

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 20, 2023, 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, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Superintendent Tony Floyd, Chief Foutch, and Hunter Stogsdill

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Mechelle Karche presented an event request for a Street Dance on behalf of the American Legion during the Apple Butter Festival She is requesting barricades between Market and Jefferson on September 16 between 3 pm and 11pm and again on Sunday until the close of the festival. She said they will not close the entire street but need to put up the barricades for excise. Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.

Next on the Agenda, Doris Hammond spoke to the Board about their plans for the Apple Butter Festival. They discussed how they needed to expand because of the interest from the vendors and the addition of cars for the car show. Mike Spinks asked them to complete the event request showing the layout for the event, requested street closures, and proof of insurance and bring to the next meeting for approval.

Next on the agenda was consideration for Jon Stantz to have signatory authority for the Rural Development application.

Dean Bruce made a motion to assign Jon Stantz signatory authority, seconded by Mike Spinks. Motion passed 3-0.

The SCI REMC invoice for line extensions for MCSP project for \$1,420.25 was presented for approval.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion carried.

Next, Terry and Pamela Walker requested a time extension to comply with the nuisance abatement due to expire July 8. They requested 30 to 60 days due to Terry's work schedule. They also asked for information on building a fence. Terry will meet with Hunter Stogsdill on Friday to see what he needs to do to for that. Additionally, Tony Floyd, Street Superintendent offered his assistance in helping him remove the old vehicles. The Walker's were granted an additional 30 days, with the agreement that they could come back if more time was needed.

Mike Spinks said he spoke with Pete Hodge about blocking the alley and the parking on Main Street for the business overflow.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks and Richard Lorenz gave updates on the meeting with SOCS on residential TIF and other issues about the new development. One of their big concerns is the safety of the students crossing the highway.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch asked permission to surplus the 2012 Dodge Charger. At the same time, Tony added two more street department vehicles he wished to surplus. They would like to advertise these vehicles for inspection, with any bidders submitting sealed bids to be opened at the first available board meeting.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow this to proceed, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd gave a report on his department. He said he and Jon Stantz have been looking at trees that may qualify for FEMA storm damage. He also discussed other trees and possible solutions.

Next item was discussion of the Riddle lot being used for overflow from the Right on Q Barbecue. Tony offered to put up “no parking” signs. Discussion ensued whether this should be an event, or signs should be posted that the property was private, therefore there should be no parking allowed. An alternative would be to rent the lot, for use by a group if they can show they have insurance and other stipulations for use. Jon Stantz said he would speak to someone about this.

Tony informed the Board that he will be on vacation the first two weeks in July.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jon Stantz gave a quick update on the dewatering project.

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

Richard Lorenz reported that the hearing prior to the meeting was held to allow the owner of record for the property located at 270 W Market St to respond to the Record of Continuous

Enforcement. Since they did not attend or respond, the Town may move forward with the continuous enforcement order.

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

Next up for consideration was the Professional Services Contract. This particular contract was implemented pursuant to the special purchasing procedures allowed by statute and in association with the tornado damage in March of this year.

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

This contract can be used in the future for both Truax Tree Services and other tree contractors.

Next, the Community Crossing grant closeout documents were presented for signature.

Jon Stantz made a motion to have Mike Spinks sign the documents as president, seconded by Dean Bruce. Motion passed 3-0.

Richard Lorenz reported that he is working on an ordinance for an administrative hearing for enforcement of certain ordinances. This will allow the town board to resolve certain issues in a timely fashion without having to go to court, similar to the hearing tonight for the Walkers.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were approved 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second to adjourn the meeting were made and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer