

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
March 28, 2024**

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 present at the meeting was City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Clerk Tabitha Robinson, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Codes Official Alvin Gottfried, Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey, along with several citizens. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Famer asked for approval of the previous minutes as written, Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve as written. This was seconded by Alderman Chandler; all were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mayor Farmer moved on to the agenda.

ITEM #1: Hansel Moore, Building Permit Fees. American Legion would still allow all the inspections required by the Codes Official. With recommendation from Mr. Boring, this has been tabled until it can go before Planning Commission on April 11, 2024.

ITEM #2: Brad Taylor, The Ugly Mug Fence Agreement. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve the fence agreement between the City of Spencer and Mr. Taylor that each party would maintain their side of the fence. Vice Mayor Campbell seconded this motion.

Roll Call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley- Yes

Alderman Nance- Yes

Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes

Alderman Blankenship- Absent

Alderman Chandler- Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #3: Lisa Cope to address the Board regarding Donation to Imagination Library. Ms. Cope briefed the board members over who serves on the Imagination Library Board of Directors, purpose of Imagination Library, and the monthly cost. The board asked to check if funds were available for a donation and this would be tabled until the next meeting.

Item #4: Tennessee Department of Tourism Development, Rural Video and Photography Asset Program Grant. Mayor Farmer let the board know she has applied for a tourism grant in the amount of \$20,000, and did not have a match. No action needed from the board.

Item #5: Tennessee Law Enforcement Hiring, Training, and Recruitment Grant. The Spencer Police Department applied for a grant that would provide Officer Hickman a retention bonus. These funds would be payable after completion of certain

longevity periods of 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months. No action needed from the board.

Mayor Farmer brought up a couple issues that have come up on the Utility side and wanted to get the board's opinion. The Utility had had two customers who have filed a claim with Water Leak Relief (WLR) and also paid their bill and now have a significant credit on their accounts, the board agreed to refund the customers. Second issue, we had been contacted by someone wanting to assist paying someone's water bill, after following up the customer has not had an active service since 2019. Utility Maintenance discovered the customer had placed a jumper in place of the meter. Mr. Boring suggested to turn over this information over the sheriff department for investigation. Alderman Chandler turn the suggestion into a motion. This was seconded by Alderman Nance; all were in favor and the motion was approved.

Executive Session, Mayor Farmer took the meeting in to an executive session.

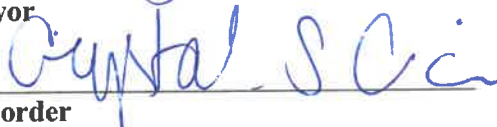
The meeting was brought back into regular session.

Alderman Chander told the board he had been approached by a citizen about placing elevation signs at the entrances to the county. Mayor Farmer said this is something that will need to be check into.

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



Mayor



Recorder