

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2010
7:00 P.M.

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

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Town Attorney Rivers Lawther. Mayor Everhart opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION – Alderman Benfield recognized the Public Works department, staff, and Mayor Everhart for their work with the Read to Your Child event. Mayor Everhart also thanked the police department and the fire department for their participation as well.

1. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FOWLER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2010. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 10-10 – CREMATORIES

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 10-10, CONCERNING CREMATORIES. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 10-11 – MEDICAL INCINERATORS

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 10-11, CONCERNING MEDICAL/INFECTIOUS WASTE INCINERATORS.

MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FOWLER AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS were given by Public Works Director Jeff Bumgarner, Fire Chief Gray Grubb, Land Management Director Dustin Wilson, Town Clerk Lisa Perdue, and Police Chief Michael James, who was introduced by Mayor Everhart and Town Manager Larry Smith.

6. TOWN MANAGER LARRY SMITH reported on town projects and Board goals.

7. MAYORAL & COMMITTEE REPORTS – Mayor Everhart reported on the Rowan Municipal Association meeting, and the Read to Your Child Event held in Spencer.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

NEW BUSINESS

9. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Frank Thomason, Rowan County Director of Emergency Services, reviewed the update process. The mitigation plan was mandated by the federal government in 2005 and must be updated every five years. Each Town needs to adopt the Plan.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 10-04: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED ROWAN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – SPENCER JAYCEES

Kevin Hurley, on behalf of the Spencer Jaycees, asked the Board to approve closing Fifth Street and extending the noise ordinance for the annual street dance on August 28.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO CLOSE FIFTH STREET FROM NOON TILL MIDNIGHT AND EXTEND THE NOISE ORDINANCE TO MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH, FOR THE ANNUAL STREET DANCE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION – TRACTOR

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 3520 TRACTOR FROM JAMES RIVER

EQUIPMENT FOR \$24,251.67. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. LIBRARY READING GARDEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED PLANS OF A READING GARDEN AT THE SPENCER LIBRARY PARK, WITH PREFERENCE GIVEN TO THE USE OF BRICK SCREENING AROUND THE MECHANICAL UNIT AREA (NO TOWN FUNDS COMMITTED AT THIS TIME). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WALTERS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. LIBRARY – STAFF RESTROOM

The options are as follows: 1) leave restroom and fixtures “as-is”; 2) demolish and remove everything with A) retaining wood floor or B) covering with carpet; or 3) renovate existing restroom.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN MORRIS TO PROCEED WITH 2A) DEMOLISH RESTROOM AND RETAIN WOOD FLOOR (\$2,719 + REPAIR COSTS). MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AITKEN AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. PROPERTY LIENS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD TO APPROVE LIENS AS FOLLOWS: 204 S IREDELL, \$243.50; 812 S YADKIN, \$306.00; 700 5TH, \$306.00; 816 5TH, \$243.50; 409 S ROWAN, \$243.50; 410 OAKWOOD, \$243.50; AND 300 8TH, \$306.00. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. BOARD OF ALDERMEN VACANCY

At the July Board meeting, C. E. Spear was chosen to fill the vacant seat of Alderman Donnie Hinson, but Mr. Spear has since declined the appointment. The next highest “vote-getter” for Alderman was David Smith. Jon Palmer received a higher number of votes, but was running for Mayor.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN AITKEN TO APPOINT DAVID SMITH TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD & CARRIED AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: AITKEN, BENFIELD, WALTERS (The failure to vote by Alderman Morris counts as an affirmative vote.)

NAYS: FOWLER

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With no further business Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board