

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
December 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present: Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Wastewater Superintendent John Hodge, Chief Richard Foutch, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz

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

Donna Kepner, representing the VFW, was on hand to ask for approval for an event request to welcome the National President of the VFW Auxiliary on January 16, 2016. She is also requesting that the Town of Spencer issue a Proclamation. As part of the request, they are asking for a police escort to bring the National President into Spencer, and close Washington Street between the alley next to the Tivoli and Franklin St. so they can form an Honor Guard. She will return to the meeting on January 4th with the completed event request for approval. Dean Bruce then read the Proclamation.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the proclamation as read, seconded by Cynthia Hyde. The motion passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks reported on the December meeting and stated that they discussed the Riverfront District. They will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in 2016. The next meeting will be held on January 20th, 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that cases were filed in the court during 2015, and as a result, the Town received a share of the County Court costs drawdown in the amount of \$17,461.36. The funds were deposited in the General Fund. Next he presented an estimate from Interior Restorations for painting the police area (armory, closet, doors, hall, interview room, lobby, Report room, Chief's office, and squad room) in the amount of \$3,210.85. At the same time, the Clerk-Treasurer also presented an estimate for the bathroom, kitchen, and meeting room are in the amount of \$1,510.30.

A motion was made to accept the two estimates from *Interior Restorations* in the total amount of \$4,721.15. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lastly, Chief Foutch reported that the Auction to sell surplus and confiscated weapons was held on Saturday, December 19th. Four bidders showed up, and each made a bid. The four sealed bids were presented to the Council to be opened. The highest bid was from Bob's Guns, in the amount of \$3,200.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the bid form from Bob's Guns. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on the maintenance and operations of the Street Dept. He reported that he has been having some issues with the back brakes on the 1991 International truck. Sternberg has repaired and invoiced for \$2,151.37.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice, it was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported there were no problems in the plant. However, on Friday evening he received a call from the Sherriff's Department that a manhole at the corner of Morgan and Washington popped off, and hit a couple of cars. He replaced the manhole, but there is a dip in the road. Jon Stantz agreed to call INDOT to make them aware of it since it is in the State's right-away.

He reported that they were out checking lines today, and discovered that the line behind the library down to Cooper was clogged. He called Fluid Waste to jet the line out.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Salary Ordinance was presented for approval. Discussions about the ordinance took place at the Special Meeting. The Board decided that an overall increase of 3% for all positions. In addition, Dean Bruce proposed that Officer Combs be increased by 6% to \$18.41. (Pope will receive his 3% at the beginning of the year, with an additional 3% at the time of graduation from Academy.)

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the proposal for a 3% raise for the 2016 Salary Ordinance, with additional stipulations as outlined by Dean Bruce.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented new calendars for 2016 Holidays, Meetings, and Pay dates. All calendars were approved by the Board.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the final estimated 2015 Appropriations and transfers for line items for the General Fund. Line item transfers were approved by the Board by signature.

Lastly, the Clerk-Treasurer reported that the software company, Greentree Financial Systems, has sold their business to another company. Since they have not been able to produce the reports required by DLGF and SBOA, she stated that she is looking into alternative systems and will have to make a change to a new system in 2016.

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