

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
September 6, 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, 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 3-0.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

The Owen Valley/Homecoming Parade Event Request was presented for approval.

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

Next, the VFW Truck/Car Show Event Request -010/29/2022 was resubmitted for approval. A change was made to the space needed on Washington Street. They will only be utilizing the Courthouse side now.

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

Commonwealth Engineers – Invoice 53352 - \$18,809.07 – MCSP Project was presented for approval.

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

Ordinance 2022-16 -Authorizing Electronic Funds Transfer was presented for adoption. This authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to use as a form of payment to certain vendors to ensure payments are received timely.

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

Drew Flamion with Commonwealth Engineering gave updates on the SRF WW and SW PER. He presented revised signatory authorization forms for the Town to execute.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to authorize the president to sign the forms, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 3-0.**

Next, Drew presented a Cost and Effectiveness Certification for signature, as part of the PER.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to authorize the president to sign, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

Discussion took place about the stormwater rates added to the utility bills. The Board agreed they needed to meet about the amount and implementation of these.

Drew next discussed the sludge dewatering project. To meet deadlines, he requested the Town advertise and bid the rotary press equipment for either pre-selection or purchase.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to authorize Commonwealth to advertise, seconded by Dean Bruce. The motion passed 3-0.**

Jon Stantz gave an update on the BOT project. The plan is for the Board to meet the design consultants at the Harmony Municipal Building on Friday, September 16.

Julie Coffin presented an update to the Board regarding the downtown gardens' proposal. She updated her design and determined there would be 147 new plants. She is still in the process of sourcing plants. If she is able to get a nursery that can supply them, she suggests they be purchased and planted in October. If not, the alternative is waiting until April.

The next question is how will these be maintained? Discussion took place about finding volunteers and/or creating an internship. Drew suggested a plan for using pvc pipe that will help in maintaining the gardens. This is currently being used by Evansville with great success.

Julie will update the Board at the next meeting with her progress.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing new to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Mike Spinks reported the next meeting will be September 14.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Foutch requested permission to hire Stephen DeWitt for the vacant position.

**Mike Spinks made the motion to approve the hiring of DeWitt seconded by Jon Stantz.**

**The motion passed 3-0.**

Foutch also reported that he is anticipating another opening and will have further information at the next meeting. He reported that Bloomington Ford cannot give a date when the new police car will be delivered.

He reported the body armor has been delivered and should be turning in the invoice to the Clerk-Treasurer this week. He said **he thought** the State already sent us the portion from them.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Tony reported on the department.

**IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Drew reported the bid opening will be on September 19.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Jon Stantz gave a report.

**IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.**

Richard Lorenz reported that there will be a hearing on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September for the Texas Pike Plat. Immediately following that, will be an application for annexation. He also reported that he sent a letter to Leonard White regarding the easement and hopes to wrap that up soon.

Richard said the DeMil property will go up for sale on October 4<sup>th</sup>, and he heard there were some individuals looking at it.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Spinks gave an update on the MCSP sewer project.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Maureen Hayden said she can begin on the application process for the USDA.

Further discussion took place regarding the internet project.

**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 7:00 PM.**

Jon Stantz

Dean Bruce

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks

Attest Cheryl Moke

Mike Spinks, Member

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer