

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 3, 2022, 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, John Hodge, Chief Foutch and Tony Floyd

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mike Spinks 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

Julie Coffin presented an update on the downtown gardens. She revised the number of plants, and the costs. Her current plans are to purchase most of the plants this year because they are available and the cost will be lower. She is in the process of getting the weeding done this week to prepare the gardens.

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

She also asked about the availability of water for the plantings. They discovered several options but will come up with a plan before next week.

Ordinance 2022-17 For 2023 Appropriations and Tax Rates was presented for adoption.

Mike Spinks made a motion to adopt the budget, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, Drew Flamion with Commonwealth Engineers went over the bids for the Texas Pike lift station project. Two bids were received at the previous meeting. After review by the Engineering group, the recommendation was to accept the bid from Reed and Sons Construction in the amount of \$457,124.36.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid, contingent upon the environmental clearance report. The motion was second by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Bids were accepted for the Sludge Dewatering Project Pre Selection earlier today. One electronic bid from Fournier, Inc. in the amount of \$467,172. The next step is for Commonwealth to review the bid to see that they are in conformance. After that, the next step is to do a scoring for the selection of equipment. The Town will set up a team and score them.

Jon Stantz made a motion to take the bids under advisement, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Next Drew presented two payment applications for the McCormick's Creek Stat Park Sewer Improvements Sanitary System Rehabilitation. They are as follows:

	Pay App #1	Pay App #2	Total
Payment to Contractor	\$127,072.48	\$251,594.67	\$378,667.15
Retainage Amount	6,688.02	13,241.83	19,929.85

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the payment to the contractor for Pay App #1 In the amount of \$127,072.48, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the payment to the contractor for Pay App #2 In the amount of \$251,594.67, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Payment to the contractor in the amount of \$378,667.15 will be made by IFA disbursements. The retainage amount will be held by SRF until the completion of the project.

Robert Reynolds with LWG Consultants gave the Board an update on the status of the SRF loan process. He said these would not be available until sometime in 2023, so in order to move forward, another option will have to be used. Two options are available; one would be to borrow money and the second is to use the funds we currently have available. He reviewed various funds and the decision was to use the money available and borrow only if necessary. The first fund to be used will be the sewer depreciation fund. If more is needed prior to the SRF loans, the Board will consider other available options such as ARPA and EDIT. These draws will be reimbursed once the Town receives SRF funding. In order to use these funds and get reimbursement, a reimbursement resolution will need to be adopted. This should probably happen in the next meeting or so. SRF will have need to make sure these are in place prior to reimbursement. Currently, the sewer depreciation fund is being used for the Texas Pike project. The consensus was to consider these options and decide at the next meeting.

There was a quick update on the BOT project first meeting.

Jon Stantz made a motion that Halloween will be celebrated on Saturday, October 29th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks stated they needed to set up a public hearing soon.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch requested approval to buy training materials from Axon in the amount of \$1,413.57.

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

Chief Foutch requested to have permission to hire Ryan Combs. Additionally, he reported that Dillen Friend will be leaving on October 20th, and returning to the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. **Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Chief Foutch to hire Ryan Combs and accept the resignation of Dillen Friend, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A matter regarding a lot at the First Pentecostal Church was discussed. Jon Stantz said he would get with the building inspector.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony asked to have a Kodiak truck declared as surplus.

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

Mike Spinks asked about speed control on Garden Park when Boston is released. Tony said he would take the electronic speed sign up there.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report on collections and plant.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Dean gave an update on the email transfer.

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 7:11 PM.

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer