

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
December 5, 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, Chief Foutch, Tony Floyd and Richard Lorenz

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Drew Flamion reported that he has received verbal authorization for approval of the Texas Pike/Sludge Dewatering combined project and the Town to proceed with the signing of the agreement between Town of Spencer and Contractor (Reed & Sons Construction, Inc) in the amount of \$457,143.84. The contract has been sent to Richard Lorenz for review.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the signing of the contract, pending review by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Next Drew recommended Town Council give Contractor Notice to Proceed for December 5, 2022. This starts the schedule of 150 days to substantial completion.

Jon Stantz made the motion to give Notice to Proceed for December 5th, seconded by Mike Spinks. Motion passed 3-0.

Regarding McCormick's Creek State Park project, Application No. 2 for \$324,752.25 was presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the payment, seconded by Mike Spinks. Motion passed 3-0.

Next the Contract for Labor Standards Services between the Town of Spencer and Southern Indiana Development Commission for the Texas Pike/Sludge Dewatering project was presented for approval in the amount of \$20,000.

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

Next on the Agenda, Todd Gardner with BBP, spoke to the Board about the large water project expansion on State Road 43 to Hardscrabble.as part of that discussion, the question of what the Town would like to commit to that project. Jon Stantz proposed that the Town make a contribution to this project by committing \$100,000. He said the county is considering putting in \$150,000 for a total contribution of \$250,000. He said the Town benefits from this project by supporting the development of new homes and also a way to work together with the county.

Jon Stantz made a motion to commit the \$100,000 seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the reappointment of Buck Johnson to the Plan Commission and the BZA, and Margaret Tucker to the BZA, Motion passed unanimously.

Jon Stantz made a motion to appoint Hunter Stogsdill to the Board of Zoning Appeals, motion was seconded by Mike Spinks and passed 3-0.

Discussion regarding the Town Manager Job Description followed. Dean Bruce asked for some additional time to review since he was having computer problems and was unable to print it out.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the Job Description pending further review and comment from Dean. The motion was seconded by Dean and passed 3-0.

Next steps are for the Attorney to prepare the contract and incorporate the changes into the Town Code.

Next, the Board reviewed the proposed Holiday schedule. The Clerk-Treasurer added Juneteenth to the schedule. There are a total of 13 holidays in 2023.

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

Jon Stantz reported that he had a phone call with Drew Flamion, and he would like to have a work session after the beginning of the year regarding the sewer expansion out on 43. That meeting date will be set at the next regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Marce King gave a report on her economic development projects. She is still working on the Way Finding signs and will be taking pictures of the sites to keep it moving forward.

Jon Stantz read an email from Clint Wiley from Meridiem. He asked where the Town was on the future of the internet project they are proposing. He shared the contract with the other board members for review.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks updated the Board about the upcoming planned meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch recommended the hiring of Patrick Patterson for the open position as a result of Officer Arroyo's resignation.

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

Next, Chief Foutch asked for permission to promote Brad Deckard to Night Sergeant.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave an update on the plant and collections.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz gave an update.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Jon Stantz reported that beginning this week, they will be planting new trees, primarily along the MyPath trail.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing regarding the annexation. Jon Stantz seconded and motion carried.

Richard Lorenz said Ron Walker would like to have a meeting between the Cook crew and the Town Street crew so there is a full understanding of what will be done.

Jon Stantz asked about the Daniel Hasselburg compliance.

Jon Stantz reviewed the streets in the Lewis addition. It is the consensus that nothing can be done economically in respect to her request.

Dean reported that he is finishing up reports for the Small Business Grants.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

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 7:20 PM.

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer