

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015
7:00 P.M.

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

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 Town Manager Larry Smith for his 15 years of service to the Town. Alderman Gobbel recognized North Rowan ROTC for their help and support during the “Thomas the Train” event at NCTM.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD – went to Sergio Uribe-Bustillo, North Rowan Elementary School; Christopher Napoles, North Rowan Middle School; and Cristian Hernandez, North Rowan High School.

1. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2015. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JONES AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **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 Tori Lowe. Clifton also told of filling the open Code Enforcement position with new hire Matthew Wells.
4. **TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH** reported on several items. Board discussed and motions are as follows:
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE ADDING THE PEDDLER PERMIT OF \$5 FOR SPECIAL EVENTS TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ACCEPT THE ASSESSMENT OPINION FROM THE SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT REFERENCING WATER/SEWER EASEMENTS AND CONVEY THAT TO THE CONTRACT SIGNATORIES. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO CALENDAR BOTH PARTS OF THE

STANBACK FOREST ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL FOR THE NEW TOWN MANAGER AND BOARD. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, MORRIS AMENDED HIS MOTION TO ADOPT PART ONE (CONSERVATION EASEMENT) AND CALENDAR PART TWO (RETAIN AN ATTORNEY TO ORGANIZE AN LLC OR NONPROFIT) FOR THE NEW BOARD'S CONSIDERATION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. MAYORAL & DELEGATE REPORTS

Mayor Everhart reported on meetings and events he had attended.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Oswald, 410 7th St., spoke about the LandTrust and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Kenneth Culler, 822 3rd St., and Lindsey Watson, 821 2nd St., spoke of concerns about an unkept home that has become a nuisance to the neighborhood. Sherry Sides, 804 S. Carolina Ave., requested the Town remove some bamboo growing in her alleyway and yard.

7. REQUEST FOR NONPROFIT FEE WAIVER—MICHAEL YANG FOUNDATION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO WAIVE THE RESERVATION FEE AND SPECIAL EVENT FEE FOR THE USE OF LIBRARY PARK BY THE MICHAEL YANG FOUNDATION ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. REQUEST FOR NONPROFIT FEE WAIVER—NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND POLICE COVERAGE FOR THE CAVS WALK/RUN FOR A CURE NOVEMBER 21. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ROWANWORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS—MUNICIPALITIES' REPRESENTATIVE

FIRST MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO NOMINATE ARCHIE JARRELL AS THE MUNICIPALITIES' REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ROWANWORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN BY ALDERMAN MORRIS. SECOND MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO NOMINATE ARCHIE JARRELL AS THE ROWANWORKS MUNICIPALITIES' REPRESENTATIVE HAVING TIM WITOWSKI AS AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE. THIS MOTION WAS ALSO WITHDRAWN BY ALDERMAN MORRIS. FINAL MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO NOMINATE TIM WITOWSKI AS THE MUNICIPALITIES' REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ROWANWORKS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ORDINANCE 15-07—HOLIDAY CARAVAN PARADE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-07 DECLARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR A CHRISTMAS PARADE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CHECKS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN JONES TO AUTHORIZE VICTORIA (TORI) LOWE TO SIGN CHECKS FOR THE TOWN OF SPENCER. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ORDINANCE 15-08—FOURTH STREET PARKING
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 15-08 ADDING PARKING SPACES ON 4TH STREET AND SALISBURY AVE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. STANBACK FOREST PARTF AMENDMENT
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$10,000 FOR THE AMENDED COST OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REGARDING THE STANBACK FOREST PARKS AND RECREATION TRUST FUND GRANT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. PROPERTY LIENS
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE LIENS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES: 816 5TH ST--\$368.50; 611 S ROWAN AVE--\$368.50; 611 S ROWAN AVE--\$368.50; 315 N SALISBURY AVE-- \$618.50; 704 5TH ST--\$368.50; 610 S YADKIN AVE—\$368.50; 0 BEAUREGARD DR (PARCEL ID# 004A169)--\$468.50; 113 10TH ST--\$368.50. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. DISCUSSION—TOWN MANAGER’S RESIGNATION
MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADVERTISE FOR TOWN MANAGER IN LOCAL PAPERS AND MANAGERS’ ASSOCIATIONS’ PUBLICATIONS WITHIN A BUDGET OF \$3000, ASKING FOR RESUMES, DIRECTING APPLICANTS WHERE TO APPLY AND ENSURING THAT SPENCER IS AN EEOC EMPLOYER. ON DECEMBER 8, THE NEWLY SWORN IN BOARD WILL REVIEW APPLICATIONS IN A CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION TO VOTE ON HOW TO PROCEED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GOBBEL TO ADVERTISE FOR INTERIM MANAGER IN SIMILAR PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING THE TOWN’S WEBSITE AND THE MANAGERS’ LIST, STAYING WITHIN A BUDGET OF \$1000. WILL TAKE APPLICATIONS FOR THE INTERIM UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, AND REVIEW APPLICATIONS ON NOVEMBER 10. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further discussion, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tori Lowe
Clerk to the Board

