

**City of Spencer
Regular Council Meeting
January 30, 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, Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey and Anthony Pelham representing WCUD. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Farmer asked for approval of the previous regular council meeting minutes as written. Alderman Chandler 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. There were not any citizen comments.

Update Mayor Farmer: Effective January 1st, 2025 no longer affiliated with Spencer Utility. All utility personal will be moved out of city hall effective February 3, 2025. Bills can be paid at Caney Fork Electric and the sewer lab has been moved to the maintenance shop. The city was just awarded a IPG for \$95,000 to put mixers in the water tanks. The city will continue to apply for CDBG and IPG grants to benefit inside the city limits for WCUD. The city has received a grant for the TEDC for Retail Academy for 3 people to attend a workshop in Franklin in February. This grant will give the city resources along with the knowledge to bring in businesses to the area. The city also received one of the Destination Branding Grants from the Department of Tourism. This grant is a state initiative to create a tourism logos with Chandler Thinks. The auger for the salt truck should be here within the next week. The front door was damaged December 27, 2024, a claim has been filed and the doors have been ordered and should be replaced in February. Freda Christenson has asked to resign from the Planning Commission and Mayor Farmer has appointed Gage Farmer for a 3-year term to the Planning Commission. No action was required by the board. Mayor Farmer moved on to the agenda.

Old Business:

New Business:

ITEM #1: Resolution 2025-1, Adopt City of Spencer Personnel Policy. Mayor Farmer explained, John Grubbs from MTAS came January 14, 2025 to work with us to update the Personnel Policy. The entire policy was updated to reflect federal and state legislative changes. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve. 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 #2: Resolution 2025-2, Adopt City of Spencer Drug Free Workplace Policy. This policy was also provided to Mr. Grubbs to update to bring the policy current with federal and state changes. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve. 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 #3: Resoulion2025-3, Adopt City of Spencer Information & Cyber Security Policy. This policy was updated to include removing Spencer Utility. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve. 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 #4: Resolution 2025-4, Appointment of Brandon Griffin as Special Substitute Municipal Judge. Mayor Farmer reminded the board this will have to be done every thirty (30) days until a new judge is appointed. Mayor Farmer explained we have begun accepting resumes and the last day to apply is February 8, 2025. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Chandler. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #5: Resolution 2025-5, Declaring Surplus Equipment. Equipment is to be destroyed and disposed of. The items included a laptop with missing keys, 2 box computer monitors, a shredder that overheats, a tv and VCR in unknown working conditions, 1 box of safety videos, 1 box of miscellaneous electronics with unknown working conditions, 3 computer towers in unknown conditions, 2 police barriers cages and accessories, 4 radio units with accessories with unknown conditions, 2 police light bars with unknown conditions, 2 V-Frame police lights with unknown conditions, 2 tires with unknown conditions, 1 front and rear radar cones with accessories with unknown conditions, outdated body cams, and one vehicle spotlight with accessories in unknown working conditions. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

ITEM #6: Ordinance # 2025-1, First Reading of Ordinance 2025-1, To Amend Municipal Code regarding Municipal Courts, Title 13 Property Maintenance Regulations. This policy was updated by John Eskew from MTAS and he will also be training staff with these updates at a later date. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and 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: Approval of July 3rd fireworks event. There is a 5% increase this year making the cost \$11,865.00. Alderman Chandler made the request to correct the time from 10 pm to 9 pm to match previous years shows. Alderman Blankenship 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 #8: Discussion of 2023 CDBG Waterline Project. Zeda Hillis explained bid opening was January 9th, 2025. Four bids were received. Low bid was \$685,150.00 from LK Grant Company, LLC. After speaking with WCUD, JCH recommends to reject the lowest bid to allow WCUD along with employees from Spencer Utility to do the work. This will allow the funds to go further. Alderman Chandler made the motion to reject any and all bids. 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.

Alderman Chandler made the motion to use force account and have WCUD to complete the work and allow Mayor Farmer to execute documents. Alderman Hensley 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 #9: Discussion of Mayor's Position, Full-Time vs Part-Time. Mayor Farmer explained our charter is for a full-time mayor. This will need to go before the General Assembly to make the change and no change can be made until the year of the election. Mr. Boring added the salary will also need to be approved with the budget before the term start and cannot be changed during the term. No action required by board.

ITEM #10: Executive Session with Mayor Farmer. Mayor Farmer took the meeting into executive session.

The meeting was brought back into regular session.

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



Mayor


Recorder