

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Mike Spinks, Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce

Also, Present, Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, John Hodge, Ashley Fleetwood

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz 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

Jennifer Cunningham spoke to the Board about the possibility of having an ordinance to allow chickens within the town limits. She presented information about what other surrounding Towns are doing, and made some recommendations that she felt might work for Spencer as to noise and structures. John Stantz made a comment and said the biggest concern is with enforcing the ordinance. Jennifer mentioned she has seen other places where permits were issued which assisted in the enforcement of the ordinance. Jon said they will continue to look into this.

Mechelle Karch, on behalf of the American Legion presented an event registration for a St. Patrick's Day Dance to be held March 17th from 6:00 PM to 12:00 PM. They are requesting barricades to close the street from the Market to Jefferson. They are also asking to block the parking meters to control the parking in the area. This is similar to the dance they have during the Apple Butter Festival. This is weather permitting, or it will be moved inside. The band will end at 11:00 PM and cleanup will be complete by midnight.

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

Next, Dale Glick, with Commonwealth Engineers presented Change Order #1 for Inliner Solutions in the amount of \$87,946.61.

Mike Spinks made the motion to approve the change order, seconded by Jon Stantz, the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Dale Glick presented the following invoices for the MCSP project for approval:

Application No. 3 - Graves Construction	\$331,210.63
Application No. 4 - Graves Construction	\$279,129.95
Application No. 4 – Inliner Solutions, Inc.	\$146,101.35
Application No. 5 – Inliner Solutions, Inc.	\$ 83,099.71

Jon Stantz made motions to approve all four invoices seconded by Dean Bruce. All were approved unanimously.

Maureen Hayden, with CEI commented that a pre-bid meeting was held for the Sludge Dewatering project, and only one contractor showed up. They are hoping to receive more bids by the deadline.

On the matter of the Town Manager position, the Board reported that it is moving forward. They received 22 applications, interviewed four so far, and hope to have a decision made by the next meeting.

Ordinance 2023-01 To Add a New Section Titled Roadway Dedications was presented to the Board for approval.

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

Next Ordinance 2023-02 To Add a New Section Titled Dedication of Sewer Utilities was presented to the Board for approval.

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

Next Janet Rummel spoke to the Board regarding a mural proposed for the World Arts Building. For a \$10,000 grant for Public Art Exhibition funded by the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (formerly the Tourism Corp. It will be on the north facing side of the World Arts Building. She wanted to share the conception and she will submit the application on March 17. She was also interested in other locations for future grants.

Next, Julie Coffin spoke to the board about maintaining downtown gardens. She proposed that an intern be found that would be able to help maintain the downtown gardens, including the hanging baskets, the railroad gardens, and help maintain portions of MyPath. She is proposing that the intern/employee would be covered by the Foundation for 2023 and would like to propose the Town take over in 2024. Other solutions were discussed, and the Board said they should continue to work on solutions.

Next, discussion took place regarding the archway or similar entranceway to Downtown. Janet Rummel offered to look at what they could provide from the Foundation as far as design.

In the matter of BOT update, **Mike Spinks made a motion to table that project until they have more time to discuss later this year or next year. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz and passed unanimously.**

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jon Stantz said he and Marce took pictures last week at eighteen different locations for the Wayfarer signs.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave an update on the sewer collections and plant. He requested approval to purchase a line locator for subsurface in the amount of \$1,750.00.

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

John Hodge reported that he located a 2022 Chevrolet dump truck for \$90,000 from Custom Truck in Kansas City, MO. After some discussion, it was determined they would not be able to find one cheaper, and it was time to purchase a new one.

Jon Stantz made a motion to purchase the truck for \$89,979 from Custom Truck One Source. Mike Spinks seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Ashley Fleetwood presented Ordinance 2023-03 pertaining to Vacation of a portion of a road known as Lover’s Lane.

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

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 7:30 PM.

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer