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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING October 7, 2024, 6:30 PM AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME

MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT COUNCILMAN RUSH MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT

Present: Mayor Barbara Mallett Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Cowan, Alderman Albert Smith, Alderman Shawn Rush, Alderman George Jackson, Alderman Alderwoman Deloris High. Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk, ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.

Absent: Alderman Dwayne Holmes

APPROVE MINUTES of regular meetings on September 9, 2024.

A motion was made to approve September 9, 2024, board meetings by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT Please note that comments shall be limited to five minutes and the Town Council reserves the right not to act on requests first presented this evening.

No public comments were made.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 24-06 Selling of Mitchell Street Property

The purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sale of the following property located at 0 Mitchell St., East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 026 237. Pursuant to NCGS §160A-267 the council may sell or dispose of real and personal property, without regard to the method or purpose of its acquisition or to its intended or actual governmental or other prior use. Real property, of any value, and personal property valued at thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) or more for any one item or group of similar items may be exchanged as permitted by G.S. 160A-267 or may be sold by any method permitted in this Article other than private negotiation and sale, except as permitted in G.S.

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160A-277 and G.S. 160A-279. This property has a joint ownership with Rowan County and we have requested from the County that they relinquish their portion ownership to complete the sale, The sale of these properties will be \$33,000. A motion was made to approve resolution 24-06 by Alderman Rush. Seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Storm Water Repair

*Mr. Douglas explained that it has become extremely evident that the Town must place an emphasis on stormwater repair. While trying to prepare for the previous storm, it was found that many of our drain culverts have collapsed. Due to these culverts collapsing, stormwater accumulates above ground an ither floods areas and/or erodes the surface area. The town will work with various organizations to try to get grant dollars to fix the issues. An estimated cost to repair or replace the entire system is estimated at \$4M. Mr. Douglas presented photos of the current damage to the system. Alderwoman High had questions about the storm water drains. Alderman Rush has questions about grants and funding.

Mayor Mallette swore in Ashely McFarland as the first finance director for East Spencer.

3. Closed Session - Personnel

A motion was made to open closed session by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Jackson. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made to close the closed session by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

A complete evaluation was given to Mr. Douglas, Town Manager. Mr. Douglas reached satisfactory numbers. A motion was made to increase Mr. Douglas salary by 19% by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes 4-1.

A motion was made to reschedule the November monthly regular meeting to November 12, 2024 T 6:30PM AT Town Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Manager Comments

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5. Council Comments

Alderman Rush gave an update on Centralina. Mayor Mallette gave an update on upcoming events and parades. Alderwoman High gave an update on the EDC and gave information about an upcoming candidate forum. Alderman spoke on some concerns about GFL as well as gave some information about Mayor Mallett.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passes unanimously.

Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett

ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk