

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 3, 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: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Chief Richard Foutch, Redevelopment Commission President Michael Spinks, 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

Ron Henry, on behalf of the American Legion, presented an even request for a street dance during the Apple Butter Festival, to take place on September 19th. They would like to block the Main Street from Market to Jefferson. They will also obtain proper permits to have a beer garden, and the band will play from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. They are requesting the permit fee be waived. They did not request barricades, but Larry Parrish mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request for the street dance to be held on September 19th, and to waive the fee. The motion was 2nd and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Craig Coffman presented a professional services contract for 2016 for review by the Council. The request included an increase in fees from \$20,000 annually, to \$25,000. Dean Bruce requested the 2016 budget to review as well. Craig Coffman agreed to provide this before the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported on the progress of establishing the economic development area and the approval of Resolution No. 2015-03, by their board. On the 28th day of July, 2015, the Town Spencer Advisory Plan Commission adopted this, and now is forwarding on to the Town Council for approval. Resolution No. 2015-05 is a Resolution of the Spencer Town Board Approving the Declaratory Resolution, Economic Development Area and Economic Development Plan was presented by Mr. Spinks for adoption.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve Resolution No.2015-05. The motion was seconded and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Dean Bruce appointed Tad Wilson to the Planning Board. In a previous meeting, he was appointed to the Zoning Board, but has agreed to serve on both.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

A joint work session with the Building Commissioners was set to take place on August 17th to discuss the Building Department budget.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch was on hand and stated there was nothing new to report at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on the street department operations. He also reported that the Ford F450 was having some engine problems. He had an estimate from Ray's Diesel for repairs in the range of \$1,500 to \$2,000. If a gasket needs to be replaced, it would start at around \$2,500. He also got an estimate from Plainfield Ford, starting at \$3,200 for the same repair and the gasket work would be \$6,000. He would like to use the funds from the Cut Repair Fund to pay for this.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the repair by Ray's Diesel. It was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the operations and maintenance of the plant. They also have been working on raising their manhole covers with the assistance of the Street Department.

Mr. Lorenz reported that he received a letter from Greg Prince from INDOT, stating that the Storm-Sewer conflicts have been eliminated since they are gravity. He also said that project letting was scheduled for 11-16-16.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Regarding the revised Nuisance Ordinance, Mr. Lorenz asked Chief Foutch if the latest copy included all his requested changes. Officer Foutch reviewed, and said that the one's he remembered are included. Cynthia Hyde asked if the nuisance ordinance included a section on animals, in particular, stray or feral cats. Mr. Lorenz said animals are covered, to the best they are enforceable. Jon Stantz brought up, that the document is good, but only if police officers are out enforcing it. He said he would like a police officer to devote at least two hours per week to this.

Cynthia Hyde requested that this be added to the website when it is approved, and Mr. Lorenz said there would be published notice. Discussion followed about various ways to inform the residents of these changes. In addition to publishing and posting on the website, the Clerk-Treasurer will look into the possibility of inserts in the newspaper for town residents only.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a phone service agreement from Endeavor to replace the Town phone equipment and service. The agreement is for phone equipment in the onetime charge of \$3,734.90 and month service for \$384.83. This will included all phones in the Municipal Building, the Street Department, and the Sewer Department. She stated in the long run, there will be a substantial savings with this plan.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the Endeavor Phone System Order. It was seconded and passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer also reported that the Town Election Board will pass a resolution canceling the Town election since there is no opposition to the three Town Board members and the Clerk-Treasurer.

The revised INDOT agreement for the 46 Project that clarified timelines and costs was resubmitted for signatures. The original contract was approved and signed at the last meeting.

Jon Stantz reported that he talked to Darrin Wells at GRW regarding the billing for the SRTS project. He said he was told that they were going to continue to work on it, and Jon requested they table it since it is so far in the future.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde mentioned an email she received regarding a data breach with Xylem. Since the town does not use any electronic transfer of funds, this would not affect them.

Dean Bruce brought up some issues with the Tivoli Theater event. The Board agreed that there needs to be more advance time for the request, and the request should be more specific as to what roads are closed.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer