

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jim Gobbel
Mayor Pro-Tem Sharon Hovis
Aldermen: Mike Boone
Sylvia Chillcott
David Lamanno
David Smith

RECOGNITION – Alderman Boone recognized the Public Works Department for their assistance in helping clean up from the recent snowstorm. He also recognized the Hometown Holidays Commission for the tree lighting in Library Park on December 7th.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARDS: North Rowan Elementary School – Christian “Tre” Alexander; North Rowan Middle School – Fares Khatib.

1. INVOCATION

Mayor Gobbel lead the invocation to open the meeting.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gobbel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gobbel lead the pledge of allegiance.

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN LAMANNO TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 13, 2018. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jatana Patterson, 504 8th Street, came before the board to speak about the “Grass Roots Movement” being held on December 13th, and the event being held on December 19th, both to support keeping North Rowan High School open. Parker Gobbel, 606 8th Street, spoke about the Park Plaza project and his belief in how the town should continue to move forward with the process. Nic Bishop, 101 6th Street, spoke also in favor of the movement of Town Hall to Park Plaza.

7. ORDINANCES

(A) ORDINANCE 18-025 – TOWN MEETING TIME CHANGE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO DENY ORDINANCE 18-025 – TOWN MEETING TIME CHANGE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(B) ORDINANCE 18-027 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN LAMANNO TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 18-027 – ORDER OF BUSINESS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. RESOLUTIONS

(A) 18-024 – FIRE ENGINE 735 SURPLUS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-024 – SURPLUS OF THE 1978 MACK FIRETRUCK ENGINE 753. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(B) 18-026 – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-026 -- RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. OTHER ITEMS

(A) FILLING TOWN BOARD SEATS – REVIEW, RESCIND, RE-VOTE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO RESEND THE PREVIOUS VOTE MADE AT THE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING FOR JONATHAN WILLIAMS TO CARRY OUT THE REMAINING TERM OF NOVEMBER 30, 2019 FOR THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO RE-VOTE JONATHAN WILLIAMS TO CARRY OUT THE REMAINING TERM OF NOVEMBER 30, 2019 FOR THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT. MOTION FAILED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

AYES: BOONE, CHILLCOTT

NAYS: HOVIS, LAMANNO, SMITH

(B) 2019 CENTRALINA COG APPOINTMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO APPOINT ALDERMAN BOONE AS THE CENTRALINA COG DELEGATE, AND MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AS THE ALTERNATE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(C) 2019 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN LAMANNO TO RE-APPOINT JACQUELYN JENSEN AND ROBERT BISH TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WITH A TERM EXPIRING 12/31/2022. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(D) 2019 TAC/TCC APPOINTMENTS

NO ONE VOLUNTEERED AS THE TAC/TCC DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE TO APPOINT TROY POWELL AS THE TCC DELEGATE, AND TERENCE ARRINGTON AS THE ALTERNATE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(E) 2019 PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO APPOINT MEGHAN VARNER AND CYNTRA LEE TO THE PLANNING BOARD/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WITH A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31ST, 2021. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(F) PARK PLAZA FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

The board expressed an interest in knowing more details about the Park Plaza financing at last month's board meeting. Tyler Traudt, from 1st Tryon Advisors, presented to the board on behalf of Town Manager Arrington a financial model of how the Park Plaza project and future capital projects could impact the town and property taxes going forward.

(G) PARK PLAZA PROJECT UPDATE & AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED

Town Manager Arrington gave the board an update and current status of the USDA funding process for the acquisition of Park Plaza. Funding has been received to proceed with the loan. Arrington also told of the current non-compliant status of the town's commercial maintenance code. The town also does not have written guarantee from PI Holdings to develop/redevelop this site. Arrington recommended the board to reconsider the acquisition and negotiate purchasing only the track of land needed to construct the park.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO ACCEPT THE INFORMATION PRESERNTED BY TOWN MANAGER ARRINGTON AND TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PARK PLAZA. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERAN BOONE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(H) PUBLIC WORKS – BUDGET TRANSFER

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS TO APPROVE A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$770.00 FROM THE PUBILC WORKS TO THE PARK MAINTENANCE BUDGET. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

(A) LAND MANAGEMENT – Submitted by Land Management Director Troy Powell

(B) POLICE DEPARTMENT – Submitted by Police Chief Mike James

(C) FIRE DEPARTMENT – Submitted by Fire Chief Gray Grubb

(D) PUBLIC WORKS – Submitted by Public Works Director Joel Taylor

(E) FINANCE – Submitted by Town Clerk Tori Lowe

11. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Arrington gave the board an update on several current projects to include: Park Plaza acquisition, the upcoming 2019/20 budget, 4th Street project, the need for a capital improvement plan, and current personnel needs. At which time, he asked the board to go into closed session to discuss further.

12. Requests & Comments by Board Members

Mayor Gobbel reported that he and other members of the board attended the following events:

11/18/2018 – Spencer Fire Department’s Ladder Truck Ceremony
11/26/2018 – Rowan County Board of Education Meeting
12/7/2018 – Hometown Holidays Tree Lighting Event at Library Park

13. CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL NEEDS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:30 PM TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE PERSONNEL NEEDS THAT TOWN MANAGER ARRINGTON PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS. THERE WAS NO CALL TO SHOW WHO WAS IN FAVOR OR AGAINST.

The board came out of closed session and into open session to adjourn at 11:00 p.m. with the following motion:

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:00 PM. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAMANNO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Hovis adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tori Lowe, Clerk to the Board

