

**City of Spencer
Special Called Council Meeting
February 20, 2025**


Mayor Farmer called the special called 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 Police Chief Scott Garing, Police Officer Michael Hickman, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Court Clerk Tabitha Robinson, applicants and citizens. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. There were not any citizen comments.


Old Business:

New Business:

ITEM #1: Municipal Judge Resumes with open discussion. Mayor Farmer started the agenda by announcing that no decision will be made at tonight's meeting. Decisions will be made at the regular council meeting on February 27, 2025 and all applicants were invited to attend. In order to be fair to each applicant, applicants were asked to sit in the waiting area until their name is called. There were four (4) applicants; Scott Horton, Matthew Bailey, Macey Gurley, and Brandon Griffin. All candidates were asked the same questions: tell us a little about yourself; how familiar are you with the specific procedures and rules governing municipal courts in Tennessee; do you have any experience with interpreting and applying local ordinances in a municipal court setting, if so, please explain; how do you maintain professional boundaries when interacting with attorneys, law enforcement, and the public; what are your thoughts on the role of the municipal court in promoting public safety and community well-being; how would you ensure consistency in your rulings across similar cases; what are your strategies for staying updated on recent changes in Tennessee state law and relevant legal practices; if hired' when is the earliest you could start; how would you communicate changes with staff; and lastly any thing for us. After each candidate was interview, they were allowed to return to the front or leave. No action was required by the board.

Without any 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