

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
August 1, 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, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, John Hodge, Tony Floyd and Chief Foutch.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mike Spinks 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**

First up was Charles Merrimon representing the townhome residents on South Main Street. He explained that these have a geothermal heating and cooling system and the well collapsed where the water would be rerouted. Currently it is running out onto the parking lot, then down into the street. He requested that they be allowed to direct this into the wastewater system. Jon Stantz told him that he and John Hodge would be there later in the week and attach a meter in order to determine the amount of flow.

A Letter of Intent for OC Development LLC was requested for the proposed subdivision located off of Highway 43 known as Owen Camp. The letter states that the Town of Spencer will provide the wastewater treatment systems for the proposed project and the wastewater treatment extension for the purpose of providing wastewater treatment sufficient to serve approximately 235 residential homesites. This service is contingent upon adequate financing from currently pending applications to SRF and other resources necessary to fund the project.

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

Michelle Karch, representing the American Legion presented an event request for the Apple Butter Festival Street Dance. She is requesting that Main Street be closed between Market and Jefferson from 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 17, as part of the Apple Butter festivities. They will not be selling alcohol outside. This is the same event they have held for several previous years during the festival.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.**

Next Tamara Bingham requested a change of date for the Outdoor Play event originally scheduled for July 23rd. She requested August 20th as the new date. All previously approved plans are the same.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the date change, seconded by Jon Stantz the motion passed unanimously.**

Next Ben Williams, with Civilian Brewing requested permission to sell alcohol on October 15 during the Pride Festival. He explained that his status as a brewery offers him the ability to sell alcohol as part of an exhibition permit that requires a minimum of three vendors. Currently, the Pride Festival is planning on having Friendly Beasts Ciders and Cardinal Spirits. Ben explained they will have an area east of Washington along Franklin. His servers will follow their usual rules to ensure there is no underage sales or overserving. Jonathan Balash also said he had a group of volunteers who will be monitoring these vendors as well.

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

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented a request for additional appropriations. The request is for the following:

Economic Development – Professional Services	\$100,000
Fire Territory Equipment Replacement Fund	\$800,000
General Fund – Buildings	\$690,000

Jon Stantz did the first reading of the resolution. The notice will be published in the Evening World on Wednesday, August 3. The public hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. on August 15 prior to the regular town meeting.

The even request from Whitehall Pentecostal Church for October 8<sup>th</sup> that was tabled at the last meeting pending a certificate of insurance was brought up again for a vote after receiving the document.

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

The Opioid Settlement that was announced by the State was briefly discussed. It was determined that more information will be needed as to its uses before any decisions can be made.

Steve Withem presented a plan for placing 8 benches along Main Street. He requested the locations be approved by the board. He will then proceed to work on the funding for these benches.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the locations, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mike Spinks gave a brief report on the commission and the fund balances. The next meeting will be held on September 21.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch requested approval to hire Mitch Fleetwood. He also reported that Kyle Jackson's last day will be August 11.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the hiring of Mitch Fleetwood, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony reported on his department. He asked for permission to purchase a new truck based on two quotes: one from Andy Mohr for \$82,849, and one from Hare Chevrolet in the amount of \$69,905.50.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to allow Tony to move forward with the intent to purchase the 2023 Chevrolet diesel dump truck, seconded by Jon Stantz. The motion passed 3-0.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge gave an update on the plant and collections.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz gave a report on the fire department operations.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS**

Ron Shrope updated the board on where he was in looking for replacement playground equipment. The clerk-treasurer offered to help him with getting quotes.

#### **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**

Jon Stantz introduced Amy Curtis with Etica. He said they would begin on the BOT process at the next meeting.

#### **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 7:33 PM.**

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer