

SPENCER BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
CALLED MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Jody Everhart  
Aldermen: Scott Benfield  
Mike Boone  
Kevin Jones  
Jeff Morris  
Reid Walters

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Gobbel

Also present were Town Manager Larry Smith, Town Clerk Lisa Perdue, Police Chief Mike James, and Public Works Director Joel Taylor.

1. STORMWATER PRESENTATION – ANDERSON AND ASSOCIATES

John Akers, Anderson and Associates, gave an updated powerpoint presentation on stormwater. Spencer is not yet required to come into compliance, but could be in the future. Enterprise fees, authorized by state law, are established by ordinance. Akers reviewed the schedule for calculation of fees.

Alderman Morris would favor a flat residential rate, in order to minimize administrative cost, such as the fees charged by Kannapolis and Salisbury. Alderman Walters does not favor charging a fee during the upcoming budget year, because the public needs to be properly informed through public meetings and newsletters. The consensus of the Board was to wait until August to get more information.

2. DISCUSSION – REWARD FOR ARREST

**MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WALTERS TO PLEDGE \$5000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO AN ARREST AND CONVICTION IN THE DEE RIOS HOMICIDE. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BENFIELD AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Town Manager Smith distributed copies of the survey of longevity pay from other municipalities. Board discussion included whether to use the same formula as in the past and just increase the base, or convert to a formula based on percentage of salaries. It was suggested to increase the formula to an approximate total of \$15,000 to \$25,000.

Board members also discussed the code enforcement officer position. Discussion included the efficiency and accountability of one full-time vs. two part-time employees. Alderman Walters

suggested using a member of the fire department for housing issues such as inspections, and keep the current part-time position in land management. Alderman Boone feels that Town ordinances need to be reviewed and amended to allow for better enforcement. The Town Manager mentioned that staff would be working on putting these and other Housing Strategies together for vetting at future mini-sessions per the Board's Planning Retreat discussion.

The Town Manager suggested proceeding with what he felt the consensus was at the last workshop to continue budget preparations with allocation of extra funds in the Land Management budget. These funds could then be moved to another place if the Board decides to use them otherwise, such as for an additional position elsewhere, for housing strategies, or even for contingencies. The consensus of the Board was to proceed, as long as there is no increase in the tax rate.

Alderman Benfield is checking into surplus computers from Rowan County. The Town Manager is looking into the costs of upgrading the service at the Library with regard to the Board's inquiry about wi-fi access.

With no further business, Mayor Everhart adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa B. Perdue, CMC  
Clerk to the Board