

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Morris
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Nick Bishop
Donnie Hinson
C. E. Spear
Ken Womble

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Attorney Rivers Lawther.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Womble thanked Roger Church for his work during this interim period without a Public Works Director.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2007 AND DECEMBER 12, 2007. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS were given by Chairmen of their respective committees.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Jay Baker (in writing), Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, Town Clerk Lisa Perdue, and Labor Foreman Roger Church.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major Town projects and activities.

5. PERSONNEL POLICY – POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Mayor Everhart & Alderman Womble asked to be recused from deliberations on this agenda item and left the Board room. Mayor Pro-Tem Morris read the Ordinance History Notes, stating that Finance/Personnel Committee recommends the proposed changes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO SECTION 6: POLITICAL ACTIVITY RESTRICTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(Mayor Everhart and Alderman Womble returned for the remainder of the meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS

6. OPEN COMMENT

Margaret Waddell read a thank you note from Donna Wiseman for the toys donated to needy children through the cruise-in events.

7. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK ORDINANCE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO ADOPT THE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK ORDINANCE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. SET DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING – WHEDBEE ANNEXATION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF THE WHEDBEE PROPERTY FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2008. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO APPOINT LAWRENCE BOLEN AND DAVID SMITH TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AND REAPPOINT RON GERLOCK AND TIM PROPER TO THE PLANNING BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN'S ROSTER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF FIREMEN, WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THEIR ADDRESSES BE VERIFIED AND CORRECTED IF NECESSARY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. SURPLUS PROPERTY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY PRIVATE SALE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2007-01 THROUGH 2007-03. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. SET DATE FOR PLANNING RETREAT

The consensus of the Board was to hold the annual planning retreat on Saturday, February 9 at Spencer Fire Department beginning at 8:30 a.m.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO DONATE \$250 TO THE NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF "GREASE" IN APRIL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue
Clerk to the Board