

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
JUNE 9, 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman: David H. Smith

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 Benfield recognized Boy Scout Troop 349 from Central Methodist for the recent 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration honoring Tom Gemayel. Alderman Bishop reported that he had received compliments on the planter boxes, and thanked the Community Appearance Commission, Town staff, and other volunteers who planted the flowers. Mayor Everhart thanked Spencer Police, East Spencer Police, and Rowan County Sheriff's Department for the professional way an incident was handled on May 15.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD was presented to North Rowan Elementary School student, Casey Eller.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET FY 2009/10

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

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE 2009/10 BUDGET AND SET THE TAX RATE AT 60 CENTS PER \$100 VALUATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ON APRIL 30, 2009 AND THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MAY 12, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on his activities since the last Board meeting.

4. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Public Works Director Barry Pruett, Police Chief Robert Bennett, Fire Chief Jay Baker, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Nathan Ross has been hired as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

5. TOWN MANAGER REPORT was given by Town Manager Larry Smith.

NEW BUSINESS

6. OPEN COMMENT

Leigh Harlan, representing the local chapter of the American Red Cross, addressed the Board concerning a request for funds from Spencer Fire Department for the Heroes Campaign, which helps fire victims as well as military and veterans.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO WAIVE THE FORMAL POLICY AND APPROVE A GRANT OF \$250 TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ON BEHALF OF SPENCER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE HEROES CAMPAIGN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board members asked for clarification on the policy by the next meeting on how to handle donation requests.

7. RESOLUTION – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lori Swaim, Rowan County Recycling Coordinator, reviewed the changes in the proposed solid waste management plan from the previous plan adopted three years ago.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ENDORSING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF 2009 FOR ROWAN COUNTY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – MONITORING WELLS

URS Corporation is requesting permission for more wells to continue their monitoring of the former Shuping Cleaners site in the 400 block of South Salisbury Avenue.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO AUTHORIZE THE LOCATION FOR MORE GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS AS PART OF THE ONGOING ASSESSMENT BY URS CORPORATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – TRACY AITKEN, SBA

Andrew Waters, Green Goat Gallery, read a letter from Tracy Aitken regarding the Small Town Main Street Program. The Spencer Business Association is laying the groundwork for an application in the future.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT – COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPOINT MARLA GOBBEL, 609 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET; RODNEY JESTER, 510 S CAROLINA; AND ASHLEY MYERS, 701 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET; TO THE COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERMS OF CAROL CORRIHER, LISA EASON AND SANDRA SHUPING, WHO HAVE ALL RESIGNED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. APPROVAL – RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE UPDATED MUNICIPAL RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. RESOLUTION – FUNDING FOR YADKIN RIVER BRIDGE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE YADKIN RIVER BRIDGE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. RESOLUTION – FUNDING FOR WIDENING OF I-85

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESERVATION OF FUNDING FOR I-85 WIDENING IN CABARRUS COUNTY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. DESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO DESIGNATE JULY 3, 2009 AS THE DAY TO BE OBSERVED AS THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2009-07 AND 2009-08. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Everhart explained his plans for the formation of the Library Committee. The consensus of the Board was for the Mayor to proceed with setting up the Committee since it may not be ready to meet until August. The Safe Routes to Schools Committee is not established yet since school staff and PTA representatives may change in the fall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue  
Clerk to the Board