

**City of Spencer
Public Hearing
February 29, 2024**

Mayor Farmer called the public hearing to order the purpose of the meeting is second and final reading of five (5) budget amendments. Mayor Farmer opened up the first public hearing up for questions or concerns regarding budget amendment #5, increase non-ARP construction, without any comments the public hearing was closed. Mayor Farmer opened the next public hearing up for questions or concerns regarding budget amendment #6, increase equipment expense, without any comments the public hearing was closed. Mayor Farmer opened the next public hearing up for question or concerns regarding budget amendment #7, increase liability insurance, without any comments the public hearing was closed. Mayor Farmer opened the next public hearing up for questions or concerns regarding budget amendment #8, increase postage and freight, without any comments the public hearing was closed. Mayor Farmer opened the last public hearing up for question or concerns regarding budget amendment #9, increase interest expense, without any comments the public hearing was closed. Mayor Farmer moved on to the regular council meeting.

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
February 29, 2024**

Mayor Farmer called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following alderman present Darrell Nance, Drew Campbell, Jerry Blankenship, and David Chandler. Also present at the meeting was City Attorney Ed Boring, City Clerk Tabitha Robinson, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey, along with several citizens. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for approval of the previous minutes as written, Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve. This was seconded by Alderman Chandler; all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Hansel Moore addressed the board regarding his V.I.T.A.L. housing project under citizens comments. Mr. Moore would like the board to waive the building permits cost for this project. Mayor Farmer stated this would have to be checked into and would add to the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Farmer moved on to the agenda.

Old Business:

New Business:

ITEM #1: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #5, Increase Non- ARP Construction. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Absent

Alderman Nance- Yes

**Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes
Alderman Blankenship- Yes
Alderman Chandler- Yes
The motion passed.**

ITEM #2: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #6, Increase Equipment Expense. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Nance.

**Roll Call was as followed:
Alderman Hensley- Absent
Alderman Nance- Yes
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes
Alderman Blankenship- Yes
Alderman Chandler- Yes
The motion passed.**

ITEM #3: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #7, Increase Liability Insurance. Alderman Blankenship made the motion and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

**Roll Call was as followed:
Alderman Hensley- Absent
Alderman Nance- Yes
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes
Alderman Blankenship- Yes
Alderman Chandler- Yes
The motion passed.**

ITEM #4: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #8, Increase Postage & Freight. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Nance.

**Roll Call was as followed:
Alderman Hensley- Absent
Alderman Nance- Yes
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes
Alderman Blankenship- Yes
Alderman Chandler- Yes
The motion passed.**

ITEM #5: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #9, Increase Interest Expense. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

**Roll Call was as followed:
Alderman Hensley- Absent
Alderman Nance- Yes
Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes
Alderman Blankenship- Yes
Alderman Chandler- Yes
The motion passed.**

ITEM #6: Lisa Cope to address the Board regarding Donation to Imagination Library. Ms. Cope was not in attendance, so this was not addressed.

ITEM #7: Chairman Tiffany Crain to address the board regarding Mountain Homecoming. Chairman Crain asked the board for permission to have the Homecoming celebration would be held on July 13th, this would be held on Spring St, College St., and Veterans Sq. Chairman Crain says she already has permission from most of the property owners. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell; all were in favor and the Homecoming event was approved.

ITEM #8: Brad Taylor Update for The Ugly Mug. Mr. Taylor informed the board the opening is projected for June and he wanted to get the boards opinion of placement for the fence. This was tabled until a letter of understanding could be drafted by Mr. Boring.

ITEM #9: Approval of Conflict-of-Interest Statement in Addition to Purchasing Policy. This is to allow the city to move on with the ARP grant. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve and this was second by Alderman Chandler.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Absent

Alderman Nance- Yes

Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes

Alderman Blankenship- Yes

Alderman Chandler- Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #10: Pump Station / Cummings Property Discussion. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve for Mayor Farmer to sign the purchasing agreement for tract three (3) in the same amount as before and deed. This was seconded by Alderman Blankenship.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Absent

Alderman Nance- Yes

Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes

Alderman Blankenship- Yes

Alderman Chandler- Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #11: City Park Needs for Playground Equipment, Letter of Intent. Mayor Farmer informed the board she has been working with the UCDD on submitting a letter of intent for a grant for new playground equipment in the amount of \$80,000. No action was needed from the board at this time.

ITEM #12: Executive Session, Mayor Farmer took the meeting in to an executive session.

The meeting was brought back into regular session.

With no other business to discuss Alderman Blankenship made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell; all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Alisa Farmer

Mayor

Crystal Scott

Recorder