

**City of Spencer  
Regular Council Meeting  
July 25, 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 City Attorney Ed Boring, Police Chief Scott Garing, City Clerk Tabitha Robinson, City Recorder Crystal Crain, Zeda Hillis representing James C. Hailey, Anthony Pelham representing WCUD. This was followed by a prayer and the pledge. Mayor Famer asked for approval of the previous meeting minutes as written; this includes June 27, 2024 regular council meeting, July 16, 2024 special called meeting, and July 16, 2024 work session. Alderman Blankenship made the motion to approve, and this was seconded by Alderman Nance. 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: First Reading of Ordinance 2024-3, Travel Policy.** Mayor Farmer told the board this will update our current policy in the handbook and is more detailed. This policy will be provided to the Comptroller's office to have on file. 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 #2: Resolution 2024-5, Establish an Economic Development and Tourism Council for the City of Spencer.** The board will have thirteen (13) members and will be appointed by the Mayor and Board of Alderman. Vice Mayor Campbell 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 # 3: First Reading to amend Ordinance 2006-5, board to accept TBOUR recommendations to cancel planned rate change in August.** Alderman Chandler made the motion to approve. 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: Write off customer account.** Mr. Pelham recommends writing off the current past due amount for Mr. Clark's account. This is close to the amount that would be written off at WCUD with their current leak adjustment policy. Alderman Chandler 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.

Mayor Farmer asked the board for a donation to be made to the Van Buren County School System for school supplies. The giveaway will be August 5, 2024. Alderman Chandler made the motion to donate \$200. 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.

Mayor Farmer stated we will need to turn in a utility budget to the Comptroller's office, due to the merger not being completed by August 31, 2024.

**James C. Hailey Update:** They were able to negotiate with Rye Engineering to get within our grant budget. The Piney Pump Station is still moving along. The Caney Fork project is currently with TWRA. Mrs. Hillis is obtaining 911 addresses for both projects.

**WCUD Update:** WCUD and current Spencer Utility staff continue to work daily to improve water quality. A public meeting will be held July 30, 2024 for the Public to come and meet and ask questions.

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.

  
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Mayor  
  
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Recorder