

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 19, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the last meeting were presented for approval. Mike Spinks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Joseph Nagrant, with Revize Government Websites made a presentation for updating our website. His company will allow us to make timelier updates and provide a format that is easier to navigate and arrange data in a logical and clear manner. Since they specialize in government websites, they are ADA compliant for sight impaired. He showed several examples of their work from around this state as well as others. He also showed the ease for adding content and updating information. He provided an agreement with costs to Dean that can be reviewed and presented for approval at the next meeting.

An invoice from Barnes & Thornburg for \$1,312.50 for review of the Boston Scientific tax abatement documents was presented to the board for approval. The issue with the tax abatement was not in the way the forms were completed, but rather how they were assessed. Mike asked some questions as to the completion of the review, and the status of the donation. Richard Lorenz said further discussions were needed on the next steps, but the facility is ready to be assessed.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve payment of the invoice seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

Sharron Barger presented an event request for 9/11. She is asking to close Franklin Street between Washington and Main. The event will take place in the parking lot on the northside of the Courthouse, but they want to use Franklin Street for people to sit, and to have refreshments furnished by the VFW. The event is a remembrance of 9/11, but also a remembrance of Brett Wood. The event will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event registration seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Pete Withem spoke to the Board about the speed bumps that would be put in the Thornridge neighborhood. He agreed that speeding was an issue, but he did not agree that the speed bumps would correct it. He would prefer that the speed limit be changed to 15 mph. After some discussion, the Board reiterated that they would not be changing the speed limit but would install speed bumps and see how it works out. Most of the neighborhood agreed to this solution.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch gave a report on his department.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony reported that there is a culvert that needs to be replaced. He will have more information at the next meeting. He also reported that there are no signs in Thornridge. He will figure out what signs are necessary, and report back to the board at the next meeting. He reported that all applications were reviewed. He requested that he be allowed to hire Dennis Line for the CDL position right now.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the application for the CDL position from Dennis Line. Jon Stantz seconded it, and the motion passed 3-0.

Richard Lorenz said he spoke to the water company about the leak on Cooper and at the Demil property.

There was a discussion that took place about trucks parking in the turning zone to unload vehicles for Pete's Mufflers

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report on the plant and collections. He reported a grinder pump went out and will need to be replaced. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$2,500.00 but will confirm that tomorrow.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow John Hodge to purchase a replacement, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported that elections took place for the Fire Territory Board and Scott Carmichael is now president with Kirby Stogsdill serving as vice president.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Dean updated the Board on what the Parks board was currently working on.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz updated the Board on several matters. He requested an executive session to discuss economic development issues so that the Board is up to date with all the recent development proposals and other housing questions. It was agreed to set a meeting for July 26, at 6:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Tony reminded the Board that Roger Freeman's retirement will be at 5:00 p.m., August 2nd, before the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Drew Flamion updated the Board on the I & I project. He also presented the SWIF Planning Grant application for signature, to be filed by July 15. As part of the planning grant, CEI will start with a Kick-Off meeting with all participating parties (stakeholders). There will be two additional meetings with all stakeholders to update them on the progress, and a final meeting to present a final report of their findings.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the application for the SWIF Planning Grant. Dean Bruce seconded; the motion passed 3-0.

Mike Spinks made a motion to have Jon Stantz as signatory, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed unanimously.

Dean reported that at the beginning of the next meeting there will be a 10-minute presentation from REVIZ for a new website format.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval. Claims were approved unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting were 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