

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

January 8, 2019

7:00 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE TOWN MANAGER TERENCE ARRINGTON, TOWN CLERK TORI LOWE AND TOWN ATTORNEY RIVERS LAWTHERS, JR. MAYOR GOBBEL OPENED THE MEETING LEADING THE INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

1. INVOCATION
2. CALL TO ORDER
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ALDERMAN LAMANNO REQUESTED THE DISCUSSION OF FILLING THE VACANT BOARD OF ALDERMEN SEAT BE ADDED AS AGENDA ITEM # 12.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN LAMANNO TO ADD AGENDA ITEM #12- DISCUSSION – FILLING THE VACANT BOARD OF ALDERMAN SEAT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS: ADD “DISCUSSION – FILLING THE VACANT BOARD OF ALDERMEN SEAT AS AGENDA ITEM #12 WITH REMAINING ITEMS TO FOLLOW. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR PRO-TEM HOVIS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON DECEMBER 11, 2018 WITH THE CORRECTION OF THE MOTION MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

KENDALL HENDERSON FROM THE ROWAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, INTRODUCED HERSELF AND ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT THE UPCOMING EVENTS TAKING PLACE FOR 2019, TO INCLUDE “EXPAND ROWAN”. DAVID HAGY FROM “POPS AT THE POST” CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO EXPRESS HIS DESIRE

TO HAVE THE SYMPHONY EVENT IN SPENCER. HOWARD WHITE, 501 4TH STREET, SPOKE TO THE BOARD ABOUT HIS CONTIUNED INTEREST IN THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD. KIM LENTZ FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM CAME BEFORE THE BOARD TO EDUCATE THEM ABOUT THE UPCOMING EVENT, “49 DAYS OF GRATITUDE” IN HONOR OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE NC MERCI BOXCAR IN FEBRUARY OF 1949. SHE ASKED THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER BEING IN THE PARADE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONOR OF THE EVENT. JONATHAN WILLIAMS, 12 BEAUREGARD STREET, EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD.

7. RESOLUTION # 18-028 – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAMANNO AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DEPARTMENT REPORTS WERE GIVEN BY POLICE CHIEF JAMES, FIRE CHIEF GRUBB, LAND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TROY POWELL, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOEL TAYLOR AND TOWN CLERK TORI LOWE.

9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

TOWN MANAGER REPORT WAS GIVEN BY TOWN MANAGER, TERENCE ARRINGTON

10. OTHER ITEMS

- a. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SPENCER AND WELLS FARGO BANK, NC

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN BOONE. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT.

- b. BUDGET TRANSFER – BUDGET TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUNDS TO HSA FUND.

MOTION MADE BY VICE MAYOR HOVIS. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SMITH.

- c. BOARD OF ALDERMEN – BOARD OF ALDERMAN ANNUAL RETREAT

BOARD CONCENSUS WAS TO SCHEDULE THE BOARD RETREAT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH. THE BOARD WILL MEET WITH STAFF VIA SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS THEIR NEEDS LIST.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH. MOTION SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR HOVIS.

- d. PROPERTY LIENS – CODE ABATEMENT PROPERTY TAX LIEN FILINGS

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMEN SMITH. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR HOVIS.

11. REQUEST AND COMMENTS BY THE MAYOR & BOARD MEMBERS

MAYOR GOBBLE DISCUSSED THE 2019 YEARBOOK PRESENTATION, THE SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND THE TOWN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON.

ALDERMAN BOONE DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF THE BOARD MEETING THE MONDAY BEFORE THE BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD HAS TO VOTE ON THEM.

TOWN ATTORNEY LAWTHOR CONFIRMED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADVERTISED AS A PUBLIC MEETING IF THE BOARD DECIDES TO DO SO.

TERENCE ARRINGTON ADVISED HE WOULD WORK UP A DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS DURING THE ANNUAL RETREAT.

12. APPOINTMENT TO VACANT BOARD OF ALDERMAN SEAT

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, HOWARD WHITE AND DAVID KARSHESKI EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE VACANT ALDERMAN SEAT. THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN VOTED

**JONATHAN WILLIAMS - ALDERMAN MIKE BOONE
ALDERWOMAN SYLVIA CHILLCOTT**

**DAVID KARSHESKI - ALDERMAN BOONE
ALDERMAN LAMANNO**

**HOWARD WHITE - AYES ALDERMAN DAVID SMITH
VICE MAYOR HOVIS
ALDERMAN LAMANNO**

**NAYS ALDERWOMAN CHILLCOTT
ALDERMAN BOONE**

MR. HOWARD WHITE RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES AND WILL BE SWORN IN AS ALDERMAN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING.

MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN SMITH TO AJOURN THE MEETING. VICE MAYOR HOVIS SECONDED.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MAYOR GOBBEL ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Hutchinson
Interim Clerk to the Board