

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009
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.

Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Mayor Pro-Tem Morris thanked Alderman Womble, who will soon be moving from Spencer, for his service to the Town. Mayor Everhart recognized Sydney Patton, outstanding student from North Rowan Elementary. Mayor Everhart recognized William Noles for 46 years of service to the Spencer Little League and the youth of the community.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING R-009-001

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS THAT IN REGARDS TO THE REZONING OF SOUTHERN NB DISTRICT FROM NB TO HB, REZONING APPLICATION R-009-001, THAT THE PROPOSED USE IS CONSISTENT WITH SPENCER’S LAND USE PLAN’S VISION TO IMPROVE ITS COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FACILITATE COMMERCE OPPORTUNITIES AND WITH ITS POLICIES, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF ESTABLISHED PRACTICES. IT IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH THE LAND USE PLAN’S OBJECTIVES TO PROTECT EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS AND WILL RESULT IN DEVELOPMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, JANUARY 20, JANUARY 30, AND JANUARY 31,

2009. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS were given by Mayor Everhart and the chairs of their respective committees.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Captain Stacy Baker, Public Works Director Barry Pruett, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A 1990 FORD F600 TRUCK FOR \$8400. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects. The consensus of the Board was to decline the opportunity to host an Early Voting Site at an approximate cost of \$10,000.

NEW BUSINESS

6. OPEN COMMENT – None.

7. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Darrell Blackwelder, Rowan County Horticulture Agent, suggested to the Board that the crepe myrtles and shrubs should be removed from the planters on Salisbury Avenue, and suggested possible replacements.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF THE TREES AND SHRUBS FROM THE PLANTERS BY COMMUNITY APPEARANCE MEMBERS WITH THE HELP OF TOWN STAFF. CAC WILL PRESENT A PLAN FOR REPLACEMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE – RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPOINT BETH NANCE, 749 4TH STREET, TO THE FORMER SEAT OF JIMMY MCCULLOUGH ON THE CAC. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – BETH NANCE

Spencer resident Beth Nance would like to apply for a grant through the Rowan Arts Council on behalf of the Town of Spencer, to paint a mural covering the full street-side wall of the concession stand at the 8th Street Ball Park.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ALLOW MRS. NANCE TO PROCEED WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE LITTLE LEAGUE WITH RESPECT TO THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT, AND BRING BACK A CONCEPTUAL DESIGN TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. RESOLUTION #09-04 – BODY ARMOR SALE

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO PREPARE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS OR INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF SAID BODY ARMOR FROM THE TOWN OF SPENCER TO THE TOWN OF EAST SPENCER, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$300, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE TOWN OF EAST SPENCER’S GOVERNING BODY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO APPOINT PATRICK MORRISON, 501 OAKWOOD DRIVE, TO REPLACE NICOLE SHERRILL-CORRY ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2011. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Everhart read a letter of resignation from Alderman Ken Womble, who is moving outside of Spencer’s city limits. The three options for the Board to consider are: 1) ask for applications for a replacement, 2) appoint the candidate with the next highest number of votes from the last election, or 3) leave the seat vacant until the next election.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN KEN WOMBLE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1ST. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (Alderman Womble’s abstention counts as an affirmative vote.)

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa B. Perdue, Clerk to the Board