

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 17, 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

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Henderson asked the Board about what could be done about a traffic stop that resulted in their car being towed and a \$215 tow charge. After listening to them, the board reported that there was nothing they could do.

An update on the sludge dewatering projected indicated that a scoring on bids for equipment still needed to be done before proceeding. CEI invoice #53775 for the preliminary design was presented for approval. Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Spinks. Motion carried 3-0.

CEI invoices #53773 and #53774 for \$23,625 and \$4,720.96 relating to the Texas Pike lift station project were presented for approval. Motion by Mike Spinks seconded Dean Bruce were Motions passed 3-0.

Next CEI invoice #53833 in the amount of \$20,233.07 for the MCSP sewer system project was presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-18 Salary Ordinance for 2023 was presented for adoption.

Before the vote, Jon Stantz announced he would abstain because he planned on applying for the Town Manager position.

Mike made a motion to adopt the budget, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 2-0.

Mike Spinks said by signing the ordinance, he did not want to exempt himself from also applying for the position.

Next, Julie Coffin gave an update on the downtown gardens. All plants were planted and will be mulched in the coming weeks. Tony said there is mulch down on at Cooper Park, and he will load it up on a trailer for their use.

Jon Stantz asked Julie if she and her volunteers would be interested in planting along Main Street where the new sidewalks were installed. He said the tree plots will need to be developed, which they are working on. He said there may be a donation to her group if they provide that labor. Julie said she would probably be able to provide that help whenever he is ready.

Lastly, she reported that she is still working with the Purdue Extension and the high school to see if there was a way to incorporate a volunteer group in the form of an apprenticeship program for these projects.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks stated they will have a meeting on November 16.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that Officer Friend parked a police vehicle next to the street, and overnight a side window had been knocked out. He had it replaced by American Eagle Glass. Ryan Combs will begin on October 21.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks asked a question regarding the new apartments on Beem. He asked about whether they should be subdivided. The Clerk-Treasurer responded that they are owned by David Drake and not separately owned therefore not required to subdivide. Richard Lorenz said he would check into it.

Mr. Lorenz said they will be seeking an enforcement action against a property owner. There will need to be a hearing on this which he will schedule before the next town meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony asked to hire two temps for leaf pick up.

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

Questions regarding meters were raised again. The consensus was that the money should be collected and a plan on what should be done with them should be made.

Discussion of future events took place. Consensus was that the registration process should include what is required from the event planners as well as a security deposit.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz read the update on the department. There was a request to approve the purchase of a new pump in the amount of \$2,872.46.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

No meeting this month.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Meeting was cancelled for October.

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 updated the Board on the switchover of the email from Hostmonster to the State. It was completed without any issues.

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 7:24 PM.

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer