

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
May 29, 2025**

Mayor Farmer called the regular council meeting to order. Roll call was taken with the following alderman present Jody Hensley, Darrell Nance, Drew Campbell, Jerry Blankenship, and David Chandler. Also present at the meeting was City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Court Clerk Tabitha Robinson, Chad Moffitt, Dennis Slatton, Michael Tamez, and Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Alderman Hensley made the motion to approve the minutes as written, and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. Mayor Farmer asked for citizen comments. Mr. Tamez voiced concerns regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-2, Repealing Municipal Code 11, Chapter 1, Section 11-101, Town Lake. He was wondering what the new restrictions will be for the City Lake, if the new restrictions would be lifted after the new water source was obtained, and if Mayor Farmer would appoint a parks and rec board for the lake. Mayor Farmer explained, he will need to contact Warren County Utility District since they own the lake and the city would not have any say.

Mayor Update: Two meeting regarding the city. On May 5th at the Tourism Counsel with Chandler Thinks. Around fifty people showed up for this meeting to give ideas. Mr. Chandler will be back in June with information. On May 19, we had around seventy people show up for the Downtown Revitalization meeting. This group will also be back in June to give results and ideas. Mayor Farmer feels like the momentum is building and moving forward.

Old Business:

New Business:

ITEM #1: Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2025-2, Repealing Municipal Code Title 11, Chapter 1, Section 11-101, Town Lake. The town lake was transferred to Warren County Utility District with the merger of the utility department. Alderman Chandler made the motion to repeal Ordinance 2025-2, this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

Roll call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Yes

Alderman Blankenship: Yes Alderman Chandler: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #2: Set Upcoming TCRS Rate for upcoming 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Recorder Crain explained the current rate is 10.81% and this is also the recommended minimum rate requested by TCRS. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to leave the rate at 10.81% for the upcoming budget. Alderman Blankenship seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #3: First Reading of Ordinance 2025-3, Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget. Recorder Crain explained, this is the first reading and asked all Alderman to review numbers and update her with any requested changes. Mayor Farmer, informed the board Mr. Moffitt will be going full time in July. She is also looking into grant funds for road paving and road maintenance. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.

Roll call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Yes

Alderman Blankenship: Yes Alderman Chandler: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #4: First Reading of Budget Amendment #6, Increase General Line Items. This amendment this is for the retention grant for Officer Hickman. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve. Alderman Nance seconded the motion.

Roll call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Yes

Alderman Blankenship: Yes Alderman Chandler: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #5: Approval of Air Med Contract. Alderman Chandler asked, if citizens need to be airlifted in city limits to be covered and if anyone has notified EMS of this policy. Yes, they do need to be in the city limits and Recorder Crain is making a note to inform EMS. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve the Air Med contract for \$6561. This was seconded by Alderman Hensley.

Roll call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Yes

Alderman Blankenship: Yes Alderman Chandler: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #6: Resolution 2025-8, Apply for Healthy Built Grants. The grant will be \$80,000 and will require a \$20,000 match. This will be used at the City Park for a playground upgrade. Mr. Blankenship asked, if the city had the matching funds available. Yes, matching funds are available. Alderman Chandler made the motion to apply for the healthy built grant. This was seconded by Alderman Nance.

Roll call was as followed:

Alderman Hensley: Yes Alderman Nance: Yes Vice Mayor Campbell: Yes

Alderman Blankenship: Yes Alderman Chandler: Yes

The motion passed.

ITEM #7: Blood Assurance requesting sponsorship to set up August 12, 2025 3pm-6pm. Mayor Farmer explained, she met with Ms. Tackett with Blood Assurance about sponsoring an event due to a blood shortage. Blood Assurance will be set up August 12, 2025 from 3pm-6 pm. Mr. Boring asked, if we would be paying any funds to blood assurance and Mayor Farmer said no. Alderman Campbell made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #8: Maintenance Building Update. Mr. Moffitt said it needs to be 60x50 with three bays, one bay will need to be a drive through, it will need a loft or storage room, a restroom, lean to for the tractor, will have concrete floors. Alderman Chandler asked if this would be a pole barn style. Mr. Moffitt said yes. No action required by the board at this time.

ITEM #9: Tourism Coordinator New Hire. Mayor Farmer informed the board Amanda Lipps has been hired for the Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator. Amanda comes to us with lots of experience in this field. Amanda will start Monday June 2nd, 2025.

JCH Update: SRTS construction signs are scheduled to go up May 30, 2025. Hwy 111 pumpstation project is running ahead of schedule with the concrete already being poured. Contractor has already started moving in equipment for the Caney Fork River site and it has been cleared. Pre blast survey has been completed. Plans to close the boat ramp are July 7, 2025-February 28, 2026 or until completion. Plans have been submitted for water line expansion from water tanks to the Feed Store Road.

Upcoming Meetings: Chamber of Commerce Community Connect June 5, 2025 at 5pm. EDTC June 9, 2025 at 5pm with Chandler Thinks. Upper Cumberland Development District will be meeting June 9th and June 10th.

Alderman Chandler has been asked about the abandoned Clendenon Ave. Mayor Farmer has also been asked about the property and she is researching previous minutes. It's estimated it's not been a city street since Hwy 30 was installed. Mr. Boring said we will need to reach out to both property owner when it will be voted on by the board.

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



Mayor


Recorder