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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 6:30 PM
AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT
INVOCATION	COUNCILWOMAN HIGH
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT
WELCOME	MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT

Present: *Mayor Barbara Mallett, Presiding; Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, Albert Smith, John Noble, Deloris High, Alderman Cowan. Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.*

Absent: *Dwayne Holmes*

APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on January 9, 2023.

A motion was made to approve the January regular meeting minutes by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. 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.

- Mary Cooper – Had a few questions about the two historic buildings that have been burned down. She also had concerns about illegal dumping and asked why East Spencer doesn't recycle.

A proclamation for Black History Month was read by Mayor Mallett.

The tax collectors office, Rowan County Assessors spoke with Mayor Mallett and Board. A summary was given about property. Questions and comments were made by Mayor Mallett, Mayor Pro Tem Rush, Alderwoman High and Alderman Noble. A few citizens had questions as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing Ordinance 22-06 – Annexation

The owner of parcel 052 219 located at 166 Stafford Dr. is requesting voluntary annexation into the Town of East Spencer. The parcel is approximately .31 acres, and the developers would like to build a single-family home on the site. Open: Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Close: Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion as made to approve the ordinance by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Hearing Ordinance 22-07 – Annexation

The owner of the parcel 052 218 located at 170 Stafford Dr is requesting voluntary annexation into the Town of East Spencer. The parcel is approximately .34 acres, and the developers would like to build a single-family home on the site.

Open: Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Close: Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Noble. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the ordinance by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Public Hearing Ordinance 22-08 – Annexation

The owner of the parcel 052 217 located at 172 Stafford Dr. is requesting a voluntary annexation into the Town of East Spencer. The parcel is approximately .34 acres, and the developers would like to build a single-family home on the site. Open: Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.

Close: Alderman Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the ordinance by Alderwoman High; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Public Hearing Ordinance 22-09 – Annexation

The owner of the parcel 052 023 located at 180 Stafford Dr is requesting voluntary annexation into the Town of East Spencer. The parcel is approximately 1.95 acres, and the developers would like to build a single-family home on the site.

Open: Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Close: Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the ordinance by Alderwoman High. Seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

5. Public Hearing – Rezoning – 0 Boundary St.

The owner of the parcel 027 055 located at 0 Boundary St is requesting the parcel to be rezoned. The current zoning for the parcel is R1 and they are requesting the property to be rezoned to RM-10. The owner/developer wants to develop the property into a four-unit apartment complex. There is a proposed site plan that shows what the developer is suggesting.

Open: Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Comments and questions were asked by Mayor Mallett, Alderwoman High and Mary Cooper.

Close: Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously. A motion was made to approve the rezoning by Mayor Pro Tem Rush; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

6. East Spencer/Spencer Boundary Discussion

Mr. Douglas explained to the Mayor and Board of Alderman that Rowan County has directed all municipalities to coordinate and find a solution for boundary extension between the municipalities. The staff from the Town of Spencer and East Spencer have had discussions on this issue and have come to a consensus that now has to be discussed with the Council. Mr. Douglas explained that the proposed plan would require a public hearing and Council approval. Mayor Mallett and Alderwoman High had questions and comments. A motion was made to approve the plan and move forward with Spencer by Alderman Smith; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rush. Motion passes unanimously.

7. Homebuyers Assistance Program

Mr. Douglas explains that there are several new homes that are being built within the Town. The Town is currently able to help first-time home buyers with financial assistance to help with the purchase of a home. This program entitled "Homebuyers Assistance Program" is designed to help first-time homebuyers purchase a home within the Town of East Spencer. The funding for this program will come from the American Rescue Plan funds that the Town has already received. There is approximately \$30,000 of funds remaining that can be used for this program. Mayor Mallett and Alderwoman High had a few questions and comments. A motion was made to approve the homebuyers assistance program by Alderman Cowan; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

8. Gateway Entry Sign Design Discussion

The Town was awarded \$584K from the Rural Transformation Grant Fund (RTGF) for the purpose of purchasing new gateway and directional signs. The town was also approved to purchase a new monument sign for Royal Giants Park. ArtSigns have sent several designs for the Town to consider. The decision was made to table any decision until the board retreat February 23, 2023.

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9. Manager Comments

10. Council Comments

ADJOURNMENT

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


Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett


ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk