

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M.
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz (attended remotely), Dean Bruce, and Mike Spinks

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

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

An event request for a Meet & Greet First Responders at the Tivoli was presented. The event will take place on August 21 from 3:30-6:30 pm. They requested closure of Washington between the alley and Franklin Street during the event.

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

Next on the agenda was a request from the Lions Club on behalf of the Apple Butter Festival they are requesting to block out space in front of the old library to be used for a Bounce House. They request that Market Street be closed in front of the building to Washington St.

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

An event request for an Owen Valley Homecoming Parade was presented to take place on September 30. The parade route will need approval by the police department. The request will be turned over to them for approval.

GRW pay applications 4480-01 for \$3,019.68 and 4480-02 for \$89,045.99. Both applications were reviewed by John Hodge and the work was completed as stated.

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

An invoice from Stephen Egemo for MyPath Sidewalk project in the amount of \$20,000 was presented for approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A request for a contribution of \$20,000 for the Overstreet Project was made.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported he is still following up on the assessment and donation from Boston Scientific.

Invoice 34797 for \$790 from LWG CPA Advisors was presented for work done for the TIF Neutralization.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd presented a quote for paving the alley behind McKay's from Tucker Paving for \$6,335. The paving project will come from the TIF 2 funds.

Mike Spinks made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Dean Bruce.

The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

Two invoices Commonwealth Engineers invoices were presented approval in relation to the I&I Project. Invoice 50084 for \$154.81 and invoice 50085 for \$4,282.92. They were reviewed by Matt Sward and forwarded to the Clerk-Treasurer for payment.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the invoices for payment seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

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 is in Minnesota with Lee Freeman and Scott Carmichael on behalf of the OVFT to finalize the plans for the new aerial truck. He reported everything was going well.

The Clerk-Treasurer discussed the possibility of the water company charging their customers in Washington Township to cover the cost of maintaining the fire hydrants. Currently the Fire Territory pays \$28,703.28 annually to BBP for this. It's been noted that everywhere else in the state, this is passed along to the water customers as a fee for Fire Protection. A quick calculation shows that the cost amounts to less than \$2.00 per month for just the town customers. Richard Lorenz said he will talk to Todd Gardner.

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 various projects.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Mike Spinks gave an update on the MCSP sewer project.

Jon Stantz gave an update on the Roundabout project.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mike Spinks suggested that for all employees who sign up for Hoosier START, that the Town match up to \$20 per pay. The maximum pay per employee will be a total of \$520.

In an effort to retain police, Mike proposed a bonus pay program whereby the Town pays the officer \$300 in November. The program lasts up to 10 years for a total of \$3,000. An Officer must be employed as of the 1st of the year, and if he leaves prior to the pay date of the bonus, he will not receive it.

The Clerk-Treasurer said a resolution for both programs will have to be written up and approved by the Town Board. She will check on some sample resolutions and get back to them.

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