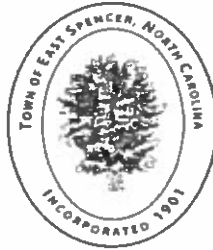


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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 5, 2024, 6:30 PM
AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
WELCOME

MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
COUNCILMAN RUSH
MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
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Present: *Mayor Barbara Mallett Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Curtis Cowan, Alderman Albert Smith, Alderman Shawn Rush, Alderman Jackson, Alderwoman Deloris High (late). Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk, ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.*

Absent: *Alderman Dwayne Holmes*

APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on January 8, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the January regular meeting minutes 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.*

Mr. Thomas asked if something could be done about Pine Tree and the illegal dumping. He also mentions that Duke Energy keep cutting down trees but are not picking up the limbs and just leaving them in ditches. He also asked about code enforcement. Mr. Douglas explains that code enforcement sends out violations. Mr. Thomas also had questions about his neighbor dogs. Mr. Douglas explains that East Spencer does not have an ordinance on how many pets a resident may have, and he will look into the no leash law.

Mayor Mallett read a Black History Proclamation.

A motion was made to modify the agenda for item #4 by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hargrove Recognition

Mr. Douglas explains that the Town of East Spencer, Town of Spencer and the North Rowan High School are collaborating to acknowledge the accomplishments of Mr. Javan Hargrave. During the February 15th basketball game, North Rowan High School will retire Mr. Hargrave number. The town was asked to participate in this event with a special acknowledgement. As such, the Key to the Town would like to be given to Mr. Hargrave during this event. A motion was made to approve the key to the city by Alderman Jackson; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Council Retreat

Mr. Douglas explains that the Town of East Spencer will hold its annual retreat on February 28-29 at the Kannapolis City Hall in the Laureate Center. The meeting will start at 9am on both days but will end at 5pm on the 28th and at 12pm on the 29th. The North Rowan Middle School has asked to participate in the retreat by bringing 18 students to watch how the Council conducts its business. The retreat will be facilitated by Centralina Regional Council and lunch will be provided.

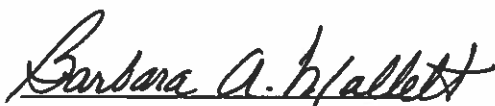
3. Resolution 23-08 Condemnation of Albert Neely Property


Town Manager Douglas explains that the Town of East Spencer shall acquire by condemnation, for rehabbing, replacing, extending, and replacing sewer lines and systems on the entire property owned by Albert William Neely, which is located on the tract of land located at 0 Robinson Road, East Spencer, North Carolina. The Town of East Spencer has tried negotiating with the property owner, Albert William Neely, and have offered the property owner compensation for this property, however, the Town of East Spencer has been unable to acquire the property by negotiated conveyance. The property acquired will be used to construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, reconstruct, replace, and/or remove such facilities, fixtures, equipment, markers, and appurtenances as may be necessary or desirable for sanitary sewer and utility purposes. Mayor Pro Tem asked Mr. Douglas, "how big is the track". Mr. Douglas said 6 acres. Mr. Douglas explains it was appraised at \$14,000 and the owner wants \$85,000. Alderman Jackson asked how much the Town offered the owner, and Mr. Douglas stated that the owner was offered \$10,000. A motion was made to approve Resolution 23-08 by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Jackson. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Resolution 23-09 Sell of Property 514 N. Railroad Ave
Mr. Douglas will table this resolution until the next regular meeting, March 3, 2011. A motion was made to approve the resolution being tabled until the next board meeting by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Manager Comments
Mr. Douglas informed the mayor and council on days he will not be in the office.
6. Council Comments
Alderman Jackson asked about a spring cleanup. He also stated that with more growth there will be more trash. He asked about the town looking into a recycling plan. Mr. Douglas stated he would look into it when we renew with GFL. Mayor Pro Tem Cowan asked Mr. Douglas to check on options for an animal ordinance with residents having dogs in the front yard.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Alderman Rush; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.


Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett


ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk