

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 3, 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, 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.

A public hearing was held to allow the public to comment on the proposed rates and charges for the sewer services. Bob Reynolds, with London Witte Group, gave an overview on the findings and decisions going into the change in the fee structure. There were a couple of questions, after which the public hearing was adjourned and returned to the regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Ordinance 2023-05 Amending Ordinance 2007-01, Establishing New Rates and Charges was presented for adoption.

Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Next, Commonwealth Engineers made a recommendation to accept the bid from Graves Construction Services for \$2,062,062 for the Sludge Dewatering Project. Graves met and provided all required documents requested. Graves was the only bidder for the project.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Pay Application 5 for the McCormick's Creek State Park Sewer System Improvements, Division A in the amount of \$216,823.99 was presented for consideration.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the claim, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed unanimously.

Maureen Hayden, with CEI, presented Amendment to Task Order 2022-01 & 2023-02 which changes the current contract from \$37,500 to \$44,250. An additional \$6,750 will be used to procure a legal survey for the new 5-acre parcel to be acquired by the Town for the sewer plant.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the amendment seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried.

Pay Application 1 for the Texas Pike Lift Station Project in the amount of \$138,920.04 was presented for approval.

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

World Arts presented the Tax Abatement forms for approval by the board along with the recommendation for approval from the Economic Development Board. They state they follow all requirements for approval.

Jon Stantz made a motion to sign the Compliance Statements, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed unanimously.

Melba Needham asked about what parking regulations for residential streets are in place. There are currently no regulations regarding parking and is available for anyone who wishes to park there. Due to her age she wishes to secure the parking spot in front of her home for herself. Since this cannot be done according to regulations it was suggested that she place a sign requesting that that space be reserved for her. It does not give her the right to it but may encourage other parkers not to take it.

Shirley Kinney with the Main Street Design Committee requested a contribution of \$2,000 to maintain the flower beds and hanging baskets. The Town has donated for this the past few years.

Jon Stantz made a motion to donate the \$2,000 for the maintenance of the downtown flowers, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The meeting is set for April 12.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch recommended that EJ Westgate be hired to a full-time position.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the hire, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz gave a brief report on the street department and the storm damage recovery.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave an update on the plant and collections. He reported that due to the storm, the generator at the plant ran from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Regular meeting will be held on April 25th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported on the Fire Territory and the fact that they were also extremely busy over the weekend with search and rescue due to the tornado.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Barb Winders gave a report on their plans for Arbor Day. She also mentioned that there was a request to place a memorial somewhere in the park on which they are working.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Documents were signed for the SRF closing.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Mike Spinks asked for an update on the sale of the Demil property.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Electronics drop off will be on April 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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 7:25 PM.

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer