

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
August 29, 2024**

Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing, second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-3, travel policy. Mayor Farmer went over some of the changes that were made to clarify the policy. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing, second and final reading to amend Ordinance 2006-5, board to accept TBOUR recommendation to cancel planned rate change in August. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.

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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, Jerry Blankenship, 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, Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey, Anthony Pelham and Mike Corley representing WCUD. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for approval of the previous meeting minutes as written. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve, and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. There were not any citizen comments. Mayor Farmer moved on to the agenda.

Old Business:

New Business:

ITEM #1: Second and final reading of Ordinance 2024-3 travel policy. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve 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 #2: Second and final reading to amend Ordinance 2006-5, board to accept TBOUR recommendation to cancel planned rate change in August. Vice Mayor Campbell 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.

ITEM # 3: Approval of utility budget. Since the merger was not completed by August 31, 2024, the city needed to provide the utility budget to the Comptroller's office. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve and this was second by Alderman Chandler.

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: First reading of Ordinance 2024-4, to amend Municipal code Judge. This is to update the previous policy. Alderman Blankenship 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 #5: First reading of Budget Amendment #1, addition to EPA/TDEC fines. This violation is for the second quarter of 2024 for disinfection byproducts HAA5. Vice Mayor Campbell 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.

ITEM #6: Recommendation from Planning Commission to increase fees for special exception request form, administration review request form, rezoning request form, and variance request form. The recommendation is to raise fees from \$60 to \$100 to cover the advertising cost associated with these forms. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was second 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 #7: Appoint members of the Economic Development and Tourism Council. Mayor Farmer recommended Brad Taylor for the food/beverage representative, Lesa Boulding outdoor recreation representative, chamber of commerce representative Mika Davis, banking/investment Kenny Delon, hotel motel representative Susan Spears, short term owner/operator Gage Farmer, local historian/museum director David Cook, local arts/craft representative Earl Delong, wedding/party venue CeCe Martain, retail owner/operator representative Rebecca Harris, and agricultural representative Chris Binkley. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve these members and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the members were approved.

ITEM #8: Mika Davis, permission for the Chamber of Commerce to close roads for the upcoming Halloween event. Ms. Davis explained the event would be a historic ghost tour of Town Cemetery and trail of treats near Burritt College Building. The chamber requested to close Burritt College Dr, Spring St, and Billingsley St. This was table until the September meeting to allow the chamber to get more details on the event.

ITEM #9: Discussion of the upcoming holiday schedule. Mayor Farmer explained the October, November, and December meeting were scheduled on holidays and would not allow everyone to attend. After some discussion it was determined to change the meetings to October 24th, November 21st, and December 19th. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #10: Executive Session. Mayor Farmer skipped this over item #10 until all new business is covered.

New business that was added after the agenda was released.

ITEM #11: Reappoint Chief Garing to the 911 board. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve, this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #12: First reading of Ordinance 2024-5, Granting WCUD as grantee, its successors and assigns, the exclusive right and franchise to use and occupy the streets, avenue, roads, alleys, lanes, parks and other public places and ways within the corporate limits of the City of Spencer, Tennessee, as presently constitutes or hereinafter expanded or contracted for constructing, maintain, renewing, repairing and/or operating a water and sewer disposal system and works and or distribution system, and any other necessary mean for distributing and or selling of potable water and operation of waste water within and or throughout the City of Spencer, Tennessee. Vice Mayor Campbell 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 #10: Executive Session. Mayor Farmer took the meeting into executive session. Mayor Farmer bought the meeting back into regular session.

Mayor Farmer: Mayor Farmer explained Commissioner Ezell was in the office August 6th and was pleased with the work the city has been doing to promote tourism. Mayor Famer also attended the Governor's Rural Summitt with Mr. Copeland, Mayor Sullivan, Mika Davis, and Diann Goney. They were able to speak to the Governors Cabinet member one on one. The Governor is continuing to focus on Rural Tennessee.

James C. Hailey Update: Mrs. Hillis explained they wrapped up the IPG with \$45.65 left. WCUD will be installing the flow meters. She has acquired the 911 addresses. The Piney Pump station is waiting on the semantics from the electric engineer to approve and then it will be sent to TDEC and then to TDOT for approval.

WCUD Update: Still working on flushing, so some might experience low pressure or water loss. Any questions have citizens reach out to WCUD or Mr. Pelham. Water quality is still the main focus.

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



Mayor



Recorder