

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
September 19, 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 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 Bid opening for Texas Pike Lift Station project took place prior to the meeting and there were two bids received:

1. B&T Drainage - \$656,638
2. Reed & Sons Construction - \$457,124

Jon Stantz made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the engineer and attorney to review, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

The application for the permit for the new sludge dewatering facilities was presented for certification and signature by the Board President.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike Spinks. The motion passed 2-0.

Commonwealth Engineering invoices # 53564 for \$43,875 and #5365 for \$124.53 both relating to the Texas Pike lift station project were presented for approval.

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

Next, Revize invoice #14445 for annual tech support was presented for approval.

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

Richard Lorenz presented the recorded deed for the utility easement granted by Leonard White and Katherine Williams to the board.

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

Next the Attorney presented an Option to Purchase and Right of First Refusal for five acres of property adjacent to the sewer plant for signature.

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

Invoice #SI-128279 from Nelson & Co in the amount of \$14,824.84 for body armor was presented to the board for approval.

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

Next, a request for traffic assistance by Boston for October 6th was presented. Chief Foutch said he would contact the requestor and make a plan to assist.

Julie Coffin gave an update on the purchase and planting of new flowers for the downtown garden beds. After researching several sources, she reported that she could only buy half the plants needed this fall for a cost of \$912 and the remainder in the spring for a cost of an additional \$400. The next question was would there be volunteers to do the planting. Julie felt that she could provide the labor. Further discussion took place about maintenance in the future. Julie agreed to do more research on that.

Jon Stantz made a motion to go with the plan to plant have in the fall and half in the spring. Motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Next, some discussion took place of various options for the Texas Pike lift station and the sludge dewatering facilities project. Richard Lorenz said we need to talk to the other stakeholders about if and how they will participate. We will continue to look at all options.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported on the last meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that Stephen DeWitt did not accept the vacant position. He also reported that Drug Take Back Day will be October 29.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Stantz made a report on the plant and collections.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported that the FT hired three new full-time fire fighters. There are five full time fire fighters now.

IN THE MATTER OF PARKS & RECS

Ron Shrope reported the water fountain at the east end of the park is not working. The Clerk-Treasurer said she will make contact with the grant writer again.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY.

Nothing additional to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Etica Group had the first meeting with the Board and Clerk-Treasurer and everything is going very well. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 29.

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 6:56 PM.

Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, President

Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer