

★ Spencer Board of Aldermen ★

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On the issues...

Howard White

Write-In
Age: 48
Education: High school graduate and has military degree in meteorology.
Employment: Disabled veteran who retired from the Air Force.



Why did you decide to run for alderman?

To get back on "The Right Track" a change is needed. Organizational and leadership skills learned and utilized in the Air Force would serve the town immensely if I'm elected.

What would you do to attract new business to Spencer?

With numerous companies looking to locate operations in this area, we must aggressively sell our attributes. Such as, central location, closeness to major interstates, as well as possible railway access.

What would you do to help rectify the problem with absentee landlords?

Current ordinances need to be re-evaluated, improved and strengthened, thus showing our resolve. Enforce noncompliance with stiff penalties — strictly and swiftly. Printing names in the quarterly newsletter is not the answer.

Kenneth Wayne Womble

Age: 48
Education: Graduate of Salisbury High who attended college for two years — one at Catawba and one at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Fla.
Employment: Works in the shipping department at W.A. Brown.



I like being part of such a great community and the tradition. Being involved in so many venues is very rewarding. Spencer is a very good community to raise a family and to enjoy life.

I have stated for the last two years that the I-85 corridor and the north end of town to the Yadkin River and all the way to Long Ferry Road is what to pursue. Along with our businesses that are already established downtown. We need to focus on those areas.

I think that the homeowners should be held accountable. They should be held to good standards like all of our citizens. Spencer has great families here and we want them to stay.

Landis to vote on \$6.7 million water-sewer bond

BY SHAVONNE POTTS
Salisbury Post

LANDIS — Town officials say years of neglecting the water and sewer system has brought the town to its current predicament: face thousands of dollars in daily fines or borrow money to fix the system.

On the Nov. 6 election ballot, Landis voters will be asked to approve a \$6.7 million bond. Of that, the town expects to spend \$4.5 million on its water system and \$2.2 million on its sewer system.

By using bonds, officials say, the town will get a lower interest rate and be eligible for U.S. Department of Agriculture grants.

If the bonds don't pass, the town would not be eligible for either, and the town still has to move forward with repair work because the state says it must be done.

Officials say the loss of grant funds is a worst-case scenario. But if the town doesn't get the grants, residents can expect to pay more for water/sewer rates as well as meter fees.

Currently, residents pay \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons of water, \$8.75 per 1,000 gallons of sewer — with a minimum charge of \$7 for sewer and a water meter fee of \$10.

Rates could increase to \$9.85 per 1,000 gallons of water, including a \$12.40

water meter fee. Rates for sewer service would increase to \$11 per 1,000 gallons and a minimum charge of \$12.

"We don't want to see that happen. We feel like we're going to get the (federal) grant money," Linn said.

Water pipes and pump stations need to be replaced. If the town doesn't make the improvements, state officials have threatened to fine Landis \$10,000 a day.

"The state is mandating that we get back in compliance with THM. We're in compliance, but just barely," Landis Water-Sewer Manager Brady Burgess said.

THM is short for trihalomethanes, the organic material that forms in cast iron pipes when chlorinated water sits in the pipes for awhile.

To keep the water moving, maintenance crews have to flush out the system daily.

"We won't have to flush (the new system) out as often or at all," Burgess said.

If voters reject the bonds, the town will have to find other financing — with higher interest rates.

"We will have to finance regardless," Town Administrator Reed Linn said.

Waiting will also increase costs, Public Works Director Steve Rowland said. "The longer you wait, the more it will cost in materials."

Election Day polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

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Salisbury is a special place to live and work because of the vision of its citizens and its leaders. While historic downtowns and neighborhoods in other cities were being torn down, Salisbury was saving its history. We now have a city recognized throughout the region, state and beyond for its unique qualities.

The challenge is to stay on course. We must build on our past and continue to strengthen our city.

I share our citizen's vision for Salisbury and I pledge to work for our future using Salisbury Vision 2020 as our roadmap to a better tomorrow.

I have the experience to continue implementing the 2020 program and

I have the commitment to work to make our "Vision" reality.



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