

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
December 7, 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 (electronically)

Also present: Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Richard Foutch, and Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke. John Hodge and Richard Lorenz were absent.

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

On behalf of Matt Sward with SIDC, the Clerk Treasurer presented two invoices for the Downtown Planning Grant. This is the 2nd and final draw and invoices for that grant. An invoice in the amount of \$16,000.00, paid with Grant funds, for SDG and one in the amount of \$1,778 for SIDC, local match, were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the two invoices as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks reminded the Council that they will meet on Wednesday December 16th, to once again discuss the prospect of creating a Riverfront District. He said at that time, they would like to make a recommendation to do this.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

In a joint session prior to the regular meeting, the Town Council, along with the County Commissioners met. During that meeting they agreed to allow the Building Dept to advertise for a full time administrative assistant in place of the current position they now have.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch asked if there were any further questions on the Zuercher presentation. Reserve Officer Michael Richardson talked about putting together a budget for additional expenses for laptops, mobile hotspots, stands, and maintenance to add to the original quote for equipment. The Clerk-Treasurer said there was no money budgeted in 2016 for this purchase, but there is money available, possibly, in the EDIT and CEDIT funds. Cynthia Hyde would like to know what the cost would be if the Town decided to go with this at a later date? This would allow the Town to see how it is working before the County before committing to a big investment. After discussion, it was decided that the Police Dept would continue to put together a budget for six months from now, and the Council will revisit it at that time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on the maintenance and operations of the Street Dept. He reported that he has two snow plows ready to go, should they need them. They have also been working on setting up the Christmas decorations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Salary Ordinance was presented for review. The Clerk-Treasurer asked for comments, and it will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a Funds Transfer from The Rainy Day Fund to the MVH Fund in the amount of \$22,000. Because there will always be a shortage in the MVH fund due to the set calculation of the amount, and the increase in street personnel, the Clerk-Treasurer recommended that the salary for one of the street employees be charged to the general fund. Since the majority of the tree maintenance is now being handled by the street department instead of outsourcing, a possible solution is to use the majority of that line item as a salary line in the general fund.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve Transfer Ordinance 2015-10 to Transfer funds from the Rainy Day Fund to the MVH Fund in the amount of \$22,000. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer