

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
March 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also, Present, Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, John Hodge, Chief Foutch, Tony Floyd, Richard Lorenz

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 2023-04 Amending Ordinance 2007-01, Authorizing the Acquisition, Construction, and Installation of Certain Improvements to the Sewage Work System.

The first item for consideration is whether the Ordinance can be approved at a single meeting. **Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried.**

Next, a motion to adopt the ordinance as read, was made by Jon Stantz, and seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried unanimously.

(As a side note, Richard Lorenz said that Drew Flamion was still working on getting a surveyor for the piece of property out on Texas Pike).

Ordinance 2023-05, Amending Ordinance 2007-01, Establishing New Rates and Charges was presented as a first reading. There will be a public held on April 3rd and the ordinance will be considered for adoption afterwards.

Robert Reynolds, with LWG Consultants presented the Spencer Wastewater Rate Study for review. In summary, the proposal suggests an increase in rates overall, from \$8.34/1,000 to \$10.55/1,000 gallons, or a \$2.21 increase for every thousand gallons used. These are the rates that appeared in the first reading of Ordinance 2023-05.

World Arts Abatement compliance statements were presented to the board. The board agreed to table any comments or approval until hearing from Tim Lewis at a future meeting.

LWG Engagement Letter for Sewer Bonds for \$45,000 was presented for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Spinks.

Project updates were given for MCSP, Texas Pike and Four Oaks.

Regarding the Town Manager position, the board reported that they would table hiring for that position because of the requirements for a contract. They have decided to change the position title to Human Resources/Facilities Manager. There is an applicant still under consideration for this, and they will have a third interview later this week.

The Clerk-Treasurer updated the Board on the proposed financing for the sewer department. Previously, there was discussion about paying it in from the ARPA funds or financing through the vendor. After looking into these two options, the Clerk-Treasurer recommended that the truck be financed through Peoples State Bank, and pay it off early. She felt that the new revenue stream from the Park and the annexation, along with the funding from IFA, will allow this to happen as soon as the first of the year.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the financing of the dump truck through Peoples State Bank and allow Cheryl Moke to sign the financing agreement. Dean Bruce seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meeting is set for next month.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported the best option for purchasing the new police vehicle is still with Bloomington Ford. They have updated their quote from 2022 to 2023 for a price of \$47,921.25. He asked the board to approve this new amount.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the purchase for the 2023 Police Ford Interceptor for the new amount, seconded by Jon Stantz. Motion passed unanimously.

Some discussions took place about a couple of properties; 270 W Market St and 265 N. Park. Jon Stantz would like to look into these further to see who has responsibilities for cleanup and maintaining.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave a brief report on the street department. He said he was working on fixing the numerous potholes around town. He requested if he could hire David Keith to haul stone from Rogers for \$150 per load. The board agreed that that makes sense to do on a continuous basis.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave an update on the plant and collections. He also reported that he inspected out at Texas Pike to save Commonwealth the trip down. He said the old dump truck would be transferred to the street department when he receives the new one.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported the new fire truck is almost complete. It may be a few weeks later than the original completion date.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

A board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th at the Municipal Building at 9:00 A.M. Ron Shrope also asked about a water fountain be added near the shelters. He said there is a line going to it. Tony Floyd said his problem is that they are broken and he constantly needs to repair. Further research is needed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz questioned whether there were any permits for the remodel at the Chambers Building. Cheryl said she will look into it.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz said he continues to get questions regarding a chicken ordinance. He will continue to work on it and wants to make sure that it is enforceable.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mike Spinks inquired about a document that needs to be signed for service from REMC for a lift station. Cheryl will sign the document if she has permission.

Jon Stantz made a motion to authorize Cheryl Moke to sign the agreement with REMC. The motion was seconded and passed.

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 7:45 PM.

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer