

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Bruce Hamlin made a presentation to the Board regarding the upgrade of the tornado sirens for the county. As a first step, the EMA would like to order new encoders. These can be purchased from ECS at a cost of \$42,665. They are requesting the Town and the County to split the cost so this upgrade could take place immediately.

Jon Stantz made a motion to contribute half the cost, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the rebid for the surplus 1983 dump truck were opened and read. The bid from Seth Miller and Rich Foutch was in the amount of \$252. The second bid from Frank Powell was for \$1,510.50 which was the winning bid.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried.

Regarding MCSP Project:

- Task Order 2023-06 was presented for approval.
Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed unanimously.
- SIDC Inv#3 in for amount of \$3,000 was presented for approval.
- **Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed unanimously.**

For wastewater and stormwater Utility, CEI invoice #56751 in the amount of \$7,250 was presented for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed unanimously.

Regarding Texas Pike and Sludge Dewatering projects: CEI Inv# 56752 and 56753 for a total of \$18,371.09 were presented for approval, along with SIDC Inv #2 for \$4000.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed unanimously.

Next, VFW presented three Event Requests. Two of them were part of events that already received approval. They asked to be allowed to have beer gardens at the Tivoli Dance event and the Apple Butter Festival. They will have these located on the sidewalk on the front/side of their establishment. They have done these activities for both of these events in the past.

The third event request was for the POW/MIA Ceremony to take place on October 6th. They are requesting the closure Main Street from Franklin to Market between 5 pm and 7:30 pm. This is an annual event.

Jon Stantz made the motion to approve all three event requests, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed unanimously.

Judith Epp asked the Board if they were interested in taking ownership of the two barricades they have purchased and storing them to be used by other organizations. They are large plastic water filled barricades that are more effective for traffic control. Tony said he would be able to store them if the Town Board approved. Judith said they were able to obtain these through a grant from Duke Energy and they plan on purchasing more in the future. The board agreed to take possession and store them.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks gave a report on the last meeting. They are in the process of looking at residential TIFS. They will need to create a Town Economic Commission and are working on that now.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch requested that he be allowed to price two new police vehicles. The Board agreed and he said he would have some pricing at the next meeting. He also asked to extend the application for hiring by two more weeks. The board agreed to the extension. He said that they should have recommendations for a new hire by the 2nd meeting in September.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony reported on various projects for the street department. He asked the board to approve the removal of the trees caused by the last storm because they are dangerous. There are four remaining trees that need to be taken down for a bid of \$7,600.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the removal of the four trees for \$7,600. Dean Bruce seconded and it passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave an update on the plant and collections. He reported that he still has not received an estimate to repair the pump but he could purchase and install a new one for \$13,400. He also indicated that there was a huge jump in the water usage because of the pump.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the purchase of the new pump, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz and Hunter reported on the Fire Territory.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were approved 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting were made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer