

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 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 Everhart thanked the Public Works Department for their extra efforts during the recent wind storm.

STUDENT APPRECIATION AWARD – Mayor Everhart announced that North Rowan Elementary School's outstanding student for the month is Margie Villalobos.

OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9 AND DECEMBER 12, 2008. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Finance Committee discussed the naming of Town buildings and the unanimous recommendation of the Committee is that Town buildings should not be named after individuals, living or deceased, since opportunities already exist for honoring individuals in other ways.

3. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS – Fire Chief Jay Baker presented badges to Nick Brazee and Chris Elstrom for completion of Rookie School, and Wayne Comer for promotion to Lieutenant and Gray Grubb for promotion to Captain.

4. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on major town projects.

NEW BUSINESS

5. OPEN COMMENT – Margaret Waddell updated the Board on Cruisin' 'Round Spencer. Bob Oswald questioned the Board about economic development and recent

changes in Spencer businesses. Larry Lyerly, Salisbury Rowan Utilities, reported that the recent water emergency is now over.

6. AUDIT REPORT – EDDIE CARRICK

Eddie Carrick reviewed Spencer's audit report for the 2007/08 fiscal year and advised the Board to remain conservative due to the current state of the economy.

7. RESOLUTION – TRANSFER OF STATE ROADS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE TRANSFER OF STATE OWNED SECONDARY ROADS TO MUNICIPALITIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. CONNECT RESOLUTION

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DEFER THE RESOLUTION UNTIL A LATER MEETING AND SET UP A COMMITTEE OF MAYOR EVERHART, ALDERMAN BISHOP, AND ALDERMAN MORRIS AS REQUESTED BY THE MAYOR TO STUDY THE CONNECT PROGRAM AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. 520 S SALISBURY AVENUE – OWNER REQUEST FOR TOWN TO PURCHASE

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL THE BOARD'S ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. PROPERTY LIENS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO APPROVE A LIEN AGAINST 515 STEEPLECHASE TRAIL FOR \$493.50, AND AGAINST 509 S YADKIN FOR \$243.50. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

11. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2009-05 AND 2009-06. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. RESOLUTION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

13. RESOLUTION – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO ADOPT THE PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHING JANUARY 19, 2009 AS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IN THE TOWN OF SPENCER. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

14. SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION – BODY ARMOR

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE THE SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE DONATION OF BODY ARMOR TO THE NC NATIONAL GUARD. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS / REAPPOINTMENTS

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BISHOP TO APPOINT MARTY LINEBERGER TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, REAPPOINT JIM GOBBEL TO THE PLANNING BOARD, AND REAPPOINT SHARON HOVIS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16. SET DATE FOR PLANNING RETREAT

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WOMBLE TO SET THE PLANNING RETREAT FOR JANUARY 30 FROM 6 TO 9 PM, AND JANUARY 31 FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL ----- . MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BISHOP AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The public is encouraged to attend. Open comment will be held the first 30 minutes of the meeting on both days.

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Board members were reminded of their joint meeting with the Planning Board on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Everhart and Board members responded to Bob Oswald's questions about economic development.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue  
Clerk to the Board