

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Dean Bruce, Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz arrived late.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Chief Marshal Foutch, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Redevelopment Commission President, Michael Spinks

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Jared Beard with White Iron Data, made a proposal for updating the Town website. His proposal included migrating the present site to Word Press which will enable easier updating, and unlimited flexibility. He estimated that that it would take 20-23 hours at \$100 per hour to migrate to the site, and train the Clerk-Treasurer to make future updates. The total estimated cost would be \$2,300. Additionally, he proposed \$100 per month maintenance, which includes backing up the site and analytics. The maintenance contract is for one year and can be renewed. The Board agreed to review the proposal and make a decision at the next meeting.

Rob White, representing the Tivoli presented an event request for October 30th, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (includes setup and take down). The event includes a hayride, the Ghost Walk, and a pumpkin drop. They are requesting to have the parking meters bagged on both sides of the street between Franklin and the alley, along Washington Street.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event and it was seconded and passed.

Next on the agenda was an event request from the Spencer Police for the annual Halloweenie Roast on October 31st, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They are requesting West Street to be closed between Morgan and Franklin. Contingent upon weather, there may be a band and other businesses set up in the area as well to distribute goodies. The event time is from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00pm.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event and it was seconded and passed.

Next up, Sam Hobbs, on behalf of the Owen County Sheriff's Dept, spoke about the Zuercher program that they are moving to as of the first of the year. He would like to have the Town of Spencer Police Department buy into that system as of the first of the year also. He talked about the advantages of the new system. Richard Lorenz suggested that a work session be set up with the Town, Sheriff's Department, Zuercher. The Town Board expressed their concerns as opposed to the cost, and the necessity of all the equipment on the list. Dean also mentioned that if the Town was expected to change, it would be nice if they would have an opportunity to

look at the options earlier, instead of after a decision was made. Lorenz said that there were other questions as well regarding the chain of custody, and other technical and legal issues. Sam Hobbs said he would talk to Zuercher to find out when they could be available to meet.

Jon Stantz joined the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks reported that the Commission is proposing to name a Riverfront District, which corresponds with the existing TIF district. He said that this is being proposed to boost the economy of the downtown district by attracting restaurants, and other businesses. They would also like to look at other areas to set up new TIF districts. He also presented an invoice for travel expenses while attending an RAI meeting in French Lick.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marshal reported they were in the process of soliciting for ads for their 2016 calendars. He also reported that IU was going to donate to the Town of Spencer, \$350 for the work performed by the reserves for last Saturday's IU/OSU game.

Mr. Lorenz asked if the Marshal had his list together for weapons he planned on selling. Officer Foutch said he would get this to him this week.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on the Street Department. He reported that Indiana Railroad contacted about removing signs that did not meet the specifications. He is in the process or relocating these to be in compliance. He also mentioned that he did some research into helping out the recycle center by running the cardboard routes. He calculated that it would be quite expensive to do this.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge presented a quote from Bloomfield Sandblasting to remove all the old blue paint at the plant and sealcoat it for the cost of \$2,840.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the quote from Bloomfield Sandblasting for \$2,840. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that he spoke to Darren Wells, with GRW and asked him to put together a two part budget for both the elevations and the 46/43 sewer extension project.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported on the solid waste district.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve Halloween hours for October 31st to be between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Dean Bruce seconded, and the motion passed 2-1.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported on a meeting with a volunteer group from Boston about the Town of Spencer applying for Tree City USA. According to the criteria for this designation, Spencer already meets all of them. She said that two Boston employees requested to be on the Tree Committee. The Board approved with moving forward with the application for approval at the next meeting or the first one in November.

Cynthia Hyde reported that Richard Treloar was interested in purchasing the old Rostone plant, and turning it into housing. There are some issues about possible contaminants and asbestos. She mentioned that there was a program for assistance to do an assessment or site study. She is in touch with OCRA to look into this. Dean Bruce suggested that a meeting be set up to discuss this further with all parties.

Jon Stantz reported that on October 9th there will be a meeting with Gregg Prince with INDOT, Eric Ernstberger with SDG, and members of the Downtown Revitalization Committee at the Municipal meeting at 2:30 p.m. to discuss INDOT’s plans for the corner of Main and Morgan.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer