

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
May 28, 2026**

Mayor Farmer called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call was taken, with the following alderman present: 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 Sherriff Brock representing as E911 county representative, E911 Director Julie Dodson, and Jewell Denton representing E911. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer requested approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Alderman Bouldin made the motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Alderman Chandler. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Crystal Crain noticed an error so she requested an amendment to item #3 and #5. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve the amendment and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell all were in favor to approve the amendment. Mayor Farmer opened the floor for citizen comments; however, everyone in attendance were on the agenda.

Old Business:

New Business:

ITEM #1: E911 Funding. Mayor Farmer told the board they have the information that was presented by E911 in front of them. Julie Dodson, Director of E911 addressed the board regarding the department's deficit. Julie started by saying they will be in deficit for the third year in a row. E911 needs an additional \$100,000 for FY 26-27, split between the city in the amount \$33,500 and county in the amount of \$66,500. This will be making the annual city contribution \$83,500. Mayor Farmer asked why have they waited until now to reach out to the board. She was unaware of being in the deficit for last year until the audit came back. Julie mentioned the board had been waiting on funds from the state, but funds were vetoed by the Governor. Alderman Mayor Farmer asked, Sherriff Brock what direction the county would be going. He answered they are waiting to see the new proposed budget. Julie invited everyone to the next meeting June 8 when the budget would be presented to the E911 board. After additional discussion, Alderman Chandler made a motion to table until the board could determine where the funds would be coming from. Alderman Bouldin seconded the motion.

Roll Call was as followed: Hensley: Absent Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes
Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #2: Prevention Coalition. At the last meeting it was asked how much opioid abatement funds the city has received. The answer is the city has received \$123.65 since 2023. Until the E911 funding is determined the board will not take any action.

ITEM #3: Approval of TCRS Contribution Rate. The minimum employer contribution rate will remain at 10.81%. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve this rate and this was seconded by Alderman Chadler.

Roll Call was as followed: Hensley: Absent Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes
Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #4: Court Software Contract. Mayor Farmer turned the floor over to the City Recorder. City staff have done their due diligence and reviewed several other companies. The city currently has Justice One and pays \$550 per month or \$10 per violation whichever is higher, however the current version of the court software will be expiring at the end of the year. The police version has already expired. To update Justice One will be increasing to \$1100 per month or \$10 per violation whichever is greater. Justice One is a yearly contract that can be revisited yearly. Local Government will be \$3952 without Titan and including Titan is \$6232 which the city will need. Gov Host is a 5-year contract at \$7000 per year, and we are not sure it will be compatible with the TBI. Tyler Technologies is 3-year contract, but we don't have final numbers yet. The city will still need to contract with Justice One for previous and current court records. After reviewing these companies' city staff recommend

staying with Justice One and revisiting at another time. Alderman Chandler made the motion to stay with Justice One. This was seconded by Alderman Bouldin.

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

The motion passed.

ITEM #5: First Reading of Ordinance 2026-3, budget amendment #5 increase state grant for park. It was discussed last meeting to allocate \$2500 to purchase additional playground equipment and sand. This is the amendment to add to the budget. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

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

ITEM #6: First Reading of Ordinance 2026-4, FY 2026-2027 Budget. Mayor Farmer informed the board the budget packet included budget worksheet, ordinance, budget estimates worksheets, and the budget numbers. Mayor Farmer explained, after the E911 tonight the numbers will change before the second reading. After some discussion, Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve the first reading of FY 2026-2027 budget. Alderman Nance seconded the motion.

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

ITEM#7: First Reading of Ordinance 2026-5, Court Cost. It was presented to the board to raise the court cost to \$130. There is \$13.75 litigation tax included and \$2 for continuing education. A motion was made by Vice Mayor Campbell to increase court cost to \$130. After some discussion, Alderman Bouldin made the motion to amend the motion to increase the court cost to \$142. This was seconded by Alderman Chandler.

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

ITEM #8: Mayor's Report. Call to election notice has been sent to the Election Commission's office for the City Mayor's position and three Alderman positions for the November 3rd, 2026 election. City Park has been reopened. Stage construction is still ongoing.

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



Mayor



Recorder