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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 2, 2025, 6:30 PM
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
INVOCATION	ALDERWOMAN HIGH
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET
WELCOME	MAYOR BARBARA MALLET

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

Absent: *Alderman Dwayne Holmes*

Mayor Mallett read a Proclamation for Juneteenth 2025.

A motion was made to amend the agenda and add 5A for the approval of FY 2025 - 2026 budget by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on May 5, 2025, and Special Meeting on May 20, 2025. *A motion was made to approve both minutes by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Jackson.*

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.*

- Carlton Dowdy – Had questions about public lights on his street
- Mary Cooper – Concerns with the grass growing so high at the Dunbar
- Angela Feaster – Concerns with the grass at the Dunbar

Mr. Douglas explains that although we placed a bid on the Dunbar any person or group has 10 days to make a upset bid against us which is why while we are going through the process no one should touch the property.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 24-15 – Sell of Property – 815 Cedar St.
The purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sale of the following property located at 815 Cedar St East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 024 034. Pursuant to NCGS §160A-269 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-269 or may be sold by any method permitted in this Article other than private negotiation and sale, except as permitted in G.S. 160A-269. The sale of this property will be \$45,000.00. A motion was made to approve resolution 24-15 by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passes unanimously.

 2. Resolution 24-16 – Sell of Property – 0 N. Boundary St.
The purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sale of the following property located at 0 N. Boundary St. East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 027 047. Pursuant to NCGS §160A-269, 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-269, or may be sold by any method permitted in this Article other than private negotiation and sale, except as permitted in G.S. 160A-269. The sale of this property will be \$50,000,00. Mr. Douglas also explains that the town will now dump limbs/wood chips on brown street instead. A motion was made to approve resolution 24-16 by Alderman Smith; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

 3. Resolution 24-17 – Sell of Property – 0 Trexler St.
The purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sale of the following property located at 0 Trexler St. East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 025 072. Pursuant to NCGS §160A-269 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-269, or may be sold by any method permitted in this Article other than private negotiation and sale, except as permitted in G.S. 160A-269. The sale of this property will be \$51,000,00. A motion was made to approve resolution 24-17 by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Jackson. Motion passes unanimously.

 4. Ordinance 24-06 – FY 24-25 Budget Amendments
Mr. Douglas went through budget amendments to make sure all accounts were balanced before closing out the fiscal year. He explained that he spoke with department heads to reduce certain line items in their accounts. A motion was
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made to approve ordinance 24-06 by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Public Hearing – FY 25-26 Budget Ordinance 24-07

Open: A motion was made to open the public hearing by Alderman Rush; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

The public hearing was to discuss the upcoming new fiscal year 2025-2026. The mayor and board were given a budget message and the proposed 2025-2026 fiscal year budget for the Town of East Spencer. Attached to the budget were both the FY 25-26 updated fee schedule as well as the justification sheets for the new fiscal year. Mr. Douglas explained that the budget had a few changes since the last budget that was presented to the mayor and board of alderman. There was a \$7,000 decrease to the administration budget and added to the police department budget for a trailer. Mary Cooper had concerns about taxes as well as wanting to see the town owning their own waste truck for the town. Mr. Douglas explained the top priority for the town is to get a public safety building and full-time fire department. Mayor Mallett had a few questions about the tax rate and the projects the town is working on. Angela Feaster asked if taxes were going up. Alderman Jackson had a few questions and comments about property value.

Close: A motion was made to close the public hearing by Alderman Jackson; seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passes unanimously.

5A. – Approval of the FY 2025 – 2026 Budget

A motion was made to approve the FY 2025 – 2026 budget by Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

6. Manager Comments

Mr. Douglas announces that the FY 22-23 audit has been complete, and we can now move forward with the next audit. He also stated he can now move forward with securing funding for the public safety building. The citizens were also reminded of June Fest.

7. Council Comments

Mayor Mallett, Alderman Jackson had a few questions and comments. Alderman Smith and Alderwoman High gave an update on the MPO.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Barbara A. Mallett, Mayor


ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk