

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
November 16, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Dean Bruce and Jon Stantz. Cynthia Hyde was absent.

Also present: Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz joined the meeting in session, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Gwen Tucker, Economic Development.

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

Matt Sward with SIDC presented Resolution 2015-09, Approval of the Downtown Revitalization Plan. After adoption, all documents will be sent to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for approval, at which time the final drawdown for the grant funds will be made.

Dean Bruce made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, seconded and passed.

Next Bonnie Emerson, with Spencer Main Street, requested approval for a Christmas project/event. The project involves the decoration of the parking meters around the square with Christmas decorations. The event will begin on December 5th and run through December 27th. Decorations will be made by individuals as a contest. An additional request is to allow merchants to sponsor a meter by paying for the metered time. If this will be allowed, the merchant would like to sponsor them throughout the entire period. If certain meters are not sponsored, they will be decorated on weekends only (Friday night thru Sunday). These decorations will be on the Merchant's side of the square only. The width of the decorations cannot exceed 30 inches.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request for the decoration of the meters as described in the event registration for the period beginning December 5th thru December 27th.

Next, Mark Rogers on behalf Owen Community Foundation discussed a grant proposal that would benefit the MYpath project. The proposal is for OCRA's Place Based Investment Fund. The project will be led by the Foundation, and supported by other community partners. They are looking at a \$45,000-\$50,000 project, with most of the funds coming from the Foundation, but to strengthen the proposal, funds must commit from other partners. Mr. Rogers is requesting the Town commit to the project funds in the amount of \$5,000 - \$7,000. Then funds can be partly in cash, and partly in-kind. Mark thought the funds could best be used at the trail head at Cooper Park. The Town agreed to partner with them, for \$5,000 in cash and the remainder in-kind for an additional \$2,000.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the funds in the amount of \$7,000, of which \$5,000 will be in cash and the balance in-kind. The motion was seconded and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gwen Tucker, with Economic Development Corporation, reported they are working on a development plan for 2016. She provided a list of projects they are currently working on.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

November meeting has been canceled and the next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16th.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The County Commissioners will meet in a joint session with the Town Council before the next regular meeting on Monday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and maintenance. He reported he had to replace another dryer pump and had a backup at the shop. He found a replacement, rebuilt pump for \$800 which he wanted to use as his backup. He felt that the rebuilt is actually better than a new one, because there is a 12 month warranty on both, and there is no advantage to new. The Board agreed.

Lastly John requested that he be allowed to hire Commercial Services to clean the 5th Street lift station. He said it would do a far better job than they could do themselves without the equipment. The cost to do this is approximately \$2,000. Once it is cleaned out, it will be easier to maintain with a degreaser. The Board told him to move forward with contracting the cleaning service.

Dean Bruce moved that Commercial Services be contracted to clean the lift station, not to exceed \$2,000. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that she was in the process of setting up a new checking account for the Fire Territory in order to better separate their funds from the Town's funds. The new checking account will start being used at the first of the year.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Dean Bruce asked if rezoning should be considered for the old Rostone property. Mr. Lorenz said he would put it before the board at their next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer