commission in the zoning ordinance. Planning Board has reviewed and recommends approval.

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-04, COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION, AND APPOINT THE ATTACHED ROSTER TO THE CAC. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – MUSEUMS IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

An applicant had requested that museums be added as a simple permitted use within the Industrial zoning, but the Planning Board found that museums were more in keeping with the conditional uses permitted within Industrial zoning.

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. Gary Hauze, Yadkin Historical Museum, explained his request for the ordinance change. Rev. Dr. Fleming Otey, regional chief of the Yadkin River Valley Indians, explained his plan to redevelop 280 acres into a Model City. No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

Board discussion included the opinion that museums were already allowed in other zoning districts, and were not compatible with Industrial zoning.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DENY APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 15-05, DEALING WITH MUSEUMS IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE:
AYES: BOONE, GOBBEL, JONES, MORRIS, WALTERS
NAYS: BENFIELD**

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Chief James reported the hiring of a new police officer, Tyler Honeycutt. Fire Chief Baker presented the ISO findings that caused Spencer's rating to improve from a 5 to a 4. Reports were also given by Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Land Management Director Kat Clifton, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

6. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects. Small Town Main Street Chairman Jon Palmer asked the Board to match the \$50 donation from Spencer Partnership to the schools for artwork to go into downtown storefronts.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO MATCH THE \$50 DONATION FROM SPENCER PARTNERSHIP FOR ART SUPPLIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS

Alderman Walters reported that the MPO met and discussed I-85 signage. A sign for "Next 3 Exits" would be \$1800, to be paid by the Town. Aldermen Gobbel and Morris and Mayor Everhart also reported on meetings they had attended.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – Bob Oswald addressed the Board with various concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

9. ROWANWORKS PRESENTATION

Robert Van Geons, Executive Director of RowanWORKS, gave a presentation which reviewed areas of focus, recent activity, and services provided. He also answered questions from the Board about how to improve Spencer's industrial sites.

10. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – CDH PROCLAMATION

The Town of Faith is asking other municipalities to adopt a proclamation concerning congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH).

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT A PROCLAMATION CONCERNING CONGENITAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. STREET BID ACCEPTANCE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO AWARD THE 2015 PAVING CONTRACT TO PIEDMONT ASPHALT AND PAVING, AND AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT SEGMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. PROPERTY LIEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE A LIEN AGAINST 100 MARY STREET FOR \$2,504.18. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORKSHOP

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO SCHEDULE A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, AT 6:00 P.M. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. SET DATE FOR OPEN HOUSE – STORMWATER UTILITY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO SCHEDULE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR STORMWATER UTILITY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, AT 6:00 P.M. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. NCDOT BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL WITH STEWART, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES ON THE JOINT NCDOT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board