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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2026, 6:30 PM
AGENDA

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| CALL TO ORDER | MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT |
| INVOCATION | ALDERMAN SHAWN RUSH |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT |
| WELCOME | MAYOR BARBARA MALLETT |

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

Absent: Alderman Dwayne Homes

APPROVE MINUTES of regular meeting on December 8th , 2025

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 8th ,2025 at 6:30PM by Alderman Smith; seconded by Alderman Jackson. 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.*

Public Comment was made by one of the residents of Henderson Street in regards to the safety on that street. Shared concerned about multiple shootings in front of his home. He also shared that he is concerned about his child safety and that bullets could have penetrated the house. He comments that it took at least 30 minutes for emergency services to show up to the incident. Resident also shared his concern about speeding on Henderson Street and recommended installation of speed bumps to reduce speeds.

Salisbury Transit Micro Transit Pilot:

Mr. Rodney Harrisons of the Salisbury Transit Authority gave the Council a PowerPoint presentation of the Micro transit pilot program that will be starting on January 19,2026.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Department Briefs:**

Each department head went before Mayor Mallet and the board with a summary of what has been going on in each department. (Utility Clerk, Public Works, Finance Director, Fire Chief and Police Chief.

2. **Interlocal Agreement with County**

The Town of East Spencer along with Rowan County will jointly participate in applying for the 2026 Build Grant. This is the same grant the Town and County applied for last year but was unsuccessful in being awarded.

In this agreement, the County will provide \$12,500 to the Town to procure a grant writer to help write the BUILD grant. The Town has signed a contract with Hanka Advisors. These funds are a one-time appropriation, and this agreement will terminate in one year

3. **Public Hearing: Special Use Permit (SUP) – 0 N. Railroad Ave.**

A motion was made by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Jackson to enter the public hearing for Special Use Permit (SUP) 0 N. Railroad Ave.

This is a special use permit request for 0 N. Railroad Ave (between West Earnhardt and West Pine Tree); property zoned R6 to allow multifamily construction of a triplex.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Alderman Homes and seconded by Alderman Smith.

A motion was made by Alderman Smith to Table the Special Use Permit (SUP) 0 N. Railroad Ave and was seconded by Alderman Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Police Swearing:**

Two Police Officers received the oath of office.

5. **Manager Comments**

Mr. Douglas shared with the council members that Mrs. Isabel Santana Perez will be going on School Leave.


6. **Council Comments**

Mayor Barbara Mallett spoke about the MLK Day proclamation, which declares that January 19th is Martin Luther King Day.

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Smith, Seconded by Alderman Rush. Motion passed unanimously.


Barbara A. Mallett, Mayor


Michael Douglas, Town Manager