

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 19, 2016 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: Wastewater Superintendent John Hodge, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz. Street Superintendent Larry Parrish and Police Chief Richard Foutch were both absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Judith Epp requested approval for the Spencer Pride Festival Event to be held on June 4, 2016. It is to be held on courthouse property, but she would like to have the closure of Market Street between Main and Washington. They would like the barricades to be delivered on June 3rd for setup. The hours of the event are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. She also requested a waiver of the fee since they are a nonprofit.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event registration for the closure of Market Street. The motion was seconded and passed.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, presented the Sub-recipient semi-annual report for the Rural Health Clinic for signatures. The report certifies that the facility is being used for the approved activity and it is serving the number of beneficiaries intended, which is 800. Matt stated the clinic actually exceeds this number.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the Sub-recipient semi-annual report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Matt also presented documents to close out the project for the Downtown Planning Grant.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the close out reports for the Downtown Planning Grant. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Matt Sward discussed some upcoming projects, including the Downtown Revitalization Construction Grant. The dollar amount should be at \$400,000, to be used for streetscapes, or other costs. In addition to the \$400,000, there is a requirement for a 20% local match and also an in-kind contribution to a maximum of 5% or \$12,500, whichever is less. The Town will be the lead applicant for this. He listed the following time frames as triggers for moving the project forward:

- Workshop will be held in late April
- Letter of Interest will be due in late May
- Which will trigger a site visit by Jill Curry

Items to be completed are determination of the architect, which can be done through an RFQ, source of the local match, and a date for a public meeting which should take place in April. A work session to determine how to proceed was set for February 9th at 7.p.m.

Matt spoke about truck grant funds next. He said OCRA does not fund these anymore, but there is FEMA money available. Grant rounds are once a year and 2016 is already done. There is a 5% match on these. The money is awarded based on what FEMA deems reasonable. If the Territory is interested, they should be prepared to apply sometime in the fall.

Andrea Oeding, on behalf of MyPath was present to discuss the Place Based Funds. She discussed a public meeting to be held to explain their plans to the residents. She specifically wanted to address the plans for the parking lot and shelter at Cooper Park. Contacts for the project will be Larry Parrish, and a representative from the Parks Board.

Richard Lorenz mentioned that a meeting needs to be held to determine the ownership and responsibility for maintenance and liability.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported they are meeting tomorrow evening.

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Applicants for the Planning Administrator are under review.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch was out.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was not present, but the Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that he wanted board approval to purchase 50 stop signs for various replacements. Approval was given.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on repairs and maintenance for collections and plant.

A discussion took place about a discharge problem that initially started at a property located at 901 Laymon St. There is some question about whose responsibility it is to maintain this line, however, it does terminate into the sewer main. John Hodge will do some more research on this. Richard Lorenz stated since the problem is on county property, it should be investigated by the Building and/or Health Dept.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz reported that he had a conversation with Richard Treloar regarding the Rostone property, for which he is the owner. He told Mr. Lorenz he is looking into using the property for "commercial and residential purposes". He also said he does not want to dispose of the scrap until the prices pick up. Mr. Lorenz said he will continue to have conversations with him about accelerating this process, but for the most part, he felt the conversations were positive. Dean Bruce mentioned that he would like to get that property rezoned.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported that he spoke to Darren Wells about moving forward with SRTS project.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Dean mentioned that there was an OCRA announcement about an enhancement grant that the Main Street Development Group is looking into. Dean mentioned that he looked into a Stellar Webinar but had some trouble with getting full access to it.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ
Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ CYNTHIA HYDE
Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer