

**City of Spencer  
Public Hearing  
February 27, 2025**

Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing for the second and final of Ordinance 2025-1, Amending Municipal Code regarding Municipal Courts, Title 13 Property Maintenance Regulations. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.

**City of Spencer  
Regular Council Meeting  
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Mayor Farmer called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following alderman present Jody Hensley, Darrell Nance, Drew Campbell, and David Chandler. Also present at the meeting was City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Court Clerk Tabitha Robinson, Chris Binkley representing UT extension office, and Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes and the called special called city council meeting as written. Alderman Hensley made the motion to approve the minutes as written, and this was seconded by Alderman Chandler. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. There were not any citizen comments.

Update Mayor Farmer: Mayor Farmer and Arlyna Fischer attended Blizzard Tourism conference February 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and Retail Academy February 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Tennessee Tech is still working on the city logo. March 25<sup>th</sup> a representative from UCDD and a playground supplier came to discuss a playground equipment ideas and grant. Mayor Farmer invited the board to attend the Three Star meeting with Jody Sliger at the Ag Learning Center at 9 am on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

ITEM #1: Ordinance # 2025-1, First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1, To Amend Municipal Code regarding Municipal Courts, Title 13 Property Maintenance Regulations. John Eskew from MTAS will be here March 12, 2025 to meet with staff for training. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Nance.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Yes

Alderman Nance- Yes

Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes

Alderman Blankenship- Absent

Alderman Chandler- Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #2: First Reading of Budget Amendment # 5, Increase General Line Items. Crystal Crain explained this is to add in the additional grants received for Safe Routes to School, Governor's Highway Safety, and to increase court fees. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Chandler.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Yes

Alderman Nance- Yes

Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes

Alderman Blankenship- Absent

Alderman Chandler- Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #3: First Reading to Amend Ordinance 2024-7, Amend Ordinance 2024-7, IRC and IECC. The city received a Codes Audit on February 4, 2025 and the following discrepancies were found: Jurisdiction is non-compliant with their current energy code adoption, residential amendments for energy needs to be adopted, and Inspector Bouldin is non-certified. This ordinance is to correct two of these discrepancies. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve first reading to amend Ordinance 2024-7, to amend International Building Codes and adopt International Energy Conservation Code. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Yes  
Alderman Nance- Yes  
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes  
Alderman Blankenship- Absent  
Alderman Chandler- Yes  
The motion passed.

**ITEM #4: Discussion of Community Kitchen Bids.** The UT Extension office received two bids; Chief deals in the amount of \$16,329.29 and Katom in the amount of \$18,789.41. Mr. Binkley told the board, the electric work has already been completed, but is waiting on the dishwasher to complete plumbing. He explains, there are several differences; one example of the differences between the quotes is that Katom includes a grease strainer. He feels the grease strainer may be beneficial due to the ongoing issue with the grinder pump. Delivery will be with 2-3 weeks. Alderman Chandler made the motion to accept Katom bid in the amount of \$18,789.41. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Yes  
Alderman Nance- Yes  
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes  
Alderman Blankenship- Absent  
Alderman Chandler- Yes  
The motion passed.

**ITEM #5: Appoint Justin Aughinbaugh for the Economic Development and Tourism Council to replace David Cook, Local Historian/Museum Director.** No action required by board.

**ITEM #6: Appoint a Committee for the Planning and Oversight of Future Maintenance/Storage Building.** Due to the WCUD merger the city will need a maintenance building to store equipment and trucks. Mayor Farmer appointed the following Alderman and city employees Dennis Slatton, Leland Bouldin, Chad Moffit, Darrell Nance, and Jerry Blankenship. No action required by board.

**ITEM #7: Appointment of Municipal Judge.** On February 20, 2025 the board held a special called meeting to interview judge candidates. The city received four applicants. City Attorney Mr. Boring informed the board that once a motion was received, a seconded, and the majority vote for a candidate the roll call would end. Mayor Farmer asked for a motion for Macey Gurley, no motion was made. Mayor Farmer asked for a motion for Scott Horton, no motion was made. Mayor Farmer asked for a motion for Brandon Griffin, Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion. Alderman Nance seconded the motion.


Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Yes  
Alderman Nance- Yes  
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes  
Alderman Blankenship- Absent  
Alderman Chandler- Yes

The motion passed with Brandon Griffin appointed Municipal Judge. No need to ask for a motion for Matt Bailey.

**JCH Update:** Mr. Green held a pre-construction conference today February 27<sup>th</sup>. CDBG project bid rejection was approved by the state. Pre-construction conference was also held for the intermediate pump station. March 18<sup>th</sup> bid opening for sedimentation basin at the water treatment plant.

Without any other business to discuss Alderman Chandler made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

  
Mayor  
  
Recorder