

**City of Spencer  
Public Hearing  
December 19, 2024**

**Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing for the second and final reading of budget amendment #2, increase state police salary supplement and increase general liability insurance. Without any questions or comments the public hearing was closed.**

**Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing for second and final reading of budget amendment #3, increase tourism line-item expenses. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.**

**Mayor Farmer opened the public hearing for second and final reading for budget amendment #4, increase utility line items. The line items include increases for water purchases, publishing, convenience fees, annual permits, and pump station maintenance with a decrease from fund balance. Without any questions or concerns the public hearing was closed.**

**City of Spencer  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 19, 2024**

**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 Police Chief Scott Garing, Economic Development & Tourism Coordinator Arlyna Fischer, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Court Clerk Tabitha Robinson, 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 Blankenship made the motion to approve the minutes as written, and this was seconded by Alderman Nance. All were in favor and the minutes were approved. There were not any citizen comments.**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**ITEM #1: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #2, Increase State Police Salary Supplement and Increase General Liability Insurance. Without any comments or concerns, Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve. 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 #2: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #3, Increase Tourism Line-Item Expenses. Without any comments or concerns, Vice Mayor Campbell 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 #3: Second and Final Reading of Budget Amendment #4, Increase Utility Line Items. The line items include increases for water purchases, publishing, convenience fees, annual permits, and pump station maintenance with a decrease from fund balance. There was not any questions or concerns. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.**

**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: Resolution 2024-9, 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. Vice Mayor Campbell made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Chandler. All were in favor and the motion was approved.**

**Mayor Farmer asked the board on how to proceed with selecting a new Municipal Judge. The Board chose for the office to accept resumes and bring back to the board to discussion.**

**ITEM #5: Approval to apply for the TDOT 80/20 grant for additional funds for the SRTS Sidewalk Grant. The match would be \$62,489. Zeda reminded everyone the city had bid opening last month and bids came in higher than expected. We have since reached out to the school board to help with the matching funds. The school board approved to pay half the match in the amount of \$31,244.50. Alderman Chandler made the motion to apply for the additional TDOT grant with the 80/20 match along with the school paying half. Alderman Blankenship seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call was as followed:**

**Alderman Hensley- Absent**

**Alderman Nance- Yes**

**Vice Mayor Campbell- Yes**

**Alderman Blankenship- Yes**

**Alderman Chandler- Yes**

**The motion passed.**

**Accept SRTS bid from Mid-State for \$536,390, contingent on receiving the additional TDOT funding. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell.**

**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: Approval to switch to Direct Deposit for General Employees Payroll. Crystal Crain explained we currently do paper checks for employees. This will be for the general employees due to utility employees going to WCUD on December 31, 2024. Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve and this was seconded by Alderman Blankenship. All were in favor and the motion was approved.**

**Item #7: Board Update on Merger. Mayor Farmer explained as of today at 2pm all deeds, easements, bill of sale documents have been signed. With this being said the transfer will be complete December 31, 2024. All utility employees will start WCUD on January 1, 2025. There will need to be a special payroll cycle for utility employees on December 31, 2024. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve a special payroll cycle on December 31, 2024 for utility employees. This was seconded by Vice Mayor Campbell. All were in favor and the motion was approved.**

**JCH Update: CDBG bid opening will be held at City Hall on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 2 pm.**

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Recorder