

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Sharon Barger, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars requested approval for an event for a POW/MIA ceremony to be held on September 5th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m. She stated she has spoken with the sponsors of the Farm to Table Event, which is scheduled for the same date and place, and received their approval as well.

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

Next, Sharon Barger addressed the council about the possibility of banning the use of golf carts in the Town of Spencer. She said she had heard that this would happen, and she wanted to speak on behalf of the veterans that it not be taken away. Dean Bruce said they have no intention and the Town follows the same laws as the State of Indiana in regards to their use. Chief Foutch said that his department never addressed the issue, unless it became a traffic problem.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF SPENCER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Richard Lorenz said they have been working on the Declaratory Resolution defining the Economic District, and will bring this before the Board at the next meeting. They have extended it to include an area that will allow them to use the advantages of the riverfront area. He also mentioned that they are planning a field trip to West Lafayette to see how their riverfront district is working.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves was present to discuss a couple of issues. First, she wanted to follow up on a discussion that took place at the prior meeting regarding some houses that were considered nuisances due to their upkeep. She said they are following up on those that require input from the Building and/or health Departments.

Next, she mentioned that she has gotten several requests for vendor permits for mobile or temporary food stands. She said she follows all the requirements set forth by the health department but didn't know if the Town had specific requirements as well, for these temporary businesses. A couple questions that were raised were, traffic hazards, and liability issues. After some discussion, it was determined that the Town Attorney should take a closer look into these types of vendors and what the Town needs to do.

Lastly, Sheila discussed changes to the Recycling Center that are needed in order to keep it open. One of the changes the County had been discussing was a fee schedule set up in order to collect from the establishments who have been utilizing them to pick up at their locations. The County Commissioners would also like the Town to consider subsidizing the center in order to keep it open. Cynthia Hyde said that the Town would look into what we can do, and would help, rather than see it closed. Sheila Reeves stated that the Center requires approximately \$3,500 every two weeks to stay open. Sheila said she will provide budget detail to the Town for review.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported on the department. He presented estimates for four vehicles that they are looking into purchasing. The first choice, is the 2016 Utility Police Interceptor from Sam Roberts in Bloomington in the amount of \$30,477.94. He also said he would get an equipment package for \$15,000.00. Discussion followed about financing, and it was agreed that the vehicle would be financed through Owen County State Bank.

Dean Bruce made a motion to purchase the police vehicle as described above, along with an equipment package not to exceed \$46,000.00, with bank financing. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jon Stantz shared photos he took of some houses that were in violation of town ordinances. He said he would forward those to Richard Foutch and Richard Lorenz for follow-up.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish had further questions and comments about the properties discussed above that were in violation of town ordinances. He was advised that he could proceed with mowing properties and billing the owners, where these have been vacated.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on plant maintenance and operations.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz requested the Council review the revised nuisance ordinance. He said it was a major upgrade, and should eliminate some of the problems of enforcing, and also makes the penalties stiffer. He will resend a final copy, and they can consider it at the next meeting.

Mr. Lorenz presented for signature, Compliance with Statement of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements for Cook, Inc.

Documents provided by INDOT, to approve the purchase of the right of way in conjunction with the 46 Project for the Town of Spencer were presented to Dean Bruce for signature. The amount offered was \$1,155.00.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the proposal from INDOT. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz presented two invoices from GRW for professional services relating to the Safe Routes to School project. The invoices were 42122 in the amount of \$3,300.00 and 42123 in the amount of \$3,690.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the two invoices, the motion was seconded and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia Hyde motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest:_____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer