

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel  
Aldermen: Scott Benfield  
Mike Boone  
Kevin Jones  
Jeff Morris

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: 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 Kevin Jones recognized local teachers and school administrators for the completion of another successful school year.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS went to Stella Sophia, North Rowan Elementary School; and Jennifer Wagoner, North Rowan High School.

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 29, MAY 11, AND MAY 12, 2015. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2015/16 BUDGET

Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing. W. F. Owens, 504 First Street, spoke against the proposed tax increase. No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE FY 2015/16 BUDGET AS PROPOSED AND SET THE TAX RATE AT 65.5 CENTS PER \$100. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. PUBLIC HEARING – TREE – PUBLIC NUISANCE

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

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE THAT RECOGNIZES THE TREE AS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDERS ITS REMOVAL IF NOT DONE SO BY THE PROPERTY OWNER PURSUANT TO NCGS 160A-193. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board asked if the powers authorizing an ordinance to allow expedited removal if a tree is imminent danger to persons or property could be delegated by the Board to the town manager. The town manager and town attorney will research this matter by the next meeting.

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

6. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH verified with Aldermen that July 1 at 6:30 is a suitable date for the presentation on the Facilities Needs Assessment and Master Plan.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$1500 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR THE SERVER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. MAYOR JODY EVERHART reported on meetings and events he had attended. Mayor Pro-Tem Gobbel attended a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Welch, Duke Energy District Manager, invited the Board and staff to tour the Buck Steam and Combined Cycle Plant and reported that the Steam Plant is being closed.

Dan McClerin, 215 N. Salisbury Avenue, thanked the Board for the façade grant programs.

NEW BUSINESS

9. COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT REQUEST – PINOCCHIO’S RESTAURANT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT TO PINOCCHIO’S RESTAURANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. PAINT PALS PROJECT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$1,000 FROM THE FAÇADE GRANT FUND TO BE USED TOWARD THE PAINT PALS**

**PROJECT AT 803 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. RESOLUTION – CONNECT NC BOND INITIATIVE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CONNECT NC BOND INITIATIVE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR:**

**AYES: BENFIELD, BOONE, GOBBEL, JONES**

**NAYS: MORRIS**

12. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2015-09 AND 2015-10. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board