

**City of Spencer
Public Hearing
October 30, 2025**

Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing for second and final reading of ordinance 2025- 7, Adoption of MTAS Retention Policy. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.

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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: Darrell Nance, Drew Campbell, Jody Hensley and David Chandler. Also in attendance were Police Chief Scott Garing, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Lisa Wilkinson, Tim Ross, Gage Farmer, and Jill Bouldin. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer requested approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Vice Mayor Campbell 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:

During the regular meeting held on September 25, 2025, a motion was made to schedule a special called meeting for the purpose of appointing an alderman to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of the term (October 2025 – October 2026). However, due to scheduling conflicts, the special called meeting could not be held as planned. Mayor Farmer expressed gratitude to all candidates for showing interest to serve our community. Alderman Chandler made the motion to appoint Jill Bouldin as alderman for the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by Alderman Nance. Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes
The motion passed.

New Business:

ITEM #1: Swear in newly appointed Alderman. Mayor Farmer administered the oath of office and officially swore in Jill Bouldin to serve as alderman for the remainder of the term October 2025-October 2026. No action was required by the board.

ITEM #2: Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-7, Adoption of MTAS Retention Policy. Mayor Farmer explained, this policy was recommended by MTAS from a training session Crystal attended. Alderman Hensley made the motion to approve. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell. Everyone was in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #3: First Reading of Ordinance 2025-8, Budget Amendment #2, add Tennessee Department of Health City Park Grant Funds to the budget. These funds will be used to upgrade playground equipment. The grant is for \$80,000 with a \$20,000 match for a total project of \$100,000. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve the budget amendment. This was seconded by Alderman Hensley. Roll call was as followed.

Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #4: First Reading of Ordinance 2025-9, Budget Amendment #3, add Tourism Enhancement Grant Funds to Budget. This grant will go towards lighting and building a stage at the city park. Alderman Nance made the motion to approve budget amendment #3. This was seconded by Alderman Chandler. Roll call was as followed.

Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #5: First Reading of Ordinance 2025-10, Rezone a portion of 298 Woodlee Street. This will be the farm portion of the property. Alderman Bouldin asked what will be the difference between

residential and agriculture. Mayor Farmer explained, in agriculture they will be allowed to have farm buildings and farm animals, but other building would need to go before the planning committee for approval. Alderman Nance made the motion to approve rezone a portion of 298 Woodlee Street. This was seconded by Alderman Chandler.

Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #6: Resolution 2025-12, Capital Outlay Note for SRTS Sidewalk. The Capital Outlay Note will not exceed \$451,000 and will be on a six-month term. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #7: Resolution 2025-13, Public Comment During Local Government meetings. Mayor Farmer read the resolution in its entirety. Some updates include public comments limited to three (3) minutes and individuals wishing to be added to the agenda will need to make contact with the city recorder one week prior to the meeting date. Alderman Hensley asked if this resolution came from MTAS. Mayor Farmer responded, yes. Alderman Bouldin asked if the public would be made aware of this policy. Mayor Farmer responded, yes. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Hensley.

Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #8: Resolution 2025-14, TDOT Transportation Planning Grant. Mayor Farmer explained this will be a no cost no match grant. This grant will be a study to develop a plan for city wide resurfacing plan. This information will hopefully be used to obtain paving grants in the future. Vice Mayor Campbell made a to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Nance.

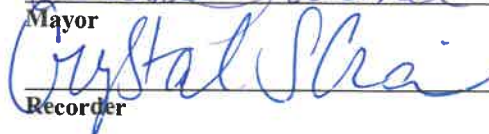
Roll Call: Hensley: Yes Nance: Yes Campbell: Yes Chandler: Yes Bouldin: Yes
The motion passed.

ITEM #9: Board Approval to Trademark Fall Creek Falls Recreation Corridor. Mayor Farmer explained, this was recommended by Steve Chandler from Chandler Thinks and the cost will be \$20. The Tourism Council voted to trademark the logo during the October meeting. Alderman Nance made the motion to trademark Fall Creek Falls Recreation Corridor. Vice Mayor Campbell seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

ITEM #10: Holiday Schedule. Mayor Farmer explained, that the regularly scheduled meetings for November and December would fall on the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. After some discussion, a motion was made to reschedule the meetings to November 20th and December 18th. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve the new dates, and Alderman Nance seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

ITEM #11: Mayor's Report. Mayor Farmer presented the board with a certificate the city received from the Comptroller's office for timely adoption of a balanced budget for 2025. Mayor Farmer attended the Governor's Rural Summit representing Van Buren County. Mayor Farmer will be attending ECD Governor's Conference in Murfreesboro November 4th and 5th.

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


Mayor

Recorder