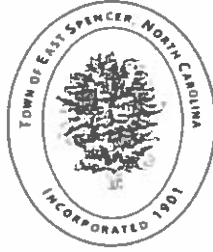


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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024, 6:30 PM  
AGENDA**

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CALL TO ORDER	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
INVOCATION	COUNCILMAN RUSH
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
WELCOME	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET

**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***

***A motion was made to remove item #4 and also add to the agenda an increase with the credit card limit by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passes unanimously.***

**APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on August 5, 2024.**

**A motion was made to approve regular meeting minutes on August 5, 2024, by Alderman Smith, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. 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.**

- ***Terry Robinson – New Life Community Church – wants a church sign. Mayor Mallett told Mr. Robinson to speak with the town manager. Mr. Douglas stated he would look into it.***
- ***Mary Cooper – Asked if new hires for public works were being trained. She has a few concerns about public works. Asked and had concerns about the new houses being built in slabs. Alderman Smith told Mrs. Cooper that is an issue for the buyer to handle.***

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Wooten Company – Water WAMP and CIP Review

**Mr. Douglas explains that the Wooten Company was awarded the VUR water infrastructure project and will present the Water Asset Management Plan (WAMP) and the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Douglas stated that if the Council agrees with the plan, it should be adopted by resolution. John Gray from Wooten Co. gave a presentation to the mayor, board and residents. The presentation showed a 10-year C.I.P. Mayor Mallett asked how the document would be kept in the office and wants a paper copy. Mr. Gray said he would get the Town a hard copy. Mayor Mallett asked Mr. Gray how much iron is in the ground, and he stated about a million in chunks and that some of it will be removed. Alderman Rush asked what kind of pipe will be put in. Mr. Gray stated either Delta Iron, PVC. Alderwoman High asked would residents be able to tell. Mr. Gray stated that he hopes which means the system is operating fine, yet he hopes they can in a way which also means there should be better pressure. He also stated fire flow will be different, and we will have less pipeline breaks. Alderwoman High asked about new homes and Mr. Gray explained that main lines in the street are the towns responsibility, but new homes are private and pay for there on pipes, the town only service public pipelines. A motion was made to approve Resolution 24-05 with C.I.P by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously**

**Scott Shelton with Rowan County EDC spoke and gave an update to the mayor, board of alderman and residents. He gave an update on the Rusher property, let everyone know EDC was hosting a job fair and also let everyone know that information would be coming soon about manufacturer week.**

### 2. Department Briefs

Each quarter the department heads give the Council an update within their respective areas.

**Asia Becton, Utility Clerk gave an update and report to the mayor, board of alderman and residents on trash collection.**

**Michael Lowder, Public Works Supervisor gave an update and report to the mayor, board of alderman and residents on what public works have been covering the last few months and what is expected to happen as the seasons are changing.**

**Justin Bateman, Alliance Code Enforcement gave an update and report to the mayor, board of alderman and residents on issues he have been handling, violations and demolitions.**

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***Rick Fleming, Deputy Fire Chief gave an update and report to the mayor, board of alderman and residents.***

***John Fewell, Police Chief gave an update and report to the mayor, board of alderman and residents.***

3. Second Harvest Food Bank Application

***Mr. Douglas explains that the town was not able to complete its annual Community Day due to the weather and non-participation from our traditional sponsor. He stated the town cannot control the weather but can become our own sponsor. The Town of East Spencer now has a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization called the East Spencer Foundation. Through this Foundation, the Town will be able to apply to the Second Harvest Food Bank as a independent participant. An enclosed application needs to be approved by the board due to each member of the Council being named as a board member of the East Spencer Foundation. With the approval, Mr. Douglas will submit all necessary documentation to Second Harvest. It was explained that the approval process can take up to six months to complete. Alderwoman High had a few questions about the application and the process. Mayor Mallett, Alderman Rush, Alderman Smith and Alderman Jackson had a few comments as well. A motion was made to approve the application by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Jackson. Motion passes unanimously.***

4. Closed Session

— Personnel

5. Credit Card Increase

***Mr. Douglas explains that the town grows, department heads need to utilize the card more. The town has a credit card limit of \$5,000. Mr. Douglas would like to increase that limit to \$8,000. A motion was made to approve the request by Alderman; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.***

6. Manager Comments

***Mr. Douglas explains to the mayor and board of alderman that a property owner would like to donate property from Concord to East Spencer.***

***Livingstone College would like to partner with East Spencer to put in an EV station.***

***Mr. Douglas gave an update on the finance director process.***

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7. Council Comments

**Mayor Mallett informed the board that October 7, 2024, regular meeting will include a closed session for an evaluation.**

**Alderman Rush gave an update on things happening with Centralina.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Cowan had a few questions about the Dunbar, land on Andrews, the water tank. He also asked about a monitor to be added to the board room, so residents don't have to turn in their chairs when the town has presentations.**

**Alderwoman High gave an update on a meeting she went to in Spencer.**

**Alderman Smith gave an update after his last meeting with M.P.O.**

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Smith; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.**

  
Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett

  
ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk

