

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 2, 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

A proposal for the design of the archway across Main Street from HWC for \$9,900 was presented for approval. The Board agreed that the Town will pay for the design, while the construction of the archway will be paid for by TIF funds. HWC requested a meeting to discuss housing options and the Board agreed to set one.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

The Request for Payment document for Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery was presented for signature by the Board President.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the signing, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

Jon Stantz reported that he had a meeting to meet with Representative Bob Heaton and representatives from the DNR and INDOT on August 12 at the Statehouse regarding the roundabout.

The lease for ClipLizard LLC was presented for approval and signature.

A motion to approve was made, and seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Ordinance 2021-12 Agreement for Training and Equipment Expenses for police officers was presented for approval.

Mike Spinks made a motion to accept the ordinance seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

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 presented to quotes for the replacement of the culvert at Hyden and 5th Street. One from Dubois Excavating for \$11,210 and one from Geiselman for \$11,000.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Geiselman quote, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report on the plant and collections. An invoice from GRW for \$6,000 and one from Agua Aerobic Systems for \$8,940.58 were presented for approval.

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

Ted Sommer with LWG presented his sewer rate study of the MCSP project and explained how he came up with the new rates. It was decided to share the study with the DNR so they could use it in their budgeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

There will be a meeting on August 24 at 6:00 pm.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported that he and two others will be traveling to Minnesota to meet with the company building the new fire truck later this month.

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 the Boston Scientific abatement. He recommended that the Board sign the Compliance with Statement of Benefits for 2021. Documents were signed by the Board President and attested.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz updated the Board on the MyPath sidewalk project. Dean Bruce reported on the OCRA business grants. The Town of Spencer provided \$300,000 in grant and local funds to 33 businesses in and around Spencer. He noted that these grants resulted in increased employment, so they did what they were supposed to do.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mike Spinks spoke about the proposed plan for the Town employees. The proposal is for the Town to make a matching contribution up to \$20 per pay to the employee START retirement plan. This matching cost to the Town would be \$10,920 annually. A decision will be made on this at the next meeting.

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 8:03 PM.

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer