

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
July 31, 2025**

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 in attendance were City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Recorder Crystal Crain, 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 Chandler 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, there were none at this time.

Old Business:

The City received a letter from the Comptroller's Office today stating that the 2025–2026 fiscal year budget has been approved, accompanied by a commendation for distinguished submission.

New Business:

ITEM #1: Resolution 2025-8, Opioid Abatement Settlement. This resolution is to join the State of Tennessee and other local governments to amend the Tennessee sub-division opioid abatement agreement and settlement. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to accept Resolution 2025-8 opioid abatement settlement. This was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #2: Resolution 2025-9, To Apply and Commit funds for the Tourism Enhancement Grant. Mayor Farmer explained this grant will be for \$100,000 with a \$5,000 match. Plans for this grant would be to build an outdoor stage and some lighting at the city park. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #3: Resolution 2025-10, To Apply and Commit Funds for Tourism Marketing Grant. This grant would be up to \$28,000 with a \$12,000 match. These funds could be used for an ad in the Vacation Guide, wayfinding signs, and tri fold flyers. 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 #4: Re-Appointment of City Recorder for a four-year term ending July 2029. Mayor Farmer asked for a motion to reappoint Crystal Crain as City Recorder. Alderman Nance made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

JCH Update:

Zeda brought a Safe Routes to School change order #3 to the board for approval. The gas line needed to be lowered and the water and sewer line will also need to be relocated. This will add

\$973 to the final amount. 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.

All the utility ARP projects are still on track. Vantage Consulting is still working on the environmental letters for CDBG.

Mayor Update:

Mayor Farmer presented the board with the Destination Branding and the Downtown Revitalization plans. She invited the board to the School's BTS giveaway August 7th. The City's sponsored Blood Drive is scheduled August 12th. She also reminded the board of the Faith Leaders Breakfast August 15th. The city was approved for the playground grant. The grant is for \$80,000 with a \$20,000 match, the contract should be received soon.

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



Mayor



Recorder