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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 2, 2023, 6:30 PM  
AGENDA**

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| CALL TO ORDER        | MAYOR PRO TEM SHAWN RUSH |
| INVOCATION           | ALDERMAN DELORIS HIGH    |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | MAYOR PRO TEM SHAWN RUSH |
| WELCOME              | MAYOR PRO TEM SHAWN RUSH |

**Present: *Board Members: Mayor Pro Tem Shawn Rush, Alderman Albert Smith, Alderman John Noble, Alderman Dwayne Holmes, Alderman Curtis Cowan, Alderwoman Deloris High. Town Manager Michael Douglas, Town Clerk, ShaTaira Bailey, Town Attorney Thomas Brooke.***

**Absent: *Mayor Barbara Mallett***

**APPROVE MINUTES** of regular meeting on September 11, 2023.

***A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes by Alderman Holmes; 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.*

**> C. Logan** – ***Spoke with the Board and stated she wanted to apologize to Town Manager, Michael Douglas. She stated she called him a liar in public and she was wrong, so she wanted to also apologize in public.***

**> C. Dowdy** – ***Stated to the board that he never met Tony Hillian and explains that he believes a scholarship in place of a street name could be a good idea.***

**> A. Russell** – ***Spoke to the board about past streets that had been changed. She brought up Torbush and explained the history of the street name. She then explained Tony Hillian qualifications that she states surpass anything that Torbush had done. She also read a letter from a citizen (A. Byrd).***

- > **M. Leach** – Explains to the Board of Alderman that if the street name is changed, she hopes that what happened to her fathers' honorary memorial sign doesn't happen to Tony Hillian sign. She stated the sign fell and was now missing from the park. Alderman Cowan stated that the sign is not missing and that it is in a safe place until they can get it fixed. She also stated that there is nothing for the older woman to do in to along with no youth activities. She stated we should take funds to put back into the community.
- > **M. Moorehead** – Explains to the Board that he has concerns about the Dunbar center. He states it has become a haven for bad activities and squatters. He wants the building to be torn down or for the town to develop the land for the youth and the community.
- > **T. Wallace** – Explains that she knows Tony Hillian deserves the name change of the street.
- > **J. Mingle** – Stated she is having issues with her water bill. She asked the town to assist her with this issue. The town manager explained he will be in touch with J. Mingle.
- > **A. Duran** – Stated he is having issues with his driveway.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Staff Reports

**Each department head came and spoke to the Board of Alderman with an update from each department.**

### 2. Audit Responses

**Mr. Douglas explains that during the audit brief, it was found that the Town had to prepare responses for three performance indicators from the Local Government Commission. The response is required and should be submitted to the LGC electronically within 60 days of the audit brief. The responses must be signed by each present council member at the first available council meeting. A motion was made to approve the audit response by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Cowan. Motion passes unanimously.**

### 3. Robin Circle Name Change

**Alderman Holmes – Stated to everyone that he agrees with the street name change and that Tony Hillian deserves it. He also states that East Spencer has other residents in town who also deserve recognition, small or big.**

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***Mayor Pro Tem Rush stated that he wants to say he is against the name change and that we should not erase one family's history for another.***

***Alderman Noble – Stated that this is not a popularity contest. He stated, “Tony always supported me, and I want everyone to know how I feel”.***

***A motion was made for the Robin Circle name change by Alderman Noble; seconded by Alderman Noble. Motion passes (3-2).***

4. **Public Hearing – Rezoning Request 924 S. Long St.**

***Open: A motion was made to open the public hearing by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.***

➤ ***William Kennedy commends the Board of Alderman for all the new home in the area.***

➤ ***Carlton Dowdy explains when he bought a property from PresPro that it was not fully leveled and graded.***

***Mr. Douglas explains that the owner of the parcel 024 105 located at 924 S. Long St. is requesting for the parcel to be rezoned. The current zoning for the parcel is O&I and the property needs to be rezoned to R1 for residential development. The applicant plans to sell the property and the new owner will build a new home on the location after demolition of the existing structure. The new owners will be Prespro Homes and Neighborhoods. This rezoning request has gone before the planning board committee and has been recommended for approval by the committee.***

➤ ***Alderwoman High asked a few questions.***

***Close: A motion was made to close the public hearing by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.***

***A motion was made to approve the rezoning request by Alderman Holmes; seconded by Alderman Smith. Motion passes unanimously.***

5. **Resolution 23-03 – Sell of Property 931 Cedar St**

***Mr. Douglas explains that the purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sell of following property located at 931 Cedar St. East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 024040, 024041A, 02404001. A motion was made to approve this resolution 23-03 by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.***

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6. Resolution 23-04 – Sell of Property 0 Cedar St

*Mr. Douglas explains that the purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sale of the following property located at 0 Cedar St. East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 024042. A motion was made to approve resolution 23-04 by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.*

7. Resolution 23-05 – Sell of Property 504 N. Long St

*Mr. Douglas explains that the purpose of this Resolution is to allow the sale of the following property located at 504 N. Long St. East Spencer, NC, 28039 Rowan County Tax Parcel # 028 132. A motion was made to approve resolution by Alderman Noble; seconded by Alderman Holmes. Motion passes unanimously.*

8. Manager Comments


9. Council Comments

- *C. Cowan – Explains he wants to make sure Mr. Leach sign is fixed.*
  - *M. Leach – Explains that the Foxx family is big, but the town can't change things for 1 person and that the town should give honor to everyone.*
  - *Alderwoman High stated the Town of East Spencer will always remember Jake.*
  - *Alderman Cowan asked about an ordinance on all old roads in east spencer regarding name changing.*
  - *Mr. Douglas explains no current roads will change. Only new development will have the opportunity to be named after someone.*
  - *Alderwoman High asked how many people that came to the meeting were east spencer residents and paid taxes.*
  - *Alderman Smith stated that the board need to speak up more for the Town Manager and stated he does a lot.*
  - *Alderman Noble states public works need to cut hedges down and that no one can see the address on the building.*
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Regular Meeting  
October 2, 2023  
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ADJOURNMENT

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

  
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Mayor, Barbara A. Mallett

  
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ShaTaira Bailey, Town Clerk

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