

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Benfield
Aldermen: Tracy Aitken
Delaine Fowler
Donnie Hinson
Jeff Morris
Reid Walters

Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor asked to amend the agenda to move #6 to #1 and move #4 to #2, and the Board agreed.

1. AUTHORIZATION – ENGINE 752 PUMP REPAIR

Three estimates have been received to repair the manifold in the #2 fire engine.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE UP TO \$7500 FOR THE REPAIRS WITH THE DISCRETION OF THE TOWN MANAGER IN CONSULTATION WITH THE FIRE CHIEF. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. SPENCER WOODS – JASON WALSER – LAND TRUST

Jason Walser explained that the Land Trust would like to partner with the Town of Spencer to preserve the 40 acre tract of land owned by Craft Homes. Grants are available through the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, but only Towns and/or counties can apply for that funding. The next grant deadline will be in January. The Land Trust would put down the funds, but the Town would complete the application. Land Trust may also apply for funds from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and from local foundations.

Alderman Walters stated that the residents he had talked to want to see the land and the trees preserved. He feels that a primitive trail could be constructed on the property without much burden on the tax base, and could utilize community volunteers, Eagle Scouts, and ROTC. Alderman Morris stated he feels that the 40 acres could provide sites for homes, providing more taxes and students for North Rowan schools. He feels that as grants increase, maintenance costs and matching amounts would increase. He would like to see Rowan County and City of Salisbury approached and asked for their participation.

Alderman Aitken stated she thought the Town should partner with the Land Trust in this effort, not Rowan County or Salisbury. **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN AITKEN FOR THE TOWN OF SPENCER TO PARTNER WITH THE LAND TRUST FOR ACQUISITION OF THIS LAND. MOTION SECONDED BY**

**ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR WITH
MAYOR EVERHART BREAKING THE TIE:**

AYES: AITKEN, FOWLER, WALTERS, EVERHART

NAYS: BENFIELD, HINSON, MORRIS

3. PUBLIC HEARING – RESOLUTION – FINANCING AGREEMENT – LIBRARY

Resolution 10-03 authorizes the town manager to file the application for LGC approval of the financing agreement for the Library repair project. Mayor Everhart opened the public hearing and asked for comment for or against the financing of the Library repair project. Beth Nance, 749 Fourth Street, stated she is pleased with the Board's plans and their progress, and is in favor of the project and the financing. No one else spoke and the public hearing was closed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 10-03, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A FINANCING AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED BY NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 160A-20, AND TO ADOPT THE SPENCER LIBRARY RENOVATIONS CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HINSON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT – LIBRARY

The bid tabulation shows the low bidder to be Jarrell Contractors for \$391,200. After Alternate #4 is removed per the Board's decision on April 21, the total will be \$380,000. The architect recommends a roof improvement, which would add an estimated \$2000-\$4000.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO AWARD THE LIBRARY REPAIR PROJECT TO THE LOW BIDDER, JARRELL CONTRACTORS, INC. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN. Following discussion, MOTION AND SECOND WERE WITHDRAWN.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMEN BENFIELD TO AWARD THE LIBRARY REPAIR PROJECT TO THE LOW BIDDER, JARRELL CONTRACTORS, INCLUDING THE \$2000-4000 ROOF IMPROVEMENT, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO \$385,000. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. AWARD OF BANK FINANCING PROPOSAL – LIBRARY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM BB&T FOR A 10-YEAR PURCHASE INSTALLMENT

LOAN AT THE RATE OF 4.15%. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Alderman Fowler asked the Town Manager to inquire if a 0% prepayment penalty would be possible in case individual donations were received.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Town Manager Smith had distributed copies of the Suggested Rules of Procedure for a City Council, but not all Board members have yet had time to review.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN AITKEN TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL THE MAY 11TH BOARD MEETING. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board