

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CALLED MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2014
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart
Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel
Aldermen: Scott Benfield
Mike Boone
Kevin Jones
Jeff Morris
Reid Walters

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith and Town Clerk Lisa Perdue. Mayor Everhart called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

1. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT UPDATE TO THE 1998 WATER AND WASTEWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WITH ONE ADDITION TO THE SECOND PARAGRAPH. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MORRIS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Board members reviewed the budget information from the Town Manager. Some revenues are estimated to be an increase over last year, so total revenues should be slightly higher. The Board then reviewed the capital expenditure requests.

Potential paving of Charles Street was discussed, as well as the future stormwater improvements to Fourth Street. The Town Manager will ask the Town engineers to come to a meeting in the near future to discuss stormwater utilities. For next fiscal year, the Town Manager will budget 75% of the Powell Bill allocation per the policy previously adopted.

There was discussion and an indication of potential support for a cost of living adjustment and longevity pay. Staff will research longevity pay paid by nearby municipalities and bring more information to the next budget workshop.

There was discussion of a potential pledge for a reward in the murder case of Dee Rios. More information will be given at a future meeting.

The Town Manager reviewed town goals and initiatives. There was consensus from the Board to continue \$5000 in the budget for economic development. There was also consensus to discontinue charging for bulk item pickup, to be implemented as soon as possible. Public works will watch for abuse of that service.

Board members discussed increasing the code enforcement to a full time position or two part-time positions. The Town Manager will budget for an amount that could cover either way, which could be decided later. Several members discussed potentially adopting new minimum housing standards, but there was no consensus. The Town Manager mentioned possibly adding an Administrative Assistant / Deputy Clerk position, and was told to bring a proposal to the Board if it worked into the budget.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Everhart reported that Ron Turbyfill would like to bring a True North grant proposal to the Board, looking for funding for Communities in Schools. Several Aldermen stated that they would not support such a request. Mayor Everhart will convey that message to Mr. Turbyfill.

The next budget meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC
Clerk to the Board