

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 3, 2023, 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, Tony Floyd and Richard Lorenz

Election of Officers

Mike Spinks made a motion to nominate himself as president, seconded by Dean Bruce.
Motion passed 3-0.

Jon Stantz made a motion to nominate himself as vice president seconded by Dean Bruce.
Motion passed 3-0.

Jon Stantz made a motion to leave the liaison assignments the same as 2022. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

The First item up for discussion was CEI Task Order 2022-06. This task order is to allow Commonwealth to give engineering support on various projects the Town may request. There is no cost associated with this agreement.

Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt the Task Order, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, Drew Flamion discussed the capacity review for the proposed housing project on 43. Currently, the first phase is to build 57 homes. Along with this, future growth would be 160 homes. Drew said they will review that along with the other current projects that are going on. Drew suggested a work session to discuss all the projects and time schedule. Jon Stantz proposed the work session be set for 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17, prior to the next Town meeting. Drew will set up the meeting and send out invitations.

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

Next, Drew gave an update on the Texas Pike Lift Station and Sludge Dewatering projects. Drew said he would ask for authorization to put the Sludge Dewatering project out for bids at the next meeting.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent out to the homeowners along River Road regarding hookup. Ashley Fleetwood said she would discuss with Richard Lorenz to handle.

Commonwealth Invoice #54540 in the amount of \$54,976.70 for the McCormick's Creek State Park project was presented for approval.

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

Next, discussion took place regarding the Town Manager position. Jon Stantz suggested January 23rd as the deadline for accepting resumes. The Clerk-Treasurer has posted the position on the Town Facebook page, and in the Municipal Building. She will look at listing it in INDEED as well.

Jon Stantz updated everyone on the Municipal Building project. They are still looking into costs and timing for the next meeting.

Mike Spinks made a motion to name London Witte as financial consultants for project, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks updated the Board about the upcoming planned meetings. He reported that at year end, the balance in each of the TIF funds were reported as follows:

TIF 1 \$ 31,494.51

TIF 2 \$250,182.28

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch asked that the Board accept the resignation of Officer Jacob Weineke.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the resignation, Dean Bruce seconded. The motion passed 3-0

Next he asked if he could have permission to hire Stephen DeWitt.

Mike Spinks made a motion to hire him, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, he asked to add E.J. Westgate to the reserves, and later promoted to full-time after he attends academy.

Jon Stantz made a motion to add E.J Westgate, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Chief Foutch asked for approval to an invoice from Wills Auto for repairs to unit 2 in the amount of \$1,851.59

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave a report on the street department. Tony asked if he could go ahead and purchase the replacement trash can, plus one extra.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Tony to place the order, seconded by Dean Bruce to exceed \$2,000.

Jon Stantz requested the street department restore the dirt at the corner of Hillside and West where a vehicle run up over the corner.

Tony had a question about a street cut for Bault. The Clerk-Treasurer will check into it.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report on the plant and collections.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Next meeting is scheduled for January 24th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The FT is advertising for a new assistant chief.

The Clerk-Treasurer said she will talk about Bob Swintz regarding financing of the new truck.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

No report.

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 unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting were made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer