

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
March 21, 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, Tony Floyd, Chief Foutch and Attorney Richard Lorenz.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz 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

Angela Paris was present regarding use of town property to be used as a garden plot. The Attorney is working on a rental agreement, and the terms will be \$10 per month for approximately 8 months. She is to provide her own water and return the plot to the same condition it is in at the present time when she is finished.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the rental of the property by Angela Paris for gardening purposes. Mike Spinks seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

Jonathan Balash presented an event request on behalf of Spencer Pride for the 2022 Spencer Pride Festival to be held on 10/15/2022. They are requesting barricades by 5 p.m. on 10/14. They request closure of the following streets from 5pm on Oct 14 until 2pm on Sunday, Oct 16: N, Main from Market to Franklin; N Washington from the alley north of the Tivoli to Market; E, Franklin, west bound only, from Main to Harrison; E Market, from Main to Washington. Complete details will be provided to the emergency departments to make them aware of these changes.

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

Jessica Barrett, on behalf of the Tivoli Theatre presented an event request for closure of the alley immediately behind the theatre. The intent is to park a big trailer behind that contains props. This request is for the weekend of April 1- April 3. They will not be blocking the east/west alley, nor the alley behind The Civilian.

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

Matt Sward with SIDC presented closeout documents for the OCRA wastewater project for signature.

Dean Bruce made a motion to allow Jon Stantz to sign the documents, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.

Drew Flamion gave an update on the MCSP sewer He presented documents for approval of the front-end certification to allow Commonwealth Engineers to act on behalf of the Town for the MCSP project.

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

Next, he updated the Board on the PER for the grant application for the sewer extension, and the future projects. He requested the board to sign the authorization for Commonwealth Engineers to represent the Town for the SRF application for both the sewer and stormwater projects.

Mike Spinks made a motion to sign both documents, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, Drew presented the SRF application for both the programs. It is still a work-in-progress, but he asks the Board to authorize signing the document pending the additional information he will be adding.

Mike Spinks made a motion to sign both documents, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Lastly Drew requested signature of the transmittal for the PER and SRF application that essentially states the request is coming from the Town.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Marce King updated the Board on various projects.

Marcie requested that the Town commit to \$10,000 for a \$29,000 phase 1 project for expansion of broadband for the TPMA proposal which will bring internet to rural Owen County.

Jon Stantz made a motion to make the \$10,000 commitment, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch asked if sick days to take care of a sick spouse could be used instead of vacation. The policy states that vacation should be used for family sick time. Jon Stantz asked for more time to review policy. Chief Foutch reported on this hiring process to fill a vacant position. The clerk-treasurer requested that the police station door be unlocked to be able to respond to persons who need assistance from that office. He said he would begin opening it tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz had a question regarding property on Beem Street. A permit was issued for this.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd updated the Board on his department.

Jon Stantz gave an update on the damaged street sweeper. They are still looking at the value, but the insurance company is saying it is significantly less than what we paid for it. We will have to wait until the insurance company makes their decision.

Next, Tony asked about a washed-out drive on N. Washington. Jon Stantz proposed that the Town repair it this time, with the understanding that they make a permanent correction to their driveway by installing an appropriate size culvert. Jon asked Richard Lorenz to write up an agreement with those terms between the Town and the owner of the property.

Next, he asked about renting a stump grinder for \$800. The board agreed to try it.

He asked a question about a proposed drive on an alley behind Park Street. Permits were issued, he made sure it was not encroaching on the alley. There was a complaint by a neighbor. Nothing further needed to be done.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections

He presented an invoice from Endustra in the amount of \$1,969.12 for filter replacements and one from Bynum Fanyo for replacing a valve in the amount of \$2,750.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve both invoices, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz gave an update.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Dean Bruce gave a report on their first meeting this year. Arbor Day tree giveaway is scheduled for April 30th from 10:00 a.m. until trees run out.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reminded that on April 23rd starting at 8:00 a.m. there will be a Town Clean-up Day. Dumpsters will be donated by Republic.

Cheryl Moke reported that she spoke with Tyler Deford and he agreed to work with us on IT issues. Also, she reported that she hired Patty Edwards for the open Deputy-Clerk position and she will start on April 4th.

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 8:05 PM.

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer