

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 4, 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, Chief Richard Foutch, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz

IN THE MATTER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Cynthia Hyde nominated Jon Stantz for president. It was voted on and approved. Next, Jon Stantz nominated Dean Bruce as vice president, which was also approved.

Jon Stantz reviewed the list of Board appointees, and made a motion to leave them the same as they were in 2015. The motion was passed.

Next Jon Stantz made a motion to retain Richard Lorenz as Town Council and that also passed.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed. Minutes for the Special Meeting were also distributed, and the Board agreed no decisions were made, and they would continue to work on those issues.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Donna Kepner, representing the VFW, was on hand for approval of an event request to welcome the National President of the VFW Auxiliary on January 16, 2016. 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.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event registration as presented. It was seconded and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lorenz reported that Josh Hogan was reappointed as the Building Inspector for 2016.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz presented an Indiana State form for approval to allow Chief Foutch to sign the Abandoned Child Protocol.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Chief Foutch to sign the Abandoned Child Protocol form. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Next, Lorenz recapped some of the accomplishments from 2015, and thought it was an appropriate time to consider projects for 2016. One of the projects that should be up for consideration might be to consider additional parking. Lorenz thought possibly a joint meeting with the County might be appropriate. Dean Bruce also mentioned the Stellar Communities application process was coming up, and this might fit into that. He suggested that a broader group, than just the Town Board be involved in the application process.

Jon Stantz mentioned that the Safe Routes project (engineering) needed to be continued again, even if the State delays their role.

Cynthia asked if the Board was in agreement that they wanted to pursue the Main Street Construction Grant. They agreed they were, and Matt Sward, with SIDC will be at the next meeting to discuss.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that DeMil was no longer a wastewater customer, and wondered if they planned on cleaning up the property. Mr. Lorenz stated they were under contract with the government to clean up the property, and they have until the end of March. Just to be sure, he said he would send a letter to see what their intentions were.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the 1782 budget report was received. The general fund was approved for a little less than requested, but all other funds were approved as requested.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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