


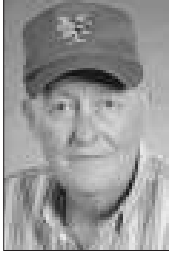


★ East Spencer Mayor ★

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On the issues...

	Your priorities?	Biggest challenge facing East Spencer?	Why should people vote for you?
<p>Erma Smith Jefferies Incumbent Age: 63 Address: 507 E. Division Ave. Education: Dunbar High; associate in nursing, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College; Bachelor's in nursing, Winston-Salem State University; master's in the theological science, Hood Theological Seminary. Background: Registered nurse; licensed minister; first female mayor of East Spencer; seeking fourth consecutive term as mayor.</p> 	<p>Complete ongoing project to repair and upgrade town's water system; improve safety and continue reducing crime rate; bring new business to town; increase adequate housing; improve area around Dunbar Center.</p>	<p>"Bringing in revenue to the community that stays in the community. We need jobs for our citizens that they don't have to leave the community for, they can work here."</p>	<p>Experience and accomplishments. "I hope my record speaks for itself."</p>
<p>John L. Rustin Sr. Challenger Age: 82 Address: 307 Division Ave. Education: Attended Washington, D.C. and East Spencer schools; Rowan-Cabarrus Community College graduate. Background: Retired East Spencer chief; mayor in 1990-91; alderman 2001-present; appointed by former Gov. Jim Hunt to Prison Advisory and Criminal Standards boards in Rowan County.</p> 	<p>Finish water system project; hire consultant to help the town best use land around an Interstate 85 exit; foster more unity among citizens; eliminate wasteful spending; support police and fire departments.</p>	<p>"Wasteful spending." Town must be "more particular" in its spending and more careful in balancing it with revenue: "Watch the budget closely and watch our income closely."</p>	<p>"I've held the position and I'm basically an honest person and I live East Spencer. I'd do anything to help move it on."</p>
<p>Titus King Challenger Age: 42 Address: 108 Railroad Ave. Education: North Rowan High School graduate; attended Rowan-Cabarrus Community College. Background: Employed at Ingersoll Rand in Mocksville; minister; East Spencer alderman, 2001-05; fourth time running for mayor.</p> 	<p>Repairing water system; dealing with town administration to "set the house in order," whether that means giving town administration a chance to "change direction" or starting over with new employees.</p>	<p>Restoring town's credibility by being open about projects that spend taxpayer money. "We need to show everything that we do, every step that's public information, give it to the people."</p>	<p>"I recognize that leaders don't have all the answers, that you've got to ... involve the people and let them help come up with some ideas to help the town."</p>
<p>Jimmie Daniel Challenger Age: 64 Address: 407 Pinetree Drive Education: Attended school in Asheboro. Background: Worked for the Salisbury Housing Authority before becoming disabled; former general manager of a business in Indiana; former licensed investigator in Indiana; licensed electrician; member of the East Spencer Planning Board.</p> 	<p>"Straighten out" town's administrative staff; add police officers so at least two work each shift; find real source of high water bills, a problem the water system project won't solve.</p>	<p>Getting more people involved in what the town is doing to attract business and programs for children and the elderly.</p>	<p>"I'll be a mayor for the citizens of East Spencer and not just somebody up there to pass the buck on to somebody else."</p>

John Cowan announced a write-in campaign for mayor in September, but did not respond to an interview request for this article. Tammy Corpening said at an Oct. 24 candidates' forum that she is running for mayor as a write-in candidate.

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Liquor by the drink on CG ballot

CHINA GROVE — Residents here get to vote on liquor by the drink Tuesday because two aldermen changed their minds about putting a referendum on the ballot.

In June, the Board of Aldermen rejected a referendum on a 3-2 vote.

Aldermen Allen Welter brought the issue back and got it put on the agenda at the board's August meeting.

"Let's put it on the ballot and let the public decide," said Aldermen Butch Bivens.

Troy Elliott and Harold Simpson — who earlier voted

against the measure — changed their positions and voted with Welter and Bivens to put the issue on the ballot.

Mayor Pro Tem Blair Lyseski, a minister, cast the lone vote against.

Elliott said he will vote against liquor by the drink and cited the ill effects of liquor, but he doesn't want to deny town residents the right to vote.

Town officials have said that liquor by the drink is essential to attract some restaurants and developments.

The referendum is

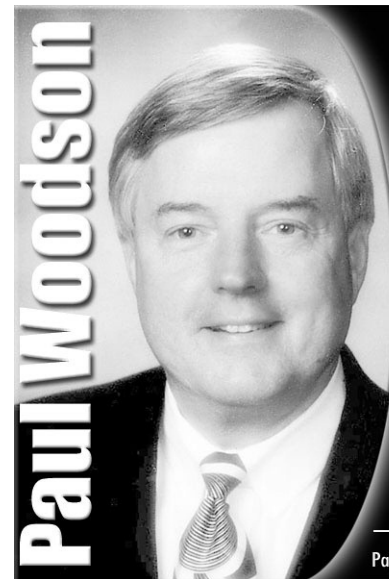
believed to be the first time China Grove has had a liquor-by-the-drink vote.

The ballot will say:

"To permit the sale of mixed beverages in hotels, restaurants, private clubs, community theatres and convention centers."

Voters then have a place to mark "FOR" or "AGAINST"

Most candidates expect that question to bring out a much higher percentage of registered voters, although no organized efforts supporting or opposing the issue have surfaced.



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