

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz and Dean Bruce

Also, Present, Clerk Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, John Hodge, and Tony Floyd. No representative from the police.

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 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

The Board made a presentation to Marsha Livingston for 40 years of service. Jon Stantz introduced Ryan Klaassen as the new Apprentice for the sewer department.

Next up, an event request for the Tivoli Street Dance and Car Show to be held on September 2, beginning at 6:00 p.m. was presented. They are asking for barricades between the alley, north of the Tivoli to Franklin Street. This is an event they have put on in the past.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Dean Bruce.

Motion passed 2-0.

Next an event for the Whitehall Pentecostal, Fun in the Fall 2022 to be held on 10/08/2022, 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. This request was tabled pending getting more information. At the end of the meeting the Pastor of the church showed up and answered all questions. He is working with the people from REV20 to make sure he plans for everything, such as notifying the local businesses. He was asked about his certificate of insurance, and he promised to send that right out. Jon Stantz said once we get the insurance certificate they will vote on the approval.

Julie Coffin presented a plan to the Board for planting and maintaining the downtown gardens. She is not proposing that she do the work, just create the plan. Jon Stantz suggested she come up with a specific plan that will show costs and bring it back to the Board for approval.

Commonwealth Engineers Amendment to Task Order No. 0022-02 was presented by Drew Flamion. This amendment is a result of the requirements for the lift station and other changes as a result of the project moving from pre-planning to final design for construction. The total amount of the cost for this change is \$170,700. A tentative meeting to prioritize all projects was set for Tuesday July 26th at 2 P.M. Maureen Hayden will confirm.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the task order in the amount of \$170,700. Jon Stantz seconded, and the motion passed 2-0.

Next, Ordinance 2022-12 Tree Plot Ordinance was presented to the Board for approval. This essentially is an amendment the general regulations with a list of approved trees.

Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The meeting was moved to September

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony reported on his department. The street sweeper has been returned and ready to go. He reported some playground equipment needs to be removed because it's no longer useable. The Parks Department will be meeting and will decide on some replacement equipment.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave an update on the plant and collections. He mentioned he still wanted to get a small trailer for the mower.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Meetings will be conducted on July 26th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The Fire Territory Board completed their recommendations for the 2023 budget. As a result of hiring additional personnel to cover the fire station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, they are requesting \$128,000 from the Town Public Safety Fund for the hiring of 2-3 additional full time fire fighters. They submitted this request in writing for approval by the Town Board. This request is for the year 2023 only, and they will have to make a request each year they need it.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request for \$128,000 from the Public Safety Fund to be used to hire additional personnel, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 2-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Ron Shrope said he has been looking at ideas in the catalogues for new playground equipment. It was suggested that he make a list of the items that he is interested in, and a request for a quote would be made by the CT's office.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.

Richard Lorenz gave a report on issues he is working on.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business. Jon Stantz asked for an update on sidewalk replacement requests. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would email him the requests tomorrow.

Dean had a question about email messages storage. Revize charges \$5 an email, so it was suggested that the email remain on Host Monster.

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 7:31 PM.

Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer