

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 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

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith, Public Works Director Jeff Bumgarner, Assistant Fire Chief Stacy Baker, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, Town Clerk Lisa Perdue, and Salisbury Post reporter Shelley Smith.

1. STORMWATER UTILITY PRESENTATION – ANDERSON & ASSOCIATES

Rodger Hoke, Anderson & Associates, reviewed stormwater regulations. Spencer is in the Municipal Sphere of Influence (MSI) of Salisbury, which is a Phase II City. Requirements for Phase II were reviewed. The Water Cycle before Urbanization vs. the Water Cycle after Urbanization shows how urbanization causes increased runoff, more erosion, and more pollutants.

A Stormwater Enterprise would require community involvement and the formation of a Stormwater Committee. Alternative Levels of Funding were reviewed along with the advantages and disadvantages of each. Education efforts could use the website, mailings, decals on storm drains, and communication with the schools. Rate structure alternatives and incentives were reviewed also. Education of the public could begin now. Implementation is not mandatory yet, but planning should start now.

2. LIBRARY PROJECT

A. PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CONSTRUCTION BIDS

Town Manager Larry Smith reviewed the bid tabulation for the Library project. Jarrell Contractors gave the low bid.

B. DISCUSSION ABOUT “ALTERNATES”

The Board asked that Alternate 4, Staff Restroom, be removed from the project. **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO REMOVE ALTERNATE #4, STAFF TOILET, AS BEING UNNECESSARY. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** A \$25,000 contingency is included. The Board feels all other alternates are needed.

C. POTENTIAL SURPLUS OF BOOKS / FUTURE USE OF LIBRARY DISCUSSION

The consensus of the Board was to appropriate funds for moving and storing the books as soon as possible. Potential future uses that were mentioned included: Wi-Fi, meeting place for groups, computer lab, tutoring, etc. The Board feels that future uses should be flexible.

3. FY 2010/11 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Town Manager Larry Smith reviewed the revenue projections and discussed fund balance. He then reviewed personnel costs and the proposed capital expenditures / major items.

He recommends doing a facilities needs study for the Town Hall, Fire Department, and the Library. **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO DIRECT THE TOWN MANAGER TO GET PRICES ON A STUDY OF BUILDING NEEDS AND FACILITIES, STARTING WITH ARCHITECT BILL BURGIN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR A GRANT INTERN TO SEEK GRANT FUNDS FOR ITEMS SPECIFIED AT THE PLANNING RETREAT, AND BE PAID MINIMUM WAGE AND 5% OF ANY GRANTS RECEIVED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FOWLER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Local Government Commission recommends payments for the Library project over a ten-year period. The Board agreed to a ten year payment plan with 100% financing, considering other budget considerations.

The Board asked the Planning Board to draft an ordinance amendment before the budget is adopted to lessen the requirements and expense of the proposed ballpark parking lot.

The Board reviewed the proposed capital expenditures / major items and prioritized them as follows:

- #1) Library Repair Project, Fire Station (already committed), Fire Engine (already committed), 5 sets turnout gear, Digital cameras, Tractor, 1 Ton Truck, and CAC Sensory Trail (already committed).
- #2) Brush Truck, Ford Ranger Replacement, COLA
- #3) Steam Cleaner, Recycling Incentive Program
- #4) Gateway signs

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#5) Plow, Playground Equipment, Bulk Pickup Day

Merit and Longevity were stated has being High Priority, but no number was given.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board