

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 (resigned 9/8/15)

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 recognized Alderman Reid Walters for his service to the Town. Alderman Benfield recognized Dan Patterson for his work on the Fourth Street right-of-way.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD went to Coty Carter, North Rowan Elementary School.

1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED WITH ONE ADDITION, #13 – RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN REID WALTERS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 11, 2015. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING: REZONING - 1228 N SALISBURY AVENUE

Cathy Wagoner has requested rezoning of 1228 N Salisbury Avenue from R-6 to Highway Business to allow the installation of a larger fence of a different type than allowed in Residential. The property is immediately adjacent to two other parcels that are zoned HB.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF 1228 N SALISBURY AVENUE FROM R-6 TO HIGHWAY BUSINESS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Mike James, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Public Works Director Joel Taylor, Land Management Director Kathryn Clifton, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.
5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects.
6. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS
Alderman Gobbel attended the MPO meeting and stated that the 3rd Street greenway had been removed from the priority list. Town Manager Smith will follow up with Phil Conrad to verify it was added back to the list as approved by the Board in August. Mayor Everhart reported on meetings and events he had attended.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT
Bob Oswald, 410 7th Street, wants to make sure that outgoing Board members are recognized.

NEW BUSINESS

8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: DAN PATTERSON
Dan and Jatana Patterson addressed the Board concerning code violations in specific locations.
9. TAKE HOME VEHICLE POLICY
Chief James has suggested amending the take home vehicle policy closer to what other municipalities offer to improve recruiting and retention for Spencer Police Department.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AMEND THE POLICY AS FOLLOWS: OFFICERS WHO LIVE WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OR WITHIN 15 MILES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE THEIR VEHICLES HOME WITH NO CHARGE FOR COMMUTING MILEAGE. OFFICERS WHO LIVE IN EXCESS OF 15 MILES FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE THEIR VEHICLES HOME BUT WILL BE CHARGED THE NC MOTOR VEHICLE FLEET RATE FOR ALL MILEAGE IN EXCESS OF THE INITIAL 15 MILES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE:

AYES: BENFIELD, JONES, MORRIS

NAYS: BOONE, GOBBEL

10. LETTER TO THE WHITE HOUSE: EPA OZONE REGULATIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DECLINE TAKING A POSITION ON THIS MATTER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: PLANNING BOARD

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO APPOINT ROBERT KENT SMITH, 114 WEST JEFFERSON STREET, TO FILL THE VACANCY MADE FOLLOWING THE END OF DAN MORRIS' TERM WHICH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 TO THE PLANNING BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. PROPERTY LIEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE LIEN FOR 816 5TH STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$368.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN REID WALTERS

Alderman Reid Walters emailed his resignation from the Board of Aldermen.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO LEAVE THE POSITION VACANT ACCORDING TO NCGS 160A-63 AND WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THE SEAT TO BE FILLED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF THREE:

AYES: BENFIELD, GOBBEL, JONES

NAYS: BOONE, MORRIS

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board