

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
September 05, 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, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, and Hunter Stogsdill.

The President called for a moment of Silence for Sewer Superintendent, John Hodge.

**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**

Related to the MCSP project, Commonwealth invoice # 56839 for \$21,191.57 was presented for approval.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.**

Also, for the MCSP project Division A, Graves Construction Pay App #10 for \$287,588.41, retainage \$15,136.23 was presented for approval.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.**

In the matter of the Texas Pike Lift Station/Sludge Dewatering Projects, three invoices were presented for approval.

- Reed & Sons Construction Pay App #2 for \$46,737.58, retainage \$2,459.87
- Graves Construction Pay App #6 for \$262,536.03, retainage \$13,817.69
- Fournier Industries Inv #141930 for \$256,944.60

**Jon Stantz made three motions to pay all three invoices. All motions were seconded by Dean Bruce. Motions passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Marce asked that the board be reminded that she is still waiting for a response to her request for an additional \$26,000 for next year's budget.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Richard Lorenz reported that there will be a public hearing for the creation of the Economic Development Board on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm, followed by a meeting for the approval of the declaratory resolution at 5:00 pm.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Questions regarding the house at 105 S West Street were raised. What are the plans, and do they fit with the building ordinance? Tony also questioned the sidewalk next to the former health department on Washington Street. Do they meet the requirements for ADA and OSHA? It was suggested that Hunter and Jon follow up on it.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony gave an update on the BBP work and the street repairs that will be needed when they complete their work. He also updated the Board on the tree and stump removal progress.

### **IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Mike Spinks asked for a motion to name Ryan Klaassen interim superintendent of the sewer department. He is working on getting his certification and they are looking at ways to escalate the process.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to name Ryan interim superintendent with an increase in pay that reflects that responsibility. Additionally, a written offer will be made to Ryan. Dean seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.**

Jon also reported that he is working with Brazil to create a contract to offer assistance to Ryan and the plant during the interim.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz reported that the new truck has been delivered.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz asked if the Board wished him to make an offer to the owner of the 5-acre tract next to the sewer plant. He reminded them that he has two appraisals, and the average of the two seemed reasonable for that tract. The Board gave him the instruction to proceed with the offer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she received a request for the high school homecoming parade. The parade would not cross the highway and remained only on the downtown area. It would require only a few streets be closed for approximately 30-45 minutes. She wanted to give them verbal approval so they could continue to plan, and she will bring the request to the next meeting. The Board approved the request based on last year's route, pending review of the new route and date.

**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 7:01 PM.

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer