

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
December 4th, 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, Street Superintendent 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**

A request for closing the Alley behind the Tivoli Theater for the performances from Dec 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 10<sup>th</sup>. They will need to set up a tent to accommodate the large cast for the performance the "The Christmas Carol".

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

Beth Wood with the Owen County Tourism Board requested that Mike Spinks be reappointed to the Board for 2024.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to reappoint, seconded by Jon Stantz. Motion carried 2-0, with Mike Spinks abstaining.**

Next on the Agenda, Kyle Hannon gave an annual review of the MyPath Trail project. He announced that they are making progress on the trail connecting to the river. He reported that they are behind on the bridge portion, but they will continue to work on the trail before and after the trail section.

The next items on the agenda were for approval of invoices related to the sewer projects.

SIDC invoice #3 for \$7,500 for labor standards for MCSP

SIDC invoice #4 for \$6,000 for labor standards for the Sludge Dewatering

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve both invoices, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried.**

Next, a letter of Support for the Indiana Alliance of Rural Water Apprentice program was presented for signature by the Board.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the letter and for Mike to Spinks. Motion carried.**

Next on the agenda a request from Pride for the purchase of barricades for public events was made. This was requested at a prior meeting, and it is for the purchase barricades of four more for \$750 total.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to purchase the barricades from Pride for \$750, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

The 2023 Salary ordinance was reviewed for the second time, based on changes recommended by Jon Stantz and Mike Spinks. It essentially increases the rates to be more competitive with similar-sized towns. Additionally, they did not feel that the Town Manager should be charged to the Fire Territory. The Board approved of these changes pending a clean copy.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the 2023-16 Salary Ordinance. Motion was seconded and passed 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

In regard to the Town Economic Development board, Craig Coffman declined appointment to the town board. A request to appoint Steve Pedigo to that board was made.

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

Kristi Risk approached the Board regarding a water problem in the area behind her business located on Main, just south of Market. There was some discussion about how long this was a problem, and how it is caused. Tony Floyd said the issue seems to be that the building itself has settled and now it is lower than the concrete alley. Jon Stantz suggested that he look at it to see if there can be a solution to fixing this problem.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch gave a report on the police department. He reported that the two vehicles should be in hand in the next couple of weeks. They are finishing up year end and working on getting the security cameras up and running.

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

A request to appoint Kovenant Liby to the Plan Commission was made. Ms. Liby was present, and gave a brief background stating her qualifications for this appointment. She works for the State of Indiana on Economic Development. She moved to Spencer two years ago and is interested in planning and zoning and how small towns can be viable and use their budgets in these areas.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to appoint Kovenant Liby to the Planning Commission seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.**

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

Mike Spinks asked about the checklist for the permit process and wanted to make sure everyone has a chance to review and offer comments. He also mentioned that Complaints must also follow the established procedures and be logged in and a copy available for the Clerk-Treasurer's office in order to follow up on these. Richard Lorenz reiterated that the process for complaints be logged in and followed up on as they always have been.

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

Tony reported on various matters related to the Street Department. He is working on the Community Crossing Grants for next year.

Tony reported that the request to buy a new truck from Hare Chevrolet fell through. He contacted Curry Auto and found the same truck, a year newer, and for lower price, available. He requested that the motion for the previous truck be amended to reflect these changes.

Jon Stantz made an amended motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab from Curry Auto Sales for the price of \$32,345.

Jon Stantz requested that Tony have his crew pick up a tree from a Leonard White property on Meadowpark. He noted that this is not required to be done by the Town, but he asked that it be done as a courtesy this one time.

Lastly, Tony asked if one of his employees could cash out an additional 40 hours of unused vacation due to a hardship. The Board agreed to this. The Clerk-Treasurer also reminded the Board that there may be some additional vacation carryover by the Sewer department because of various personnel shortages beyond their control.

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

No report at this time.

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

Nothing else to report at this time.

#### **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 7:20 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