

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart (arrived at 7:06 pm)  
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel  
Aldermen: Scott Benfield  
Mike Boone  
Kevin Jones  
Jeff Morris (arrived at 7:05 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: Reid Walters

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Attorney Rivers Lawther. Mayor Pro-Tem Gobbel called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Alderman Benfield had prayer.

RECOGNITION – None

1. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADD #16 – NCTM SUPPORT TO THE AGENDA. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Alderman Boone read a proposal concerning “ghost signs”, stating it was given as information for consideration. Aldermen Benfield suggested this be tabled till next meeting to get cost estimates. There was no clear consensus or formal Board action taken.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 1, AND JULY 14, 2015. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton, Town Clerk Lisa Perdue, Public Works Foreman Josh Brown, and Fire Chief Jay Baker.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects and reviewed the Information Technology Plan. Following Board discussion of Fibrant,

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ASK THE TOWN MANAGER TO BRING SOMETHING BACK TO NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA REGARDING ASSESSING WHAT EASEMENTS WE HAVE, WHAT RESTRICTIONS THERE ARE ON THOSE EASEMENTS, AND WHAT RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES MIGHT EXIST ON THE EASEMENTS THAT ARE USED FOR WATER/SEWER. WE TURNED WATER AND SEWER OVER TO ANOTHER ENTITY AND DON'T KNOW WHAT WE RETAINED AS FAR AS IS IT JUST FOR WATER / SEWER, DO WE STILL HAVE THE EASEMENT FOR USE BEYOND WATER / SEWER WITHOUT THE BOARD'S APPROVAL, WHAT WE HAVE WITH RESPECT TO THE EASEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. MAYOR JODY EVERHART reported on meetings and events he had attended.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

7. HIGHWAY 70 BYPASS PRIORITY

Metropolitan Planning Organization's Executive Director Phil Conrad explained that the Highway 70 ByPass is a concept, but there are other priorities more important. He also stated that NC DOT has a new process for prioritization.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO DE-PRIORITIZE "HIGHWAY 70 BYPASS" AS A TOWN GOAL FOR THE TIME BEING TO CONTINUE FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS AND SUPPORT ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET CONNECTOR / CONNECTING TO THE WIL-COX BRIDGE PRIORITY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION – ROWANWORKS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO NOMINATE TIM WITKOWSKI TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPALITIES' REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD FOR ROWANWORKS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. STANBACK FOREST PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS

(Alderman Morris left at this point in the meeting.)

Joe Morris, Development Director with the LandTrust, and Town Manager Smith explained the proposal to make the Carter property part of the Stanback Forest. The acquisition would provide better handicapped accessibility for the Park and provide additional parking without the removal

of trees. LandTrust will purchase the property and then transfer ownership to the Town. The Messinger Tract has been deeded to the LandTrust. It is not buildable land but will make good walking paths. Smith had both properties pre-audited by an environmental assessor in advance of the Board's consideration. The assessor's determination is that neither property would need a Phase I Environmental Assessment prior to Town acceptance.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO ACCEPT TAX MAP 31, PARCELS 145, 052 AND PART OF 131, ALONG WITH TAX MAP 043, PARCEL 029, AS PART OF THE FRED AND ALICE STANBACK EDUCATIONAL FOREST AND PRESERVE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT – BEBOP’S

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE COMMERCIAL FAÇADE GRANT TO BEBOPS’ DINER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. NC STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE NORTH CAROLINA STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. RESOLUTION – SURPLUS PROPERTY

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY ELECTRONIC AUCTION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. PROPERTY LIENS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO APPROVE THE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 611 S ROWAN, \$368.50; 816 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, \$243.50; 1017 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, \$368.50; 1108 N SALISBURY, \$368.50; 204 S ROWAN, \$368.50; 1100 CHARLES, \$618.50; 0 N YADKIN (PARCEL 035 099), \$243.50; 816 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, \$368.50; 725 LONG FERRY ROAD \$868.50; 610 S YADKIN, \$368.50; 611 S ROWAN, \$368.50; 0 STEEPLECHASE (PARCEL 045A 093), \$468.50; AND 816 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, \$368.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPOINT CHACE JENSEN, 505 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MELISSA SECREAST ON THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. IT PLAN – SERVER REPLACEMENT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$7,800 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE RECOMMENDED SERVER FOR TOWN HALL AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16. NCTM SUPPORT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ASKING THE SENATE TO INCLUDE THE NCTM FUNDING IN THE SENATE VERSION OF THE BOND PACKAGE AND SEND RESOLUTION TO SENATOR BROCK AND SENATOR PHIL BERGER AND ALSO ASK SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL AND ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DO THE SAME. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board