

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
March 1, 2021 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building and Via Microsoft Teams
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Mike Spinks

Also, Present, Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Richard Lorenz, Chief Richard Foutch, Sewer Supt. John Hodge and Street Supt Tony Floyd.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from February 1 and February 22 were presented for approval. Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

The first item on the agenda was the proposed health insurance plan change. The change would be from United Health Care to IU Health Care. The new plan has a significant savings in cost from the existing plan; however, there will be a higher out of pocket for the employees. Lower fees for out of network doctors and prescriptions will offset this.

Jon Stantz made a motion to have the Clerk-Treasurer move ahead with the change. Mike Spinks seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The AME 3-year Managed Service Agreement was presented for approval. The contracted price is increased by \$200 per quarter. There is increased protection as well and the team is proactively monitoring for problems.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the new agreement, seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed unanimously.

Cynthia Smith was present to ask a question about zoning on Market at Walnut Street where her residence is. She was particularly interested in the zoning requirements for a business there and parking requirements. There was some discussion, but no conclusive information was available. Jon Stantz suggested that Richard Lorenz research the matter and get back to the Board on it.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks presented a letter of engagement for consideration by the Board. He also said he was up for election for president of the Redevelopment Association of Indiana this year.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion regarding training pay at the academy took place. In the past, training was paid to officers for 40 hours while they attended the academy. Chief Foutch was under the impression that since they were not allowed to leave the campus, they should be paid for 10 hours which included breakfast through dinner. Jon Stantz said that we should remain consistent, and pay for training as we have in the past. He also said training was a form of pay that they could take with them in the future. The scheduled classroom time was for 40 hours. If they were in class longer than that, then they should be paid for it.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve up to 9 hours per day, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Foutch reported a resignation letter from Connor Felton, and a request to move Tim Neuenfeldt from Reserve to paid position.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the resignation from Connor Felton. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jon Stantz made a motion to move Tim Neuenfeldt from reserve to full-time police officer effective immediately. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chief Foutch reported that he is tagging vehicles without plates, or outdated registrations and will begin towing in three days.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported that both street sweepers would have to be replaced sooner than planned.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on collections and plant. He reported that a sludge pump burned out. It is 14 years old, and a replacement would be \$5,494 plus \$350 for shipping.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the purchase of the new pump. Dean Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Both boards will be meeting on March 8.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

They will meet next Monday.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

First event will be Arbor Day to be held on Saturday, May 1. Trees will be distributed by drive thru again this year.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz gave an update on the purchase of the property. Resolution 2021-03 Spencer Town Board Authorizing Entering Into A Loan With Peoples State Bank to Purchase Real Estate for a loan amount of \$690,000 at an interest rate of 2.25%, 10-year amortization with a five-year balloon.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept resolution 2021-03 with the correction of “county” to “town” in the fifth paragraph. Dean Bruce seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jon Stantz raised the issue about the state of disrepair on rental units. He would like to continue to pursue the collection of a fee of \$5.00 per unit. He would like to use these fees for cleaning up. He also would like to be able to inspect them along with the health department to make sure they are habitable. Richard Lorenz asked for a timeline, and reminded the Board that new legislation may prevent such actions.

Mike Spinks asked if corporations with tax abatement agreements could be requested to give an update in person at a meeting. Richard said he would make that request.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were tabled until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting was made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer