

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
October 16, 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, Assistant Street Superintendent Scott Barnett, Officer Fleetwood, 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**

Ordinance 2023-13 for Appropriations and Tax Rates was presented for adoption.

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

Next on the agenda, Drew Flamion, with Commonwealth Engineers presented Task Order 2022-06 for work on the renewal of the NPDES permit in the amount of \$5,000.

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

Julie Coffin, on behalf of Spencer Main Street, Inc. presented an event request for Christmas at the Square to take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 12 noon to 5 PM. They are requesting barricades from the alley south to Franklin, and Franklin from Washington to Main. They will also be decorating the parking meters this year.

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

Next on the agenda, Commonwealth Invoice 57384, relating to the Sludge Dewatering project for \$38,887.83 was presented for approval.

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

Ordinance 2023-14, Designating an Area Within the Town as an Economic Development Area was presented to the Board for approval by Attorney Richard Lorenz.

**The first motion, "Shall the Town Council consider adopting the Ordinance in a single meeting" was made by Jon Stantz and seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Marce King presented a proposal to the Town to hire Marc Cornett, Architect to update the Parks & Recs improvement plan from 2014. The cost to do this would be \$1,200 and it will take into consideration the restraints of the flood plain and will work with DNR to **assure they will get approval.**

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the cost of \$1,200, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The next meeting will be October 25<sup>th</sup> where a public hearing will be held regarding the proposed designated residential TIF area.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mitch Fleetwood asked the Town's approval to adding Jeremy Burke to the reserves.  
**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.**

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

Discussion regarding a few properties around town and making sure they are in compliance with the State statute for commercial structures.

There was a question regarding the building owned by Doug Jones, most recently used by Ninja Construction as to whether it needed to be tested for asbestos before demolishing. Richard Lorenz said he would look into this.

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

Scott Barnett asked for approval to hire two temps, David Freeman and Dave Anderson, for the leafing season which lasts about six weeks.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the hiring, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **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. He asked for approval for an estimate for a repair to a Flyght pump for \$2,667 for the lift station on 43.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the cost of the repair, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

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

Next meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Lee gave a brief report.

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

Carol Reynolds gave a brief report. They are still working on scheduling a meeting date.

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

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

Jon Stantz discussed the estimate that was approved at the previous meeting for the Municipal Building roof repair. The amount for that repair should have been \$41,800 and the amount approved at the last meeting for \$71k was for the Street department. He wanted to make that correction. He also said after a final review of the estimates that the Street Department will actually come in at \$55,945. He has been in discussions with the insurance representative to make those changes and get the paperwork updated to reflect this.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the quote for the Municipal Building in the amount of \$41,800, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 2-0, with Jon Stantz abstaining.**

**Mike Spinks made a seconded motion to approve the amended quote for the Street Dept buildings in the amount of \$55,945, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 2-0, with Jon Stantz abstaining.**

#### **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 7:14 PM.

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Mike Spinks, President

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Jon Stantz, Vice-President

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Dean Bruce, Member

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Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer