

# ★ East Spencer Mayor ★

## On the issues...

What's the biggest challenge facing East Spencer?

What would be your top priority if elected?

Why should voters elect you?

### Barbara Mallett

**Age:** 62  
**Address:** 206 Hall St.  
**Background:** Served as the town's clerk and finance officer for 20 years before running for the Board of Aldermen in 2005. Chairs the East Spencer Housing Development Corp. and serves on Rowan County Nursing Home Advisory Board. Attends Southern City Tabernacle AME Zion Church. Bachelor's degree in business management from Shaw University.



Finding additional money, such as grant funds, to make improvements to the town. "We can't tax our people any more. There's money out there; it's just that East Spencer hasn't united in its efforts to find it, and that's what we're doing now."

Keep citizens informed. "Once we pull everybody together and find out where we are, then we can start branching out to improve East Spencer ... and my main thing is to improve the image and the appearance of East Spencer. If you change the image, you can change the mindset."

"I have good experience. I've worked with city government ... over 30 years now, served in all capacities from employee to official and now running for mayor."

### John Cowan

**Age:** 40  
**Address:** 321 Pinetree Drive  
**Background:** Serves on East Spencer Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Represents East Spencer on the Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization. Graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, Davidson County Community College, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College and N.C. Justice Academy.



High water bills. "I'm kind of puzzled, because our current administration told us that once the water project was completed that water rates would go down. In fact, from the citizens I've talked to, and I've been around East Spencer, it's been just the opposite.."

"The opportunity is to improve on the way we do business, get the community involved, get citizens involved in what's going on, be open and honest with citizens and let them in on the workings of the town. We could make big strides just being more open with the public."

"The problems that East Spencer has, we've had them when Miss Mallett was at town hall. Nothing's been solved under this current administration."