

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 2nd, 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, Interim Sewer Supt. Ryan Klaassen, Street Supt. 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

The first order of business was the approval of Graves Construction pay application #3 for the sludge dewatering project in the amount of \$254,336.02 and retainage of \$13,386.11.

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

Next, a contract from Pell Roofing for the repairs to the roof at 90 N West Street was presented for approval. The contract was for \$71,435.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 2 in favor and one abstention by Jon Stantz.

Next, Declaratory Resolution 2023-12 Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Establishment of an Economic Development Area was presented for approval.

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

Next, discussion regarding OVFT's request for funds in 2024 was discussed. They requested an additional \$198,000 for the additional hiring of three more full-time employees. Jon made a recommendation of \$165,000 for 2024. The Clerk-Treasurer discussed the present budget, and what was being funded by taxes. She said the budget schedule as set precludes these additional amounts from being added at this time. However, in 2024, there can be a request for additional appropriations, offset by what the Town agrees to fund.

Jon Stantz made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting, seconded by Dean. Motion carried.

Mike Spinks presented a letter addressed to Ron Walker, President of CFC. The letter states that the requirements of the sewer system follow state statute before the Town accepts the sewer system. This involves all required testing.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Mike Spinks to sign the letter, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed.

The last item in public issues was the setting of the date and time for Halloween.

Jon Stantz made a motion to have Halloween hours on October 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Richard Lorenz recapped where they are so far in setting up the Economic Development commission. He also stated that Redi Grants will be available for infrastructure very soon.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch asked the Town's approval to hire Bryce Brock.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the hiring of Bryce Brock, seconded by Jon Stantz. Motion passed 3-0.

Next, Chief Foutch asked to be permitted to add three new reserves.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Hunter Stogsdill reported that the State Building Inspector stopped by to discuss certain commercial projects that had not filed with the state for a permit first. Hunter said he is working with the business owners to correct the deficiencies.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony gave an update on his department. He requested approval to purchase salt from Morton Salt at \$99.10 this season.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase of salt at the quoted price, seconded by Jon Stantz. Motion passed 3-0.

Next, Tony presented an estimate from Tucker LLC to pave the alley between Lincoln and Beem in the amount of \$13,464.00.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the bid, seconded by Jon Stantz. Motion passed 3-0.

Tony presented a suggestion to update the fees for cut permits. It will be reviewed by the attorney and updated.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

Ryan gave an update on the plant and collections. Hunter updated the Board on his research into a plaque for the new building.

Drew reported that the final pay application for the Texas Pike project at the next meeting. He also asked if they could use the excess funds to set standards for the sewer. He will check with SRF to make sure it is an acceptable use.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz gave a report. Mike Spinks asked Hunter to check on the inspection of the fire hydrants.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Carol Reynolds gave a report. She placed the order for the trees for the next Arbor Day. She ordered 100 Virginia Pine and 100 Red Bud. She is still working on setting a date for a meeting with the new board members.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Jon Stantz asked the Attorney to move forward with a court hearing for the Hasselburg property.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

The 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 7:24 PM.

Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce, Member

Attest _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer