

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
November 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present: Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Police Chief Richard Foutch, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, 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

There were no public issues brought before the Council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Dean Bruce reported the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Richard Lorenz reported that Sheila Reeves and the Owen County Commissioners would like to 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

Chief Foutch reported that Austin Combs will be graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy on Friday, and Anthony Pope will be attending beginning November 16th. He also reported that two reserve officers were resigning, Seth Miller and Ronnie Guillion.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the resignations from the two reserve officers. It was seconded and passed.

Chief Foutch reported that Chuck Jacobs, a former reserve asked to be reinstated.

Jon Stantz made a motion to reinstate Jacobs, it was seconded and passed.

Spencer Police Department is a 24-7 drug take-back site, according to Foutch. He stated that on November 14th, they will do a campaign to take back all prescription and non-prescription drugs. Instead of setting a time on that date, they will take drugs all day.

December 12th, there will be a silent auction to sell confiscated weapons. The weapons will be on display in the bay area. There are 29 weapons and the bids will be for the entire lot. It is for licensed firearm dealers only.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the advertisement of the silent auction for the sale of the weapons as described above. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lastly, Foutch said that he spoke with Zuercher, and they would like to set a time to meet with the Council to answer any questions. There was some discussion regarding the need to look at other vendors. The Council agreed to set a time for a work session to meet with this vendor on November 30th, at 6:00 p.m. Chief Foutch will confirm the time with the vendor.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that the Baptist Church on the corner of Washington and Morgan requested that they be able to barricade part of Washington while they do work on their roof.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge presented a quote to repair the #1 influent pump at the plant. To repair the pump, the cost would be \$6,233.00 and to replace it, is \$13,891 plus shipping. The warranty to repair and replace is the same, one year. John recommended that the pump be repaired.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow John Hodge to go forward with the repair to the pump at an estimated cost of \$6,233. The motion was seconded and passed.

John Hodge also reported that Alliance contacted him about hosting a training event on Thursday, June 2nd, 2016. The training will take place in the Town Hall and we will provide the coffee and doughnuts.

Darren Wells with GRW spoke next regarding the work done on the elevations along Morgan Street for the 46 project. He said he will prepare a report and send it back to the Town within the next two weeks. In turn, this will be turned over to INDOT to incorporate into their plans.

Next Darren spoke about a meeting held at Mr. Lorenz' concerning the State 46 sewer extension. He said he could do a feasibility study for this for a cost of \$9,500. He felt after listening to the group, there was more than a 50% plausibility that the DNR will go along with the recommendation to hook on to the sewer. The Board agreed to give this some consideration and get back to him.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz reported that Pell was working on cleaning up the property this week.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia reported that the owners of Demil will remove scrap by February of 2016.

Richard Lorenz spoke about the contract between the Town and White Iron Data for the update of the Town website. After further review, and clarification, he saw no problem with what it was providing. The total contract for designing the website, implementation and one year maintenance contract is \$3,200.00.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$3,200.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dean reported that prior to the next regular meeting on November 16th, at 6:00 p.m. There will be a special meeting where SDG will present their recommendation for the Downtown plan.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Mike Sudol reported that he and his wife recently bought two new buildings located on Market Street, across from the courthouse. During the renovation, the brick façade will be removed and he wanted to make sure they notified the Town of this. During the process, they will need to close some of the area off. As the date comes nearer, he will notify the appropriate people and take care to make sure the area is safe and secured.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve an invoice from SIDC in the amount of \$1,778 for grant administration for the Downtown Planning Grant. The invoice will be paid out of local funds. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jon Stantz reported that he talked to INDOT Tuesday regarding the Safe Routes to School project, and because these are federal funds, the engineering will need to be completed, even though the project won't be started until 2018.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer