

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
February 26, 2026**

Mayor Farmer called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call was taken, with the following alderman present: Jody Hensley, Darrell Nance, Drew Campbell, Jill Bouldin, and David Chandler. Also in attendance were City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Recorder Crystal Crain, and Zeda Hillis representing James C. Halley. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer requested approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Alderman Nance. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mayor Farmer opened the floor for citizen comments; however, no one was in attendance.

Old Business:

Mayor Farmer asked for a motion to take the mayor's position item off the table. Alderman Chandler made the motion to take the item off the table. This was seconded by Alderman Hensley. All members were in favor and the mayor's position was taken off the table. Mayor Farmer reminded the board that during the last meeting it was approved to leave the position full time and the salary portion was discussed with ranges between \$24,800 - \$40,000. Alderman Bouldin mentioned, that the public is unclear of what the mayor's duties include and the city should be transparent. Some duties including but not limited to are securing funding, writing grants, coordinating with state and local officials, addressing issues with street, municipal, parks & recreation, and law enforcement. Mr. Boring and Mayor Farmer mentioned, that detailed duties can be found in the Charter. Alderman Nance made the motion to change the salary to \$40,000. This was seconded by Alderman Chandler. Roll call was as followed. Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed with the new salary starting after the November 2026 election with the new term.

Cameras: Still waiting for information and prices from IT.

New Business:

Original agenda posted on February 24th had first reading to add flock system to the budget; Sheriff Brock contacted City Hall before the meeting that the flock system would need to be pushed out until July 2026 and be included on the FY 2026-2027 budget.

ITEM #1: First Reading of Ordinance 2026-1, Rezone property Faye Street. The property is owned by Jeremiah Martin and currently does not have an assigned address, but is located beside the Soap Box located at 117 Faye St. This request was passed by the planning commission on February 12, 2026. Alderman Hensley made the motion to approve to rezone this property and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

Roll Call was as followed. Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes
Bouldin: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #2: First Reading of Ordinance 2026-2, Remove/Vacate City Lake Road from the City Street List. This property was conveyed to WCUD with the merger. This was approved to the Planning Commission on February 12, 2026. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Bouldin. Roll call was as followed. Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes
Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #3: Mayor's Report. City Park projects, the playground equipment will be installed by February 28, 2026. Mulch will be finished within two weeks. The city is currently working on getting the bid specs for stage and lighting. Mayor Farmer and Valerie attended Blizzard Reimagined Conference in Franklin on February 17th and 18th, a lot of good information and networking. One highlight is Van Buren County was recognized as one of the top 12 growth communities since 2018. Still waiting on SRTS reimbursement.

JCH Report: Zeda was in attendance to give SRTS update. Invoices have been resubmitted and are currently waiting for approval.

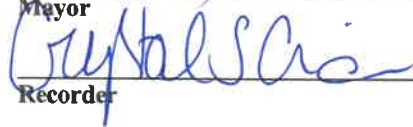
Mayor Farmer took the meeting into executive session.

The Meeting was brought back into regular session.

Without any further business to discuss, Alderman Chandler made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.



Mayor



Recorder