

**City of Spencer  
Public Hearing  
June 26, 2025**

**Mayor Farmer opened up the public hearing for second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-3, Adopting the Annual Budget of Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Without any question or concerns the public hearing was closed.**

**Mayor Farmer opened up the public hearing for second and final reading of budget amendment #6, increase general line items. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.**

**City of Spencer  
Regular Council Meeting  
June 26, 2025**

**Mayor Farmer called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call was taken, with the following alderman present: Jody Hensley, Darrell Nance, and David Chandler. Also in attendance were the City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Court Clerk Tabitha Robinson, Leo Sochocki, and Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer requested approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Alderman Hensley made the motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded by Alderman Chandler. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mayor Farmer opened the floor for citizen comments; however, there were none at this time.**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**ITEM #1: Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-3, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. This budget includes the general, street, and drug funds. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Hensley.**

**Roll call was as followed:**

**Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Absent  
Alderman Blankenship: Absent Alderman Chandler: Yes**

**The motion passed.**

**ITEM #2: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #6, Increase General Line Items. This amendment this is for the retention grant for Officer Hickman. Alderman Nance made the motion to approve. Alderman Hensley seconded the motion.**

**Roll call was as followed:**

**Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Absent  
Alderman Blankenship: Absent Alderman Chandler: Yes**

**The motion passed.**

**ITEM #3: Correction of December 19, 2024 Minutes, Correct match amount. A correction was made regarding the matching amounts for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) sidewalk grant. It was clarified that the correct match amount is \$62,478, not \$62,489 as previously stated. Additionally, the school board's portion should be \$31,239 instead of \$31,244.50. Alderman Hensley made a motion to approve the corrected figures, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Chandler.**

**Roll call was as followed:**


**Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Absent  
Alderman Blankenship: Absent Alderman Chandler: Yes**

**The motion passed.**

**ITEM #4: Leo Sochocki, Address the Board about Metro Government. Mr. Leo Sochocki appeared before the Board to express his interest in the potential formation of a metro government. He noted that if Spencer and Van Buren were to establish such a government, it would be the fourth of its kind in the state. Mr. Sochocki emphasized his primary concerns: understanding the advantages, disadvantages, and overall cost of a metro government. He proposed the creation of an exploratory committee composed of both city and county officials to thoroughly examine the idea. He also offered to serve as a liaison between the two parties and announced his intention to attend the upcoming county commission meeting to continue the discussion. No action required by the board.**

**JCH Update: ARP projects are underway and will need to be finished by September 2026. Blasting was done at the Caney Fork River today. CDBG is waiting the development district to finish the environmental study. SRTS will be starting within the next two-three weeks, had concerns with utility lines.**

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

  
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Mayor  
  
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Recorder